



Holy Communion in the season of Lent Care for God's Creation



A warm welcome to All Saints with Holy Trinity, gathered together through the wonder of technology. This order of service accompanies the liturgy on our **YouTube Channel: All Saints Church Loughborough**

Each Sunday during the Coronavirus pandemic we shall endeavour to upload a service that reflects as best we can the tradition of worship that we offer at All Saints.

You might like to have some bread and wine in front of you to have symbolically as part of our worship. Please do join in with the words in **bold type** just like you would if you were in church and download the music sheet that accompanies each service to help you join in with singing.

Children are an important part of our church family, we shall be endeavouring to upload a separate video of Little Saints worship which people of all ages are welcome to watch and join in with at home.

We are continuing to explore themes of environmental, ethical and social concern through the lens of the creation story in the first chapter of Genesis, inspired by the book '**Saying Yes to Life**' by Ruth Valerio.

Through this holy season of prayer, fasting and self-reflection in exceptional circumstances might we all be challenged and encouraged to live a life that is caring and restorative for ourselves and all of God's creation.

The Gathering

Our worship begins with an introit.

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God
our Father. and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you
and also with you.

The theme of the service is introduced.

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole
creation, which groans with eager
longing for God's redemption. We
confess our sins in penitence and faith

We keep a few moments silence

You delight in creation, its colour and
diversity; yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources for our own
selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
in words and deeds which dishonour
God's holy name.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards
others and lacking in generosity in word
and deed.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

*A Kyrie is sung then the president says
the prayer of forgiveness.*

May the God of Love bring us back to
himself, forgive us our sins, and assure
us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen**

The Collect

God, creator of the universe,
Fill us with your love for the creation,
for the natural world around us,
for the earth from which we come
and to which we will return.
Awake in us energy to work for your
world; let us never fall into
complacency, ignorance, or being
overwhelmed by the task before us.
Help us to restore, remake, renew.
In the name of Jesus we pray
Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading from Genesis

*Each week a section of the creation
narrative in Genesis Chapter 1 is read. At
the end of the reading the following
response is used:*

God saw all that he had made
And it was good, very good

A Psalm

*Please join in with a sung response that
can be found on the music sheet.*

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the reading this response is used

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the sermon there is a brief pause for reflection and then we affirm our faith.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe and trust
in God the Father
Who made the world.**

**We believe and trust
in his Son, Jesus Christ,
who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust
In the Holy Spirit
Who gives life
To the people of God.
Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude with these words:

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

You shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We use sign language to share the peace

Offertory Hymn

During this hymn the altar-table is prepared.

Taking of 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 president washes their hands symbolising our desire to come together at the Lord's table with pure hearts and minds.

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.

The president praises God for His mighty acts and all respond by saying

**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**

The president continues in prayer. This acclamation is used:

Jesus Christ is Lord:
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
 you have set us free.
 You are the Saviour of the world.**

At the end of the prayer when the bread and wine are held up together we all say Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

We sing together:

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be
 done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins as we forgive
 those who sin against us.
 Lead us not into temptation but
 deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the
 glory are yours, now and for ever.
 Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

God's holy gifts
 for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
 Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.**

Giving of Communion

This is the table, not of the Church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little. You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites you to be known and fed here.

If you are joining in at home now is the time to eat and drink the bread and wine you have before you.

Prayer after Communion

A brief silence is kept before we say the following prayer together:

**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 & Dismissal

May God the Holy Spirit,
 who hovered over the waters of
 creation and formed the world from
 chaos, form us in the likeness of Christ
 and renew the face of the earth;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you
 always.
Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good
 creation and bring forth the fruits of
 righteousness.
 Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.