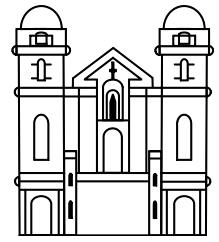


St James the Greater  
Leicester



# Sung Eucharist for Creationtide



*In the book of Genesis we are told that God created the world and “saw that it was good”. Rich, diverse and fragile, the creation reflected something of God’s glory.*

*We are then told that humanity was created in God’s image as stewards of God’s Creation. Reflecting in a particular way God’s creativity, wisdom and compassion, we are called to care for God’s creation.*

*During Creationtide the church celebrates the Creator and God’s Creation. We confess our abuses of creation and seek inspiration to find ways of living in balance with the world God reconciled to himself through Christ.*

Please return this booklet to the back of the Church at the end of the service.

A large print version of this booklet is available, please ask a Churchwarden. It can also be downloaded from [www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk](http://www.stjamesthegreater.org.uk)

# The Gathering

*Stand for the Opening Hymn - see board or leaflet for the number.*

*During the hymn the choir moves into the chancel.*

## The Greeting

In the name of God,  
Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

God's whole creation groans.  
The land produces thorns and thistles  
and longs to be set free.  
Our sin affects all around us.  
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Please sit or kneel for the Confession*

**Creator God,**  
we confess that we have not honoured and obeyed you.  
**We have broken our relationships with one another,**  
**abused your fragile creation, wounded your love**

and marred your holy image in us.  
**We are sorry and ashamed and repent of all our sins.**  
**Father, forgive us.**  
**Lead us from apathy to love.**  
**Strengthen us as stewards of your precious people**  
**and of your glorious creation,**  
**for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us. Amen**

Choir:	Kyrie eleison	Lord have mercy
	Christe eleison	Christ have mercy
	Kyrie eleison	Lord mercy

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ  
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:  
forgive you your sins,  
open your eyes to God's truth,  
strengthen you to do God's will  
and give you the joy of his kingdom  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Gloria**

*Please stand – the following refrain may be sung by the congregation:*

**Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo.**  
**Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.**

*A different setting may be sung by choir and congregation from a separate card.*

## **The Collect**

*The Collect is said and we respond:*

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit for the reading. At the end of the reading, the speaker says:*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gradual Hymn – see hymn board or leaflet for number*

## Gospel Reading

*All stand and face the Gospel reader*

*Acclamation:*

*Choir: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia*

*All: **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia***

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*After the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sit for the Sermon.*

## The Creed

*Please stand*

We say together in faith:

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession

*Please sit or kneel for the prayers*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

*Please stand. Appropriate words may be said, then:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## The Preparation of the Table

*The Offertory Hymn is sung – see hymn board or leaflet for number.*

*A collection is taken. If you are a UK tax payer please use one of the Gift Aid envelopes (completing the details)*

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared – bread and wine are placed upon it*

*The Priest takes the bread and wine:*

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,  
so Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the  
corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**Amen**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

*Choir:* Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

*Sit or kneel*

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,  
born of Mary, to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.  
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**



Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with [N and] all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

*Choir:* Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith,  
receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Communicant members of all Christian denominations are welcome to receive.  
Alternatively you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. The steps to the  
left and right of the altar have a hand rail.*

*Follow the Wardens' directions to go forward.*

*An Anthem may be sung by the choir.*

*See hymn board or leaflet for Communion Hymn number.*

*The post Communion Prayer is said, then the following:*

**Lord of all creation,  
as we have received the bread and wine,  
fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,  
so with joy we celebrate your goodness  
and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Blessing and Dismissal**

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Notices may follow here.*

*Please stand for the Recessional Hymn – see hymn board or leaflet for number  
ALL TURN to face the door of the church in readiness to go out as witnesses*

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
In the name of Christ.  
Amen.**

*Organ Voluntary. Please remain standing whilst the Choir departs.*

*Please return this Order of Service to the back of church before you leave.*

*Everyone is invited to remain for refreshments in the hall downstairs (please ask for directions if needed!).*

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