

Holy Communion in the season of Creationtide and Harvest



St Cuthbert's Church, Allendale

St Mark's Church, Ninebanks

Holy Trinity Church, Whitfield

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

All **Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

All **the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

All **O praise the name of the Lord!**

Opening Hymn

Prayer of Preparation

We sit or kneel to pray.

All **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 our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

All Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

All Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

All Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

All Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Absolution

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.

All **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

If able we stand to say or sing:

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,**

**You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

A Collect for Creationtide.

Holy God, earth and air and water are your creation,
and every living thing belongs to you:
have mercy on us as climate change confronts us.
Give us the will and the courage to simplify the way we live,
to reduce the energy we use, to share the resources you
provide, and to bear the cost of change.
Forgive our past mistakes and send us your Spirit,
with wisdom in present controversies and vision for the future
to which you call us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Liturgy of the Word

We sit for the first reading; at the end the reader says:

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The New Testament reading.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

If able to, we stand for the reading of The Gospel:

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit while a sermon is preached and then stand to reaffirm our faith.

Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith:

**All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son who was slain,
for with his blood he purchased us for God
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit.
The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come'.
Even so, come Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

These or other intercessions are offered.

Let us pray for our own needs and for the needs of others, following the pattern which Jesus gave when he taught us to pray to God our Father.

Through our love of the countryside,
through our care for commuters and farmers,
through our care for animals and wildlife,
through our respect for property and tools:

All Father, hallowed be your name.

On our farms and in our homes,
in our colleges and schools,
where machinery is made,
and where policy is planned:

All **Father, your kingdom come.**

By our seeking your guidance,
by our keeping your commandments,
by our living true to our consciences:

All **Father, your will be done.**

For the millions who live in poverty and hunger,
for our own needs, and the requirements of our neighbours,
by cooperation, sympathy and generosity:

All **give us today our daily bread.**

Because we have broken your commandments,
doing what we ought not to do and failing as
good stewards of your creation;

All **forgive us our sins.**

If any have injured us by injustice, double dealing or
exploitation:

All **we forgive those who sin against us.**

When prosperity lulls us to false security,
or hard times prompt us to despair,
When success makes us boastful,

or failure makes us bitter:

All **lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

In the assurance of faith,
in the confidence of hope,
in the will to serve,
help us to love Christ as Lord,
and our neighbour as ourselves:

All **for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament
The Peace

We stand for 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

All **and also with you.**

We share the peace with each other.

Offertory Hymn

Preparation of the Table

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.

All **Amen.**

The Lord is here.

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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:

All 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.

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:

All

**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 St Cuthbert, St Mark 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:

All

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

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom, in the words that Christ has taught us:

All

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.

All

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

Agnus Dei

All

**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.

All **We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

We receive communion; We reply 'Amen' when given bread.

Prayers after Communion

Post Communion Prayer.

All **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.**

Final hymn

The Dismissal

The Blessing.

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.

All **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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