

Sharing the Feast of Life
in the Creation Season

Root and Branch Celebration at All Hallows:

in a time of climate disaster

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 lives
and praise.

We light a candle.

Praise

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Reconciliation

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,
open our hearts and minds
to the signs of our times,
so that we may turn
from our greed and lack of vision
and work to see your world being made anew:
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 our God:
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.

Reading(s) 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.***

After the reading(s):

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Short reflections follow

Colours
president: black
worship leader: blue
cantor: green
readers and others:
violet

Affirmation of Faith

Sung to the tune from Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy'

***We believe you are creating,
Animating all that lives.
Universal grace pulsating,
You, O God, the one who gives.
You are meaning, mystery, glory,
You are the fire, you the dove;
You in Jesus live your story
Risk the nature of your love.
Jesus is divine engaging
With the pain of human strife.
Jesus is divine upstaging
Of our death by risen life –
Life your inexhaustible Spirit
Wills to ignite in what we do:
Willing us to each inherit
Justice-laden peace with you.***

Prayers

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. Alleluia!

Prayer of Thanksgiving

We form a wide circle around the room and say:

***Everything is yours, God
everything comes from you:
all we have we offer to you.
Accept our love, God we pray;
receive our gifts, God today.***

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

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 Jesus took the cup of wine and said,

‘This is my blood, poured 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.***

Breaking the Bread

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

***Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to Christ and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in Christ 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.

***Halle, Halle, Halle – Iujah! (x3)
Hallelujah, Hallelujah!***

