



Sharing the Feast of Life Creation Season 2021:

*In a time of
climate emergency*

We all light a candle

God of all creation,
you created a world of wonder,
of beauty, abundance and diversity,
and saw that it was very good.

We offer you our thanks and praise.

God of all creation,
we have exploited and wrecked your gift,
and ignored creation's groans and tears:

O God, forgive and heal us.

In this time of climate breakdown,
wake us up, empower us afresh
to be your justice-shaped people:
to speak truth to apathy and denial,
to face the future with hope,
to do all that we can, filled with your love.

Spirit of God, dwell in us.

Cleanse us, Lord; make us whole:

Lord, have mercy.

*I will make you clean, I will make you whole,
I have heard your prayer.*

Sisters, brothers, siblings,
hear the word of the Lord: we are forgiven,
Christ sets us free – let us journey on with hope.

Let us forgive and love ourselves:

Let us forgive and love others.

In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Praise

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!

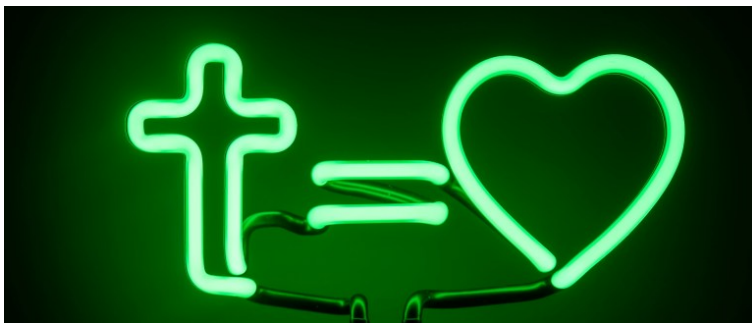
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the Highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Readings and reflection

*Open our minds to know you, Lord,
open our ears to hear your voice,
open our minds now to your Word:
come to us now, O Lord our God.*



Affirmation of Faith

**We rejoice in the Lord always,
and show in our lives
the grace and beauty of divine joy.**

**We follow Jesus the Son of Man,
who came eating and drinking,**

**who loved the birds and the flowers,
who blessed little children,
who was a friend to tax collectors and sinners,
who sat at the tables of both rich and poor.**

**We delight in fun and laughter,
rejoicing in God's world,
its beauty and its living creatures,
calling nothing common or unclean.**

**We mix freely with all people,
ready to bind up the broken-hearted
and to bring joy into the lives of others.**

We rejoice in the Lord always. Amen!

Prayers

Please write prayer requests into the livestream comments (remembering that this is a public space) and offer one another's prayers to God.

We will use a climate change prayer written by Anna Bland – see end of service.

The Peace

*The peace of the earth be with you,
the peace of the heavens too;
the peace of the rivers be with you,
the peace of the oceans too:
deep peace falling over you,
God's peace growing in you.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you:
And also with you.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God of all life, you give us this diverse and beautiful earth to discover and explore and cherish. You give us friends, families and strangers, you give us happy times and things to celebrate. And you give us your love, in times of both joy and sadness.

In Jesus you felt our hurt and pain;
through him you wipe away our tears
and fill us with your peace.

You offer us a taste of your new creation,
a feast for all your children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

*Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of heaven and earth adored,
ceasing never, God for ever,
holy, holy Lord.*

Holy God, in the breaking of bread
Jesus shows himself among us.

Eating with his disciples,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and said,

‘This is my body, which is given for you.
Do this to remember me.’

After supper he took the cup of wine and said,
‘This is my blood, which I pour out for you:
the new covenant in God’s love.

Do this to remember me.'

Spirit of God, come afresh on us
and on these gifts of bread and wine
that they may make us one body in Christ.

Open our eyes
that we may recognise you walking with us;

Open our ears and our minds
that we may hear your word;

Open our hearts
**that your love may flow through us
and bring the blessing of new life to all we meet;**

For you are the God who makes all things new,
and surprises us into understanding.

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

O God in heaven,
**Mother and Father of us all
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.**

*Jesus, one with God,
come and live among us.*

*Jesus, bearer of our pain,
touch and heal us.*

*Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.*

This bread we break
is a sharing in the body of Christ.
Gathered in different places,
we are connected in one Spirit:
**We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.**

The Communion

*Please share some bread and juice/wine
at home*

*Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in him and you will not thirst.*

Prayer after Communion

**God of creation and beauty,
we thank you for feeding us
with the bread and wine of your kingdom:
not to shield us from heartache
and the pain of life,
but to heal us and inspire us,
that we may see the world as you do
and love it with your love. Amen.**

Blessing

The blessing of the Creator be ours,

The blessing of the Christ be ours,

The blessing of the Spirit be ours,

The blessing of the Three be pouring for us:

Wildly and generously, hour by hour,

More and more, and for ever. Amen.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us

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Melt us, mould us, fill us, use us,

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.

Climate change prayer

O God, thank you for your beautiful creation: a place of life and flourishing for humans as well as all plant life and animals. We thank you for the beauty and variety we see all around us. Help us to appreciate the wonder of nature.

We thank you for the voice each of us has that we can use for the good of the planet. Guide us in our own journey towards living sustainably, enable and empower us to make decisions that serve your kingdom and work in accordance with your creation.

Forgive us for the times we have fallen short, the times when we have not made decisions that

honour you. Help us be in right relationship with you, ourselves, one another and our world.

Bless our global sisters and brothers who feel the burden of climate change keenly. Those whose harvests are failing, homes are flooded and those who are now climate change refugees. May we stand in solidarity with them.

We hold our leaders, local and national, in our prayers today. They have difficult decisions to make but may they have wisdom when the balance of our planet is in their hands.

We lift up church leaders, for the church can be a powerful mover for change. May the national churches and local churches carefully consider their carbon footprints and make moves towards being houses of prayer and hubs of sustainability.

Empower the voice of the church on issues of sustainability. May each of us as individuals and we as a Christian community be emboldened to speak for what is right. May our prophetic message reach fertile ground, for the sake of your beautiful creation.

Anna Bland