

Order of Service
for the Ecumenical Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation 2020

Theme: (w)einklang
(This is a play on words like “har-vest/har-mony”)

Instrumental music for the entrance

Entrance

Hymn "Komm her, freu dich mit uns"

or

Hymn "Da wohnt ein Sehnen"

or

Hymn "Dass du mich einstimmen lassen"

Alternatively: Celebration Guide 2020 – Season of Creation “Jubilee for the Earth”
https://www.lutheranworld.org/sites/default/files/2020/documents/soc_2020_final_jubilee_for_the_earth.pdf

Creation Centered Hymns in English: <https://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/wp-content/uploads/2009/11/Creation-Centered-Hymns.pdf>

Liturgical greeting

Psalm reading (Psalm 133:1-3)

The spoken verses of the psalm may be accompanied by instrumental music.

The response may be sung or spoken.

Minister *Response:*

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for people to dwell together.
In unity we find God’s peace.

Or (sung the tune of the Hebrew canon Hine ma tov u’ma na-im)

Behold how good and how pleasant it is for people to dwell together.
In unity, to dwell in unity...

Congregation It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down upon the beard,
even on Aaron's beard, running down upon the collar of his clothing.

M *Response*

C It is like the dew of Hermon, running down upon the hills of Zion.

M *Response*

C For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
even life for evermore.

M *Response*

English text of the psalms taken from the Church of England Common Worship

Old Testament reading

Amos 9:11-15

Hymn "Wir haben Gottes Spuren festgestellt"

or

Hymn "Wenn wir das Leben teilen"

or

Hymn "Manchmal feiern wir mitten im Tag"

Gospel

Gospel of John 15:1-5

Hymn "Selig seid ihr"

or

Hymn "Suchen und fragen"

or

Hymn "God gab uns Atem"

Sermon

Instrumental music or choir music

or

Hymn "Unser Gott hat uns geschaffen"

Meanwhile, a cross made from the stem of a vine is placed in the sanctuary.

The wood reminds us of Christ, the true vine, who reconciled the world to God through the cross.

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan **Creed** (text according to the WCC Commission on Faith and Order)

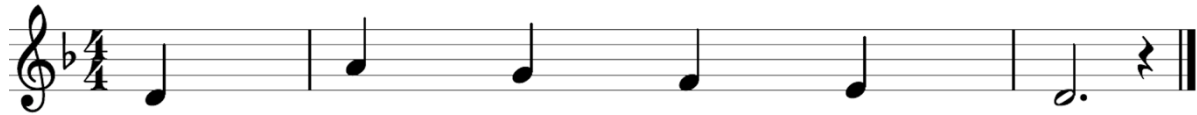
We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate
from the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried;
on the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven.
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
he will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father;
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified;
who has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Intercessions after Psalm 80

*After each intercession, the congregation responds with: "Grant this our prayer, O Lord!"
and/or optionally in Greek "Pa-rass-hu Kirie".*



Ge - wöh - re dies, o Herr!
Pa - rass - hu Ki - ri - e!
Πα - ράσ - χου Κύ - ρι - e!
Grant this our prayer, O Lord!

M O God, look down from heaven and behold;
cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and increase in us the gift of gratitude and praise for your good creation!

C *Grant this our prayer, O Lord! / Pa-rass-hu Kirie!*

M O God, look down from heaven and behold;
cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and increase in us the gift of insight and repentance for our transgressions!

C *Grant this our prayer, O Lord! / Pa-rass-hu Kirie!*

M O God, look down from heaven and behold;
cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and increase in us the gift of understanding and of unity
among all who follow your son Jesus Christ.

C *Grant this our prayer, O Lord! / Pa-rass-hu Kirie!*

M O God, look down from heaven and behold;
cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and increase in us the gift of wisdom and prudent practice
for this world which you have entrusted to us!

C *Grant this our prayer, O Lord! / Pa-rass-hu Kirie!*

M O God, look down from heaven and behold;
cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and increase in us the gift of responsibility and harmony
in this city and in this country!

C *Grant this our prayer, O Lord! / Pa-rass-hu Kirie!*

M O God, look down from heaven and behold;
cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and increase in us the gift of keeping remembrance alive, that we may recall
all who have gone before us in the hope of resurrection and eternal life!

C *Grant this our prayer, O Lord! / Pa-rass-hu Kirie!*

M O God, look down from heaven and behold;
cherish this vine which your right hand has planted,
and increase in us the gift of knowing we are your children,
which leads us now to pray together with the words:

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.

Announcement of the collection

Hymn "Die Erde ist des Herrn"

or

Hymn "Wir wollen aufstehen, aufeinander zugehen"

or

Hymn "Gott, deine Liebe reicht weit"

during which the **offertory** is taken

Blessing

Hymn "Dank sei Dir Vater"

or

Hymn "Sei behütet"

or

Hymn "Ihr sollt ein Segen sein"

Instrumental music

Exit

At the exit, grapes are distributed as a sign that we are one with God and with one another. This symbolic act can also be integrated into the worship service; for example, the grapes can be passed through the rows while music is played ("Grape bunch