



Chet Valley Churches



Holy Communion

Creation Sunday

11th September 2022

The Greeting and Welcome

In the name of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you, **and also with you.**

♪ **Hymn 511: O Lord, My God (How Great Thou Art)**

🙏 The Prayers of Penitence

The president introduces a time of reflection and invites the people to join in confession:

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity; yet we have misused the earth and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

You have brought order out of chaos, light in darkness, good out of evil, but we have preferred darkness in words and deeds which dishonour God's holy name. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You have showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others and lacking in generosity in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The absolution is said by the president

♪ **Hymn 964: Gloria in Excelsis**

🙏 The Collect—Prayer of the Day

*The president prays the collect of the day and all answer, **Amen.***

📖 **Old Testament Reading: Psalm 8**

For the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

♪ **Hymn 163: Father, Lord of All Creation**

📖 **New Testament Reading: Romans 8:18-27**

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Talk [Professor Catherine Rowett]

The Confession of Faith

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created and have their being.**



We believe in God the Son who was slain, for with his blood he purchased us for God from every tribe and language, from every people and nation. We believe in God the Holy Spirit. The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come'. Even so, come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The response is: Creator God, hear our prayer.

After the third prayer, the minister lights a candle and says,

Creator God, help us to act decisively and to pray fervently for the health and well-being of your creation. Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you, **and also with you.**

 **Hymn 540: O Thou Who at Thy Eucharist Didst Pray**

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. This prayer may be used

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

The president recalls the mighty acts of God, culminating in:

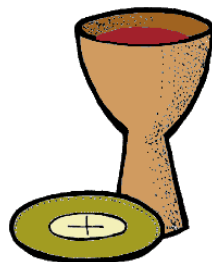
...we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The president recalls the Last Supper and introduces this acclamation:



*Praise to you, Lord Jesus: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

The president concludes the eucharistic prayer by inviting us all to praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world
God here among us, God in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

The Giving of Communion

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**



Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept. The president says, 'Let us pray' and then all say together:

**Lord of all creation, as we have received the bread and wine,
fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation, so with joy we celebrate
your goodness and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing & Dismissal

The president blesses the congregation and then dismisses them:

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of
righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**