

*An order for the
Holy Eucharist*



season of
creation



the parish of
St George the Martyr
Shirley

<p><i>Toddler Church</i></p>	<p><i>Junior Church</i></p>	<p>YOUTH CHURCH</p>
<p>Age 0 - 3yrs</p> <p>There is a well-resourced and carpeted area at the back of the church where adults with young babies or toddlers are welcome to go during the service if they feel they need a change of scene. This area has a speaker system so you are still able to be involved in the service.</p>	<p>Age 3yrs to Year 5</p> <p>Junior Church meets in the Church Hall just before 10am where they have their own session including stories, prayers, craft activities, music, etc. They come into church during communion for a blessing and sit with the leaders for the remainder of the service. They have an opportunity to share with the congregation what they have been doing.</p>	<p>Year 5/6 - Year 11</p> <p>Youth Church starts in Church at 10.00am and then go to the Choir Vestry during the end of the first hymn. Here they have their own session with teaching, discussion, reflection, prayer, etc. They return to their families in time for communion.</p>
<p>All groups for children and youth are supported by at least 2 approved adults</p>		

Large Print copies of this service are available – if you would like one, please ask.

There is an induction loop system – switch to ‘T’ position.

Gluten-free communion wafers are available – please ask.



The Season of Creation (or “Creationtide”) started in the Orthodox Church in 1989 and has been supported by a growing number of churches across Europe since then. It has the backing of all main Church groups, including the Church of England and the member churches of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland. The Season of Creation, stretches from 1 Sept to the feast of St Francis on 4 Oct.



Preparation

Benedicite - a Song of Creation

(shorter version)

- 1 Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 2 Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 3 Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 4 Bless the Lord all people on earth:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 5 O people of God bless the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 6 Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 7 Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- 8 Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart;
bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

The Gathering

We stand at the entry of the choir and clergy during which a hymn may be sung. (Hymn numbers are shown on the hymn boards and in the pew sheet.)

'You are the Lord, you alone;
you have made heaven,
the heaven of heavens, with all their host,
the earth and all that is on it,
the seas and all that is in them.

**To all of them you give life,
and the host of heaven worships you.'**

Nehemiah 9.6

We meet in the name of God
who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people.

The Lord of all creation be with you
and also with you.

(or)

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



Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Prayers of Penitence

The deacon invites all to confess their sins in these or similar words.

Deacon We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

(or)

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of
the world.

(or)

Let us call to mind all that stains our lives
and ask the Lord to wash away our guilt
and cleanse us from our sins.

cf Psalm 51.2

(or)

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

cf Romans 8.22,23

(or)

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency,
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

(or)

God's whole creation groans.
The land produces thorns and thistles
and longs to be set free.
Our sin affects all around us.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept



Kyrie Confession

Short sentences may be added before each petition

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

(or)

Confession responses



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

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:

forgive us and help us.

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

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

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

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

The Absolution

The president pronounces absolution using these or similar words

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.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!
Peace to all your people through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
Singing hallelujah to our heavenly king.**

**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,
Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

We sit to listen to the readings.

The Readings

At the end of each reading from Holy Scripture

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A psalm may be read

We stand to hear the Gospel. A gradual hymn may be sung.

Gospel

We turn to face the Gospel party.

Gospeller Alleluia, alleluia.

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the worlds. *cf Hebrews 1.2*

Alleluia.

Gospeller The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Gospeller Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel reading.

Gospeller This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit to listen to the sermon.

We stand to affirm the faith of the church. (This may be omitted on weekdays.)

The Creed

Deacon Let us affirm our faith
in God the Creator,
God the redeemer and
God the sustainer.



Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Amen.

We sit or kneel to pray.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to God the almighty, the King of creation.

We are invited to respond to each petition in these or other similar words.

Lord in your mercy (or) Lord, hear us
Hear our prayer **Lord, graciously hear us**

At the end of the prayers we say...

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

We stand as the president introduces the peace.

The Peace

Isaiah prophesied that at the coming of the Prince of Peace
'They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.'

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

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We share a handshake with those around us saying 'Peace be with you.'

An Offertory Hymn may be sung.

Preparation of the Table

The bread and wine for communion and the collection are offered with these or similar words.

At the offering of bread

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this bread to set before
you, which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of wine

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of money

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;
Through your goodness we have this money to offer,
the fruit of our labour and of the skills you have given us.
Take us and our possessions to do your work in the world.

Blessed be God for ever.



The Eucharistic Prayer

(Prayer A with proper preface 1)

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For you have created the heavens and the earth,
and formed us in your own image.
In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son,
your eternal Word,
who laid down his life for our salvation
and rose from the grave,
the first-fruits of your new creation.
You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit
to give life to our mortal bodies
and to renew the face of the earth.
Therefore with all the heavenly hosts,
we give voice to everything that you have made,
and sing the eternal hymn of praise:

**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**

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The Eucharistic Prayer

(Prayer A with proper preface 2)

The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.
Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field,
the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.
Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,
giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth
in which your righteousness dwells.
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,
and give voice to every creature under heaven,
for ever praising you and 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**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

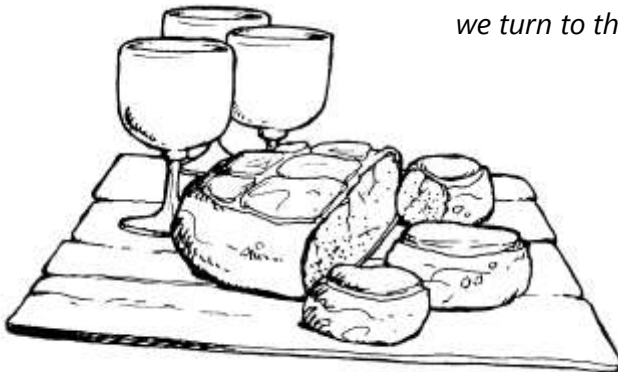
Deacon Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

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



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The Lord be with you (or) The Lord is here.
and also with you. His Spirit is with us.

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.
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:

**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.

Deacon Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with our Lady Mary, the God Bearer,
St George, [N] 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:

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



We sit or kneel to say the Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Seeking the redemption of creation,
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.**

(or)

Seeking the redemption of creation,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and 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.**



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.**

(or)

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

All are welcome at the altar. *If for any reason you feel unable to receive the blessed bread and wine at the time of communion, please do still come forward to receive a sign of God's blessing – simply bow your head and keep your hands lowered.*

Prayer after Communion

The president reads the appropriate prayer for the week.

The Post-Communion Prayer

**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.**

When Junior Church meet, the children are invited to give feedback after which this prayer may be said by all.

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the children and young people of this parish family. Bless and guide all those who encourage them on their journey of faith, today and always. Amen

The notices and any banns of marriage are read.

The Dismissal

We stand as the president blesses the people using these or similar words.

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessings 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.
Amen.

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(or) May God our creator,
who clothes the lilies of the field
and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

(or) 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.

(or) God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace
Amen.

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Deacon Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.



A final hymn may be sung as the choir and clergy leave.

*Please come and meet each other and enjoy a chat
over a cup of fairtrade tea or coffee in the Hall
behind the Church after the 10am Sunday service.*

A prayer for our earth

*All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace,
that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.
O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.*

Pope Francis

Online resources for the Season of Creation

<http://seasonofcreation.com/>

<https://ctbi.org.uk/creation-time-2016/>

<http://seasonofcreation.org/>

<http://acen.anglicancommunion.org/>

<http://arocha.org.uk/>

<http://www.southwark.anglican.org/help/jpic>

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