



St Michael, Flixton

Loving God, Sharing Faith, Serving All

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Prayer after Communion

Creator God, you give seed for us to sow,
And bread for us to eat; make us thankful for what we
have received and generous in supplying the needs of
others so all the world may give you thanks and glory,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

THE BLESSING

Minister May God the Father who clothes the lilies
of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
provide us with all we need for life in it's
fullness, **Amen**

May God the Son, who fed the five
thousand and turned water into wine,
feed us with his life and transform us in
his love. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered
over the waters of creation and formed
the world from chaos, form us in the
likeness of Christ and renew the face of
the earth. **Amen.**
And the blessing....

The NOTICES are given.

Creation Sunday



Welcome to St.Michael's Church.

Today we give thanks
for the wonders of God's creation. The Church has
been transformed to reflect our creative God.

We share bread and wine together
in Holy Communion or the 'eucharist' which means,
'to give thanks to God'.

After the service please join us for refreshments.
All are welcome!

FINAL HYMN

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever will be.

Refrain:

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain*

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain*

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
All **In the name of Christ, Amen**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

1. Thou, whose almighty word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and, where the Gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!

2. Thou who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing
healing and sight,
heal to the sick in mind,
sight to the in-ly blind,
now to all humankind,
let there be light!

3. Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight!
Move on the waters' face
bearing the gifts of grace,
and, in earth's darkest place,
let there be light!

4. Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide,
rolling in fullest pride,
through the world far and wide,
let there be light!

Minister In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen

All The Lord be with you
And also with you

All The Spirit of God hovered over the water
And brought life to all creation

All Come Holy Spirit
And renew the face of the earth

THE WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

We say sorry for the wrong we have done against God and our neighbour

Minister Human sin disfigures the whole creation,
Which groans with eager longing
for God's redemption.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith

We confess to you our lack of care for the
world you have given us
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

Minister We confess to you our selfishness in not
sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy

All Christ, have mercy

Minister We confess to you our failure to protect
resources for others.
Lord, have mercy

All Lord, have mercy

The minister declares God's forgiveness

May the God of Love bring us back to
himself, Forgive us our sins, and assure us of
his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Special Prayer for the Day

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
We thank you for the riches of your creation
may we cherish and respect this planet and its
peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE FIRST READING Genesis 4b-15

SONG

1. Who made the twinkling stars,
The twinkling stars, the twinkling stars?
Who made the twinkling stars? Our father God!

2. Who made the birds that fly,
the birds that fly, the birds that fly?
Who made the birds that fly? Our father God!

3. Who made the rolling sea,
the rolling sea, the rolling sea
Who made the rolling sea, Our father God!

4. Who made you and me ,
You and me, You and me?
Who made you and me? Our father God!

We turn to face the Gospel

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
All Glory to you O Lord

Matthew 6:25-33

Minister This is the Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, O Christ

Please sit for the TALK



All We believe and trust in God the Father Who made the world.

We believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.

We believe and trust In the Holy Spirit Who gives life To the people of God. Amen

We sit or kneel for a **TIME OF PRAYER**

To the words 'Lord of creation'
We all respond **'hear our prayer'**

At the end Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister 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 forever.**

Let us pray (*please sit or kneel*)

The Lord is here
All His Spirit is with us.
Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

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

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is
ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with St Michael all your saints we give you
glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.

We say together the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy Kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass
against us, and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the Kingdom,
the power and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All Though we are many,
We are one body
Because we all share in one bread**

*Everyone is invited to come to receive a prayer of blessing,
or if it is your tradition the bread and wine.*

*If you wish to receive a blessing, please bring this service
sheet forward and bow your head at the altar rail.*

HYMN DURING COMMUNION

1. Think of a world with out any flowers,
Think of a world without any trees.
Think of a sky without any sunshine,
Think of the air without any breeze.

We thank you Lord, for flowr's and trees and sunshine,
We thank you Lord, and praise your holy name,

2. Think of a world without any animals,
Think of a field without any herd,
Think of a stream without any fishes,
Think of a dawn without any bird.

We thank you Lord, for all your living creatures,
We thank you Lord, and praise your Holy name.

3. Think of a world without any people,
Think of a world with no one living there.
Think of a town without any houses,
No one to love, and nobody to care.

We thank you Lord, for families and friendships,
We thank you Lord, and praise your holy name,

We stand for the **PEACE**

Minister You shall go out with joy and be led back in
peace; the mountains and the hills before
you shall burst into song, and all the trees
of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you



*We share the peace with those around us by shaking
hands with our neighbour and saying 'Peace be with you'*

HYMN *During which a collection is taken to support
the work of this Church; the bread and wine
are brought to the altar.*

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies,

*Refrain Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light,

3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled,

4. For each perfect gift of thine,
To us all so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

5. For thy Church which evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.