

GOD WITH US URGENTLY

CREATION-INCLUSIVE LITURGY RESOURCE FOR HOLY COMMUNION/ EUCCHARIST/LORD'S SUPPER IN AN ECUMENICAL SETTING:



Draft 3: Season of Creation 2026

This offering is based on the living and ecumenical tradition of the Iona Community, with whom previous drafts have been launched.

A shorter version, for smaller and more informal occasions follows the larger one, starting on page 15

There are 3 options for Confession, including the short quote from Jeremiah 12:4. Users should feel more than welcome to make abbreviations and adjustments according to local custom and discernments. Wording underlined denotes titles or instruction

There are 2 options for offering: both with and without the offering of money. Note : the blessing of the Bread and Wine (epiclesis) comes after this.



FULLER CREATION-INCLUSIVE LITURGY RESOURCE FOR HOLY COMMUNION/ EUCHARIST/ LORD'S SUPPER IN AN ECUMENICAL SETTING:

Introduction, intimations, notices.

Including arrangements for those who choose not to receive elements etc

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and cherish all trees,**

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"to God belong wisdom and power!"

Song 1

Prayers of Approach (2 options, choose one, or use both)

i) God, who strives to sustain;

God our Friend, and our Family:

God: fragile-flesh Jesus

beloved and warning!

God, Wild-Wind, reshaping;

releasing and powering!

We bless you today,

God the Three.

ii) Beloved Sustaining God,

Caregiver and Companion:

Reunite us with the Creation we also are;

Living and breathing the same air

Bodies shaped of the same Earth

Face to face, vulnerable,

not mere observers.

With your birds and your angels of heaven, the sky

With your mountains who show us a wide way of seeing

With your waters alive, whose tides dance with your moon

With your lichens who colour your rocks over centuries

With your mayflies who flutter, rejoice, and pass on.

God incarnate, God With-Earth Embracing all flesh:

you enrich awe and wonder

for us, creatures with creatures

as we sing out your praise!

with a wonderful "YES!"

And yet.....

[Confession [Use i or ii alone or ii and iii together]

i) (Jeremiah 12)

How long will the land mourn,

and the grass of every field wither?

For the wickedness of those who live there

the animals and birds are swept away

because people say:

"God is blind to our ways!"

ii) (Post- 1.5 degrees Prayer for Resilience)

Dearest God
Beloved Sustainer. Compassionate Listener
God-With-Earth; With-the-Poor, With-the-Trampled;

In our choices, allegiances, silences
we have been part
of the wounding of life
including our own;

We have whored after gold, after power, after oil; [\[Exodus 34:15, Judges 2:17\]](#)
Trumpeted profligate lies of the prosperous;
Reaped without sowing or care for the soil:
Though now our complacency **has** long had its day

The Days of Mess and Turmoil immerse us
when that '*Ruler of this World*' [\[John 12:31\]](#)
proclaims their upper hand;
The same who lay in wait
when you shared wildness
with wildlife, with angels;
Forty days.

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Do hear this:
We're up to our eyes in today;
discovering good cause to worry
tomorrow will be worse:

As ecocide, justicide, genocide
make your seas overflow,
make your glaciers melt,
make your seasons awry,
And the rest, which you know:
we pretend that we don't.

[Confessions ii: 'Reproaches']

[choose a selection appropriate to need, or use a-f]

a) So how, blessed by beauty and mystery;
how, when we eat and breathe kinship
do we still worship idols of greed?

b) We called you “endless” - so worship endless growth.
-as if Earth were single-use.
We called you “powerful” - so bow down before corporations
knowingly scheming the end of life's beauty;
no longer bothering to lie to look green.

c) We betray and eradicate
partners in covenant:
trampling human and otherwise.

d) We bring money's tyrants the “good news” they cherish
whilst stones scream in face of our silence.

e) We say “change is too costly”,
whilst shoddily scrambling
to obscure the bankruptcy of today.

e) And even conceding the agency's human,
we transition without justice,
we collude to hit hardest and first the most fragile
as seas rise, fires burn, ice-caps melt, and crops fail.

f) And knowing
that much of tomorrow will be worse,
We have flaunted small steps
which should have been first steps.
Preached crisis as distant,
Pretended we'll fix it with nails
as we crucify Earth whom we are.

