



Morning Prayer & Communion
-Spring Liturgy-

Eucharist for Creation

The Virtual Chapter House
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ALL: +In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Opening Sentence

ALL: When the Holy Spirit gives us the eyes to perceive it,
and makes thin the canvas, we see that the whole universe is a
creation of God.

Leader: Grace and peace be with you!

ALL: And keep you in the love of Christ.

Leader: Lord have mercy
-on your Creation, *(pause)*
-on the world you have made, *(pause)*
-on every living creature, *(pause)*
-we pray to thee, O Lord.

ALL: Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison.
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Leader: Christ have mercy
-on all who are lost, *(pause)*
-on those who are broken, *(pause)*
-on those who stray, *(pause)*
-we pray to thee, O Lord.

ALL: Christe, Christe, Eleison.
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Christe, Christe, Eleison.

Pause and ponder.

ALL: Glory to God in the highest
and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.

For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Prayer

Leader: Kindle in our hearts, O God,
the flame of love that never ceases,
that it may burn in us, giving light to others.

May we shine forever in Your temple.

Set us on fire with Your eternal light,
even Your Son Jesus Christ,
our Savior and our Redeemer.

ALL: Amen.

(The liturgy continues>>)

Creed

ALL: Our God is the God of all humans;
The God of heaven and earth;
The God of the sea and the rivers;
The God of the sun and moon;
The God of all the heavenly bodies;
The God of the lofty mountains;
The God of the lowly valleys.

God is above the heavens;
and He is in the heavens;
and He is beneath the heavens.
Heaven and earth and sea,
and everything that is in them,
such He has as His abode.

He inspires all things.
He gives life to all things.
He stands above all things.
And He stands beneath all things.

He enlightens the light of the sun.
He strengthens the light of the night and the stars.
He makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the sea.
And He places the stars in the service of the greater lights.

He has a Son who is co-eternal with Himself,
and similar in all respects to Himself;
and neither is the Son younger than the Father,
nor is the Father older than the Son.

The Holy Spirit, who proceeds from the Father,
and with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified, breathes in them.
And the Father and Son and Holy Spirit are inseparable.

Confession

Leader: May Almighty God have mercy on us,
 forgive our sins,
 and bring us to everlasting life.

ALL: Amen.

Leader: Death is fear, lies, hate, envy, avarice, greed, lust, pride,
 destructiveness, violence, cruelty.

ALL: Save us from death.

Leader: Life is love, truth, courage, laughter, giving, creativeness,
 tenderness, humility, kindness.

ALL: Give us life.

Leader: Forgive us
 When we choose death instead of life
 Light us to life– the life of Jesus.
 May God forgive us all.
 May we forgive ourselves
 and one another.

ALL: Amen.

Scripture Reading for the Day

Pause and ponder.

Meditation for the Day

Pause and ponder.

Prayers for Others

(Continue for the Lord's Prayer>>)

The Lord's Prayer

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Let us offer one another a sign of peace:

Hold fast to the unity of the Spirit
in the bonds of Heaven's peace.

ALL: We are bound together by the love of Christ.

Leader: The Lord is with us.

ALL: And His spirit is here.

Communion

Leader: Blessed are You, Lord God of the universe, our Father for ever and ever; for through Your goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine, which earth has given and human hands have made. May they become for us the food and drink of eternal life.

ALL: Bless the King of all the earth!
Holy, holy, holy Lord.
God of power and might.

Leader: When the Savior of the world was stretched out on the tree of death, even the elements erupted and earth gave up its dead. His blood, spilled on the earth, transformed earth and heaven. May His body and blood change and transform us.

ALL: Blessed is He
Who comes in the name of the Lord.
May His body and blood change and transform us.

Leader: On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and gave You thanks, O Father. 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."

And, Father, 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Dying You destroyed our death.
Rising You restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, in Your tender mercy, send us the Spirit of the Lamb.

ALL: Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us Your peace.

Leader: If you are thirsty, drink the fount of Life.
If you are hungry, eat the Bread of Life.
Blessed are all who hunger for this Bread and thirst for
this Fount.

Communion is shared.

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Blessing after Communion

ALL: The compassing of the Father be upon us,
the compassing of the Father of life.

The compassing of Christ be upon us,
the compassing of the Christ of love.

The compassing of the Spirit be upon us,
the compassing of the Spirit of grace.

The compassing of the Sacred Three be upon us,
the compassing of the Sacred Three protect us,
the compassing of the Sacred Three preserve us.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL: +In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

About the Eucharist for Creation

This liturgy is blended from two sources in the Celtic tradition: *Celtic Daily Prayer: Books One and Two*, from the Northumbria Community, an enduring fellowship based in northeastern England, and "Eucharist for Creation," from *Lord of Creation: A Resource for Creative Celtic Spirituality*, by Brendan O'Malley.



As a young man, O'Malley was a Cistercian monk. He now serves as Dean of the Chapel and tutor at the University of Wales, and has written widely on Celtic spirituality.

Tírechán (TIH-reh-khan), whose creed has been adapted here, was a 7th-century Irish bishop from Connacht in what is now County Mayo. He is most known for having collected and preserved traditions about St. Patrick.