

**Holy Eucharist  
For the Blessing of Crops and Creatures at Rogation  
St. John's in the Woods**



***Communion by the Pond  
The Morwood house  
7522 Aberfeldy Line, Brooke/Alvinston  
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**OPENING HYMN: MORNING HAS BROKEN**

***Morning has broken like the first morning;  
blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!***

***Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dew-fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
sprung from completeness where his feet pass.***

***Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning,  
God's re-creation of the new day!***

## The Gathering of the Community

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
*People:* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Celebrant:* May his grace and peace be with you.  
*People:* **May he fill our hearts with joy.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.  
**God of planting and of harvest, you have called us to till the earth and make it fruitful. Work in our lives the beauty, peace, abundance, and joy which are the tokens of your presence in all creation, that by these signs we may see the splendour of your love and praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Proclamation of the Word

*Leader:* A reading from the book of Genesis.  
So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.  
God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.' God said, 'See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.' And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. (1:27-31)

*Leader:* The word of the Lord.  
*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 104:1,13-16, 31,37

*Leader:* Bless the Lord, O my soul;\*  
*People:* **O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!  
You are clothed with majesty and splendour.**

*Leader:* You water the mountains from your dwelling on high;\*  
*People:* **the earth is fully satisfied by the fruit of your works.**

*Leader:* You make grass grow for flocks and herds\*  
*People:* **and plants to serve humankind;**

*Leader:* That they may bring forth food from the earth,\*  
*People:* **and wine to gladden our hearts,**

*Leader:* Oil to make a cheerful countenance,\*  
*People:* **and bread to strengthen the heart.**

*Leader:* You send forth your Spirit, and they are created;\*  
*People:* **and so you renew the face of the earth.**

*Leader:* Bless the Lord, O my soul\*  
*People:* **Hallelujah!**

## HYMN:THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

***This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears  
all nature sings, and round me rings  
the music of the spheres.***

***This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;  
his hand the wonders wrought.***

***This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
the morning light, the lily white,  
declare their maker's praise.***

***This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
in the rustling grass I hear him pass;  
he speaks to me everywhere.***

***This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget  
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
God is the ruler yet.***

***This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad?  
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!  
God reigns; let the earth be glad!***

### **The Holy Gospel**

**Leader:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

**Leader:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:** **Celtic Alleluia**

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

(13:31-32)

**Leader:** The Gospel of Christ.

**People:** **Celtic Alleluia**

### **Reflection**

#### **Flute Anthem: Jennifer Lee**

#### **The Confession of Faith**

**Leader:** *Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,*

**All:** **I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

**Leader:** O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

Let us turn to the west the place of thunderstorms and darkness, that we may face our fears in the darkness and suffering and return to God, to the land that God has promised us.

We ask your presence in the darkness and suffering in our lives that there we may find strength and growth and the Light of the World. Let us pray to our God.

**People:** **Lord Hear our prayer.**

### **HYMN: FOR THE BEAUTY OF CREATION**

***For the fruits of his creation, - thanks be to God!  
For his gifts to every nation, - thanks be to God!  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping;  
future needs in earth's safe seeking,  
thanks be to God.***

**Leader:** Let us turn to the north, the place of the cold winds and waiting that we may learn to wait with hope and eager longing for the redemption and freedom of all creation.

We ask for your presence in our parish where the love of Christ has taken root in many places and particularly on our

congregations, let us pray to our God.

**People:** Lord Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For favourable weather, temperate rains and fruitful seasons, and that there may be food and drink for all your creatures, For your presence in the lands and waters, and among all who work upon them to bring forth food and all things needful for your people, let us pray to our God.

**People:** Lord Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** For all who care for the earth, the water and the air, that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age, let us pray to our God.

**People:** Lord Hear our prayer.

#### **HYMN: FOR THE BEAUTY OF CREATION**

*In the just reward of labour, - God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour, - God's will is done;  
in our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing;  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.*

**Leader:** Let us turn to the east, the place of the rising sun and beginning again, in the resurrection certainty that God sends God's Spirit to renew our lives and the face of the earth.

We ask your presence in all that we are this day the brokenness of our lives and the blessings, and on this your good earth and all creation that we may live together in harmony. let us pray to our God.

**People:** Lord Hear our prayer.

#### **HYMN: FOR THE BEAUTY OF CREATION**

*For the harvests of the Spirit - thanks be to God!  
For the good we all inherit, - thanks be to God!  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us;  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.*

**Leader:** Let us turn to the south, the place of the warm wind that is the growing place, asking that our lives and all creation may grow in love and be fruitful.

We ask for your presence as we walk into the future that we may be united in your love with all creation and that we ourselves be fertile soil, producing abundant growth rich in the fruits of the Spirit. Let us pray to our God.

**People:** Lord Hear our prayer.

**Leader:** Blessed are you, Creator of the universe. May the pastures be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy; may the fields be covered with grain; and may we, with all creation, shout for joy and sing your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### **The Peace**

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

**People:** And also with you.

#### **HYMN: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

**Refrain:**  
*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

*Each little flow'r that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colors,  
He made their tiny wings.*

**Refrain:**

*The tall trees in the greenwood,  
The meadows where we play,  
The rushes by the water,  
To gather every day.*

**Refrain:**

*He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.*

*Refrain:*

**Prayer over the Gifts:**

*Celebrant:* **Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
we give you thanks and praise  
for the glorious resurrection of your Son  
Jesus Christ our Lord;  
for he is the true paschal lamb  
who has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again  
he has won for us eternal life.

Therefore, joining our voices  
with the whole company of heaven,  
we sing our joyful hymn of praise  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

*All: (Singing)* **Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full  
Full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.**

**Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
Who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Celebrant:* We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh,  
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,  
and said, "Take, eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "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.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”

*All:* Therefore, Father, according to his  
command,  
**we remember his death,  
we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;**

*Celebrant:* and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your sons and  
daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

*All:* **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.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* Lord, we died with you on the cross.  
*All:* **Now we are raised to new life.**  
*Celebrant:* We were buried in your tomb.  
*All:* **Now we share in your resurrection.**  
*Celebrant:* Live in us, that we may live in you.

### The Communion

*Celebrant:* The gifts of God for the People of God.  
*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

### Prayer after Communion

*Celebrant:* **God of our hope, in this eucharist we find  
the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy  
mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks  
and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Glory to God,  
*All:* **whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## Blessing

*Celebrant:* The Lord bless you and keep you;  
the Lord make his face shine on you,  
and be gracious to you;  
the Lord turn his face towards you  
and give you peace;  
...and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son,  
and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
Amen.

## RECESSIONAL HYMN:FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

*For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony,  
linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.*

## Dismissal

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

*People:* Thanks be to God.



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