ENOUGH!

Assurance of pardon.

Tell a story instead
of a ground that is holy!
Sing a song of wide welcome
for those who've messed up!
Paint a picture forgiving:
to save from despair....

Friends...we are forgiven
before we have fixed things.
We can be healers
before we are fit.
And though we know
with honest certainty
there's worse to come

Trust Jesus who says:
“do not fear tomorrow -
you're up to your eyes in today!” *[Matt 6:25]*

Trust Jesus who says:
“you're forgiven, you're free...” *[e.g. Luke 7:48]*
...to Change.

For God will be with you
on hard paths ahead;
protesting with Francis, and Patrick and Brigid,
Columba, and creatures who taught them. *[substitute appropriate local saints]*

Silence

KYRIE [Sung]

Or

Lord have mercy,
Christ have mercy.
Lord have mercy.
God: forgive us!
Christ: remake us!
Spirit:..... repurpose!

Declaration of Forgiveness

Sustainer, Beloved, Wild-Wind of life,

[- Father Son and Spirit -]

Show us our place and purpose

both sent set free to heal

let it be so: AMEN

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GLORIA - From Church of South India

Glory to God,

who has made a covenant

with all living creatures,

and has promised

never to forsake the creation God loves:

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[Lord's Prayer/Our Father here or later.

***Emphasise the value of locally preferred versions:
diversity is OK]***

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Introduction to reading

As ever and again, God's rain

comes down, refreshing Earth

then rising home to Heaven

We listen for God's Word

in our words long-written;

that God's will be known

in Earth's life, death and birth.

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Reading (s)

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Song 2:

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REFLECTION/SERMON/VIDEO/ACTION

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Song 3

God With Us Urgently **A Creation- inclusive statement** **of Christian faith [2026]**

Today we trust Love who is God;
Love before, and Love after,
above all: Love **with** us;
God, Maker, Remaker of life, **and** life's limits
Striving to sustain; to make new.

And so:

We trust God with us urgently.

Today we trust:
God: **with** Earth working
God: **with** life birthing
God: **with** justice by choice:
-Giving sea, soil, skies voice!
God **with** predators, **with** prey
-**with** new light for each day!
God **with** life's harmonies, seen and unseen;
God breathed praise **with** all creatures;
God welcomed **with** shade by the trees.

And so:

We trust God with us urgently.

Today we trust: Jesus our Friend
who won't leave us oblivious:
Christ, Incarnate in Earth;
Who shares life **with** creatures
shares *their* home **with** angels
Who is tested, prevailing;
Who blesses their frailness
through Christ's flesh, blood, and birth
and dependence on care.

And so:

We trust God with us urgently.

We trust:

Jesus: who warns and heals,
Jesus: repurposing Scripture;
Jesus: Welcomed with branches,
then nailed to the Tree.
Jesus: abandoned to Death:
yet cradled by Earth.
The third Day *Christ* rose:
repurposed for Life,
to be with us as surely as Sky;

And so:

We trust God with us urgently.

We trust God, who is Spirit
Reshaping perceptions.
Breath of Life, altogether unbound:

We trust God, who is Spirit
of healing and forgiveness:
Wild Wind of beginnings
unruled by our violence
harnessed only for justice;

And so:

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Prayers of Concern

[appropriate for the day]

- For the world beyond humanity*
- For justice in human societies*
- For the unity of the Church in response to the crisis of nature & climate*
- For our own encouragement and resilience.*

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**OFFERING: [In some contexts money is brought forward alongside
breast and wine: adjust wording appropriately. Note: blessing of
gifts follows further on]**

Offering (i) -With money

We continue our worship
As, with gratitude, and generosity
we pass on what has come into our hands

Bringing these our gifts and assets
money and commitment
tongues and time
bread, and wine,
and ourselves
to be transformed by your love
and your grace.

