Sharing the Feast of Life in the Creation Season: in a time of climate breakdown

Please have ready:
a candle, a Bible, bread and wine/ juice.

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.
We light a candle.

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!

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,
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.**

*Kids’ Church departs.*

**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.**

*The reflection or sermon follows.*

**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
Please write prayer requests into the comments
(remembering that this is a public space).

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 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
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.

News and Notices
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 – lujah! (×3)*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*