

A FAMILY SERVICE FOR 'FLOWER FESTIVAL SUNDAY'

Celebration of the Eucharist

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

(This Flower Festival was organised to raise money for the Missionary Work of the Church. It cost £1,000 to organise, and we made £1,000 profit. This Service on the Sunday morning was the climax of the Festival).

The Congregation stand at the entry of the Choir and Ministers at the West Door.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

Let all the earth, the stars, the sun and moon,  
all created things, men, women and children join to  
praise God, Creator of all.

We worship you,  
Almighty God our Heavenly Father,  
You made the Heavens and the Earth,  
And our help comes from you.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

Father, we praise you.

Your love never grows old: it is new with each new day.

This morning you are here, shining through your creation,  
as you were here at the dawn of time.

This morning you are here, shining from the face of Jesus  
Christ, showing us how to be properly human, promising  
us eternal life.

This morning you are here as Holy Spirit in our hearts,  
making us, recreating us to play our full part in the  
world.

Father God, we worship you, Creator of all the beauty  
around us; and we give thanks to you for the gift of your  
Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.  
AMEN

O Lord, open thou our lips:  
And our mouth shall shew forth Thy Praise.

O God, make speed to save us:  
O Lord, Make haste to help us.

(standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. AMEN

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's name be Praised.

HYMN

'All things bright and beautiful'

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our Father,  
We have sinned against you  
in thought, word and deed:  
We have not loved you with all our heart;  
We have not loved our neighbour as ourselves.  
We have abused your creation and been unkind to the soil,  
air, sea and animals.  
Lord, have mercy upon us:  
Christ, have mercy upon us;  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

ABSOLUTION

COLLECTS FOR THE DAY

(In this case, St Peter, Rogation and Trinity 3)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Job 36: 22-33

PSALM 104

In the prose version

EPISTLE

Acts 14: 13-17

HOLY GOSPEL  
Matthew 6: 24-34

HYMN

The summer days are come again;  
Once more the glad earth yields  
Her golden wealth....

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ADDRESS

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

OFFERTORY HYMN

'For the Beauty of the Earth'

(During the singing of the hymn the gifts of money are collected, the Elders and the family who assist, follow the Assistant Minister to the Mid-Week Chapel where they form the Offertory Procession).

DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS

NARRATIVE OF THE INSTITUTION

The Lord with with you:  
And also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:  
It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

It is not only right.....  
.... for ever praising you and saying:  
Holy Holy Holy Lord,  
God of Power and Might  
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory,  
Glory be to you, O Lord most High.

Blessed is he ~~who~~ comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the Highest.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## FRACTION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
Though we are many, we are one body  
for we all share in the one bread.

## LORD'S PRAYER

### THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

During which the choir and congregation may sing:

Not only for the goodly fruit trees tall  
The Master cares, whose love is over all;  
The tiny herbs.....

\*CP 40

All, young and old, confirmed or not, are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Parents of very young children who do not receive Communion are invited to come forward to receive Communion at the Chancel Steps where their children will receive a Blessing from the Ministers.

### POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O Lord,

Strengthen the hands which have been held out to receive  
your Holy things,

May the ears which have heard the voice of your songs  
be closed to the voice of clamour and discord:

May the eyes which have seen your great love in creation  
also see your Blessed hope:

May the tongues which have sung your praise speak the  
truth:

May the feet which have walked your courts, ever walk  
in your Light:

And the bodies which have tasted your living body be restored  
and become part of your new creation.

And to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be Glory for  
Ever and Ever. Amen.

### THE BLESSING

It is finished,  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord;  
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation'.

(During which the choir recess, followed by the Elders and the Ministers, who carry the remaining Elements to the Mid-Week Chapel)

As you leave the Church you may be handed a piece of bread, you are asked to share it with someone else, preferably someone you do not know, over coffee.

This custom was practised on the Island of Iona in the 6th century.

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\*CP - 'Congregational Praise'