Give us joy in our giving
Wisdom in our spending
And your peace in our hearts
in God's cycles of glory.
for the Good of this Earth
of whom we're made,
in whom Christ shares.

Blessed be God forever

Offering (ii) -Bread and wine and people

Sustaining God:
accept these gifts of bread with wine;
of food with drink
of selves with lives
as partnership of human hands and Earth
as given, lived, enjoyed, and giving afresh

Narrative/invitation

We gather round this table now
as fellow creatures, at God's calling
flock, huddle, shoal or swarm....
Drawn together to be
more than our communities,
or even our churches,
can be alone.

Like the Earth,
we do not own Christ's table
which feeds and sustains us.

Like our common home,
it's 'ours' only when we share.

Yet here, we're welcome:
like those friends Christ first gathered.

Welcome for justice; fulfilment and love.
Welcome, with prophets, publicans
with eco-warriors and dodgy characters
with those you'd expect
and those you'd rather weren't here.

Called to reccelebrate;
to be a work of God repurposed
as friends of Jesus refreshed
by bread and wine
through human hands,
from Earth's own self
on whom, and whom,
and *as whom*
we feed.

Sursum Corda [these or other words]

God be with you and in you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God

Give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

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Eucharistic Prayer

Throughout all ages,
as mountains dance and trees applaud
the cries of birth are also loud
for all to hear and tend.
Your *Sabbath and Jubilee* insist:
“Refreshment and rest for all Creation”.
But we made exceptions.
Your People sought milk and honey,
yet injustice laid lands waste.
Your prophets: priests and farmers
call us to account.
Yet your loving signs of warning
fall often by the wayside.
And *greed and pride* insist
on harmful choices
knowingly embraced.
Yet still comes Christ Jesus,
friend of wildlife,
beloved of the poor
scolding the seas
teaching with trees,
and God’s wildness in Wind.
When with Christ we shoulder the cross of healing;
we shudder at the disaster
of truth denied by power,

And yet...

Risen and present through food and faith
Christ calls us afresh
to care for a damaged world.

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SANCTUS [Sung , or these words spoken]

Holy holy holy

God of power shared

Sky and soil's abundant glory:

Hosanna: help us God!

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Blessing of Bread & Wine

God, Sustainer,

gusting and fluttering life

bless these good things of your Earth:

food and drink we *offer*;

flesh and blood we *are*.

As Jesus did, so do we:

We break this bread (bread is broken)

We share this wine (cup is raised)

We trust that

Christ who died is

Christ who rose

And Christ who comes again

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Agnus Dei

As John said, seeing Christ:

[Sung or these words spoken]

Lamb of God, you take away what truly harms the Earth;

Show compassion: Send your peace

THE COMMUNION [bread and wine, body and blood, are shared]

The gifts of God

that make you God's people

[distribution according to local custom]

THE PEACE

Christ says: my peace I give you; the peace of the Earth! [cf John 14:27]

[Peace shared according to local custom]

Prayer after Communion

God-with-Earth,
nourished as guests at your table
we are remade, repurposed.
May this food empower us
to cherish your Creation
who we also are.

Optional continuation

[And whether our cares be light or heavy,
our song be strong or weak,
keep our hearts warm,
our hands open,
our lives ever embracing
and embraced by your love
Amen]

BLESSING

May your nations, and wildlife, and farms be refreshed
as God's new life abundant, respected and cherished.
May Christ's teaching of trees and of birds bring you joy
as the cycles of rain and of snow sustain flesh [Isaiah 55, John 1]
May your hearts and the hearts of your people be moved
as the trees of the forest are moved by the wind [Isaiah 7:4]
As you join in the praise of the breath of all living
May the Goodness of God, Holy Trinity, bless and remake you
now and to the End of the Age.
Amen: [Get on with it!]

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