**Church Inclusive - Live from St Francis**

**A Liturgy for the Season of Creation**

**WELCOME**

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

Eternal God, Maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, Lover of the earth and its people, creative Spirit, Giver of gracious gifts  **You are present among us.**

**WE GLORIFY GOD**

 With nature in its power and beauty,

 With rain and wind and sunshine,

 with the ancient rocks and the budding flower,

 **we gather in praise of God.**

 With believers and seekers the whole world wide,

 with people in every land,

 and speakers of every language,

 **we gather in praise of God.**

 With the angels and saints in heaven,

 with all who build community here

 and with all who have worship at this time

 **we gather in praise of God.**

 With Jesus who promised his presence

 and the Spirit who showers her blessings,

 **we gather in praise of God.**

 Here let heaven and earth embrace;

 here may God’s people find home

**WE PRAY FOR RENEWAL**

As bearers of your image, we come to be reshaped;

**dependent on your mercy, we ask to be made new.**

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy **Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy **Lord, have mercy**

**A TIME OF PENITENCE**

 For the right roads we avoided travelling,

 and the kindly words we refused to share;

 for the false gods who received our worship

 and the true selves we have starved of love …

 God, by your grace,

 **Forgive us** *(Pause)*

 For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly,

 and the promises which we never kept;

 for the careless use of our time and money

 and the lame excuses we should never have made,

 God, by your grace,

 **Forgive us** *(Pause)*

 For all we should be

 and all we can amend,

 God, in your love,

 **Renew us.**

**THE ABSOLUTION**

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

**THE BAPTISMAL CREED**

**I believe and trust in God the Father**

**who made the world.**

**I believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ**

**who redeemed humankind.**

**I believe and trust in his Holy Spirit**

**who gives life to the people of God.**

**I believe and trust in one God**

**Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. Amen**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

Listen for God’s word coming to us in Scripture.

**Our hearts and minds are open.**

**READINGS**

**THE REFLECTION**

**THE PRAYERS**

**THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you. **Peace be with you.**

**T****HE 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 God thanks and praise**

You spoke the Word and the universe came into being, bringing forth life in all its abundance and rich variety.  We bless you for the wonders you have made and your goodness which they reveal. Therefore, with the angels and the saints and all life here on earth we voice our hymn of praise (saying):

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

On the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread, and gave you thanks.  He broke the bread and gave it to his disciples and said: “Take and eat, for this is my body which is broken for you.  Do this in remembrance of me.’

He then took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to his disciples saying: ‘Take this all of you and drink from it. This is my blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It is poured out for you so that sins may be forgiven and all creation healed. Do this in remembrance of me.’

So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection we offer/bring before you this bread and this cup.  We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church, giving thanks that newness has sprung forth and creation set free.

With the power of your Spirit strengthen us in our calling to be keepers of the earth and to cherish the integrity of creation.  Grant that, in union with all life, we may worship you in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and thanksgiving and praise,
more than we can utter, more than we can understand,
be to you O holy and glorious Trinity
Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier,
from angels, all people, all creatures,
for ever and ever.
Amen**

Therefore we pray as Christ has taught us,

**Dear God 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The bread which we break, is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

**We who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one bread.**

**THE COMMUNION**

Christ died for us. Draw near. Feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

We pray with those not with us in person.

**Graciously sustain us Lord, so that we who try to follow, may receive nourishment for the journey**

**and be bound with all who walk in your way. Thank you for nourishing us with these spiritual gifts:**

**may our communion strengthen us in faith, build us up in hope, and make us grow in love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*A moment of silence*

**CONCLUSION:**

Give thanks for all God’s goodness: **God’s love shall last for ever**.

Generous and faithful God, may the spiritual nourishment we have received enable us to enrich the lives of others. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts warm and our hands open, our lives ever embracing and ever embraced by your love. Amen.

**God bless Africa, guard our children, guide our leaders, and give us peace. For Jesus Christ’s sake, Amen.**

**THE BLESSING**

May God who established the dance of creation, Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,

Who transforms chaos to order, Lead us to transform our lives and our community,

To reflect God’s glory in creation, and the blessing of God almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer

be with us all, One God, Now and Forever, Amen

**SOME NOTICES**

**THE SENDING**

As you go, care for all creation as you love and serve the Lord

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

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