

All-age worship

Welcome

Liturgy of thanksgiving

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:

All sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord:

All sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit:

All sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Hymn 506 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Opening Activity – Hedgehogs

Confession

Lord, you give us seedtime and harvest

Forgive us for those times when we waste our food

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

Lord, you make us one bread, one body

Forgive us when we fail to share the good things you give us

Christ have mercy

All Christ have mercy

Lord you give us this earth to take care of

Forgive us when we squander its rich resources

Lord have mercy

All Lord have mercy

Absolution

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Bible readings

Genesis 1:26-2:3, 2:8-9, 15 (from The Message)

Hebrews 10:22-25 (page 1208 of the Church Bible)

Hymn 507 O Lord our God how majestic is Your name

Sermon – Karen Park, A Rocha

Hymn 806 Beauty for brokenness

(during which the offering will be taken)

Affirmation of Faith

God creates all things, renews all things, and celebrates all things.

All This we believe.

Earth is a sanctuary, a sacred planet filled with God's presence,
a home for us to share with all creatures.

All This we believe.

God became incarnate, a part of this Earth, like Adam, suffering and dying alongside us.

All This we believe.

The Risen Jesus is the Christ at the centre of creation, reconciling and renewing all things.

All This we believe.

The Spirit groans in empathy with a suffering creation,
and waits with us for the rebirth of all creation.

All This we believe.

**All We believe that with Christ we will rise
and with Christ we will celebrate a new creation.**

Prayers followed by

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Act of commitment

Let us stand to affirm our commitment to care actively for
God's creation.

**All Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste, to live sustainably, and to value the
rich diversity of life.**

**May your wisdom guide us, that life in all its forms may
flourish,**

and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.

May the commitment we have made this day be matched by
our faithful living.

All Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hymn 796 You shall go out with joy

Blessing

May God the Father, who created the world, give us grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

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

May God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole creation, help us to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

All Amen

