



# Holy Communion

Sunday 26th September

Eco Harvest

Our Preacher today is

Mrs Anne Meredith

## Welcome

A warm welcome to All Saints with Holy Trinity, whether you are worshipping in the church building or joining in from home via our [YouTube Channel: All Saints Church Loughborough](#)

We would be grateful if you would **continue to wear a face covering when moving around in the church building and if you wish to join in with singing** as this way we make our worship more accessible to those who are vulnerable to covid 19. Our choir or music group will sing unmasked as will those who are leading the service as they will have taken a lateral flow test prior to this morning.

To receive communion you will be invited to come forwards where the minister will intinct the wafer with the wine before placing it in in your hand. **Please leave your face covering on as you move and clean your hands after receiving.** Gluten free bread is available, and it is also possible to receive communion in your seat if you are unable to come forwards. Please speak to a steward before the service to indicate your wishes. For those at home you may wish to make your Spiritual Communion using the prayer that will be on the screen.

**Children are an important part of our church family** and we welcome the noise of infants into our midst. If young ones need more space to play or settle there is a parent led crèche available in the room at the front of church where the service can be heard through a speaker **Children's Church** meets in Fearon Hall for those who wish to join in. The children will re-join the adults in time for the distribution of communion.

**Our service is live streamed** so those at home can join us in worship. If you would prefer to not be seen on camera please speak to a steward who will ensure you are seated appropriately.

Throughout this month we are keeping the season of **Creationtide or the Season of Creation**. This is the period in the annual church calendar, from 1st September to 4th October, dedicated to God as Creator and Sustainer of all life. We will spend the next few weeks learning about how our faith connects with this season and how we can join in with the mission of God here in Loughborough.

If you are particularly moved to action, please contact our Pioneer Curate and see how you can join in with Eco Church, The Wombles or our local Christian Climate Action Group, or maybe start something new. [curateemily@allsaintsloughborough.org.uk](mailto:curateemily@allsaintsloughborough.org.uk)

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### ***A Prayer for the Season of Creation***

*Creator,  
may I never give in to complacency  
about the future of our world,  
and at the same time help me trust in your providence.  
May I be motivated by the urgency of these issues  
but not enslaved by despair or cynicism.  
I entrust to you, almighty and loving God,  
all that is good and beautiful and,  
when I have done what is to be done,  
help me sleep the sleep of saints  
so I am ready to begin again tomorrow.  
Thank you for the beauty and abundance in creation.  
May we learn how to enjoy it the way you meant us to. Amen.*

Please join in with the words in **bold type**.

## The Gathering

### **Processional Hymn**

Please stand, if you are able, as the ministers process. The congregation are invited to join in from the third verse, after the ministers have passed by.

Creator God, the world around  
declares your glory — flower and tree,  
the evening sky and torrent's sound  
and mountain stream and rolling sea.  
Yet all this beauty cannot show  
a God whom we can truly know.

Composer God, all music sings  
your power, your praise, your majesty:  
in drum and trumpet, flute and strings,  
in choir and song and symphony.  
Yet music which inspires our praise  
can never fathom all your ways.

**Designer God, in shape and form  
the beauty you inspire is shown;  
in line and colour, etched or drawn,  
in sculpture, painting, glass and stone.  
Yet all these talents can't express  
the full truth of your loveliness.**

**Mysterious God, though all the arts  
of nature and of human skill  
may move us, yet our longing hearts  
are never satisfied until  
in Jesus Christ you show your face:  
a God of love and truth and grace .**

## **The Greeting**

We gather in praise of God who Creates, Redeems and Sustains us  
**Amen.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

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

*We sit. An informal welcome is given and the theme of the service 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**

Let us confess our greed  
And repent of the ways in which we have damaged God's good creation:

We confess to you  
Our lack of care for the world you have given us.  
God have mercy on us  
**God have mercy on us**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.  
God have mercy on us  
**God have mercy on us**

We confess to you  
Our failure to protect the environment.  
God have mercy on us  
**God have mercy on us**

Silence is kept and then the president declares God's forgiveness

May the God of all mercies  
Cleanse you from your sins,  
And restore you in their image  
To the praise and glory of God's name,  
Through Jesus Christ our Saviour  
**Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

Please stand, if you are able and join in with the ancient hymn of praise

4  
10 Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est; peace to his  
16 people on earth, peace to his people on earth. Lord God heav-en-ly King, al-migh-ty God and  
22 Fa - ther, we wor ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Glo - ry,  
27 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est; peace to his people on earth,  
35 peace to his people on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly  
40 Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have  
45 mer - cy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Fa-ther: receive our prayer, re  
53 ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer. You a-lone are the Ho - ly One,  
59 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High,  
65 Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry, the glor - ry, the  
70 glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men, a - men.

Glorious God,  
The whole creation proclaims your marvellous work:  
Increase in us the capacity to wonder and delight in it,  
That heaven's praise may echo in our hearts  
And our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please be seated.

# The Liturgy of the Word

**Reading from the Bible** Genesis 1:1-10 and 2:19 - 20a

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

And God said, 'Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters.' So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

And God said, 'Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.' And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

So out of the ground the LORD God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading** Mark 9.38-50

*We stand as we sing, **Alleluia** and the minister moves to proclaim the Gospel.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to him, 'Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.' But Jesus said, 'Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

'If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell,<sup>[a]</sup> to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

'For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*We sit after the preacher offers an introductory prayer.*

## Sermon

After the sermon follows a moment of silent reflection then we all stand.

### Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God

**We believe in God,  
Who conceived all that is created,  
God who fathers and mothers all people.  
We believe in Jesus Christ  
God's firstborn and only Lord of earth.  
He came both from heaven  
And the womb of the virgin Mary;  
He lived in solidarity with humankind,  
Befriending, teaching,  
Healing and restoring;  
He was denied and betrayed by his friends;  
And was done to death by the state.  
He descended to the place of oblivion,  
Rose to life again on the third day,  
And ascended to heaven  
Where he sits at God's right hand.  
This same Jesus will come again in glory  
To judge the living and the dead.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
Whose dynamic presence can make all things new.  
And we believe in the holy catholic church,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Prayers of Intercession

All sit for the prayers, which are led by a member of the congregation. One of the following responses may be used or another response may be given.

God of life  
**Hear our prayer.**

or

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

We stand.

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace;  
The mountains and 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 exchange a sign of peace from our seats.

## Offertory Hymn

During this hymn the alter table is prepared

**Oh, the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,  
unfolding in beauty the green-growing tree,  
the changing of seasons in mountain and valley,  
the stars and the bright restless sea.**

**Oh, the life of the world is a fountain of goodness  
overflowing in labour and passion and pain,  
in the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom,  
in the birth of a child once again.**

**Oh, the life of the world is the source of our healing.  
it rises in laughter and wells up in song;  
it springs from the care of the poor and the broken  
and refreshes where justice is strong.**

**So give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker,  
and rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son,  
and walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit  
till the days of our living are done.**

## Taking of the Bread and Wine

As the grain once scattered in the fields  
And the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
Are now united 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. Please stand.

## **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. We say the words of the Sanctus:

**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 recalls the Last Supper and then this acclamation is used.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues leading us into the final words of praise.

...in songs of everlasting praise:  
**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen**

Or

...for ever and ever. **Amen**

We sit or kneel.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

We say this prayer together, each in our own language. It may be led by a member of the congregation using one of the global languages that make up our intercultural community.

As our saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

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.**

*While the communion stewards come to the front we say together the ancient prayer known as the Agnus Dei.*

**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.**

*The president gives an invitation to 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.

*To receive communion please follow the instructions of the stewards. You will be invited to come to the front of church, wearing your face covering as you move and using the oneway system. The minister will intinct the wafer in the wine before placing in your hand. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead please keep your hands down at your side. During communion music will be played and then the following hymn is sung.*

**For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,  
sun and moon and stars of light:**

**For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
pleasures pure and undefiled:**

**For each perfect gift of thine,  
to our race so freely giv'n,  
graces human and divine,  
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:**

**For thy Church which evermore  
lifteth holy hands above,  
off'ring up on ev'ry shore  
her pure sacrifice of love:**

### **Prayer after Communion**

Creator God,  
Send your Holy Spirit to renew this living world,  
That the whole of creation  
In its groaning and striving,  
May know your loving purpose  
And come to reflect your glory;  
In Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

### **Notices**

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

**Lord of life and giver of hope,  
We pledge ourselves to care for creation,  
To reduce our waste,  
To live sustainably,  
And to value the rich diversity of life.  
May your wisdom guide us,  
That life in all its forms may flourish,  
And may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.**

## **The Blessing**

May God the Holy Spirit,  
Who hovered over the waters of creation  
And formed the world from chaos,  
Form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.  
And the blessing of God the Father,  
God the Son and God the Holy Spirit be with you,  
and all those you love and those you struggle with,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn**

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

*Great is thy faithfulness!  
Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,  
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

May the commitments we have made  
Be matched by our faithful living.  
Go in peace.  
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Recessional Music**

Please remain standing in your seats until the ministers have passed by and then sit to enjoy the music leaving when you are ready in a socially distanced manner. Please **do not** socialise in the church building but make use of outdoors to greet one another. Please take this order of service home with you and recycle it.

### **Giving at All Saints**

**As a charity, we rely on occasional and regular donations to fund the mission and ministry of the church and to ensure the upkeep of our historic building.**

If you would like to make a gift today, this can be done by cash or contactless payment as you leave the building and for those worshipping at home please use the link in the description below the video.

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*Thank you, from the Rector and Church Wardens.*