



**Prayers of the People and  
The Holy Eucharist for  
A Season of Creation**

**September 1 - October 4**

**Grace Episcopal Church  
Salem, Massachusetts**

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## The Prayers of the People

Let us offer our prayers to God who gives life and breath to all creatures, saying, “God of glory, hear us.”

I ask your prayers for the mission of the church throughout the world, for sharing the promise of abundant life and working toward it for all.

*God of glory, hear us.*

I ask your prayers for the leaders of the nations, and for all who make or influence decisions for the health of our planet and the well-being of its peoples.

*God of glory, hear us.*

I ask your prayers for peace with justice around the world, especially for an end to violent competition for limited resources.

*God of glory, hear us.*

I ask your prayers for those who suffer illness, want, or exile because of environmental degradation.

*God of glory, hear us.*

I ask your prayers for the environmental concerns that you may lift up now, either silently or aloud.

*Silence, during which the people may offer their concerns.*

We offer our fears,

*God of glory, hear us.*

I ask your prayers for those who in their daily work are stewards and protectors of God’s creation in ways large and small; for gardeners, farmers, and ranchers; for rangers and park managers; for fishers and foresters; for climate scientists, ecologists, and activists, and for all who work to restore and heal our wounded Earth.

*God of glory, hear us.*

I ask your prayers for the dead, especially for those holy women and men who taught us to marvel in all God’s works.

*God of glory, hear us.*

I ask the prayers of your hearts, offered silently or aloud.

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## The Confession of Sin

God of compassion, have mercy upon us.  
Heal our relationship with all creation.  
Forgive us for our mistreatment and neglect  
of the creatures who share the earth with us.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent for what we have done to  
harm them, and for what we have not done to help them.

Fill us with your Spirit,  
that we may care for one another and for all creatures,  
according to your will and in the fullness of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Creator be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Creator.

*Presider* Let us give thanks to our loving God.

*People* It is right to give God thanks and praise.

*Presider* We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source  
of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your  
Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon,  
and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in  
your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against  
you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children,  
you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the full-  
ness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the  
chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify  
you as we sing:

### Sanctus

*The Hymnal 1982, S 124*

Holy, holy, holy

David Hurd

*Presider* Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To de-  
liver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your  
grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she  
might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among  
us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the  
sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the

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world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

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### **The Fraction**

Christ our Passover

*The Hymnal 1982, S 154*

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*All present are invited to reverently receive the Holy Sacrament.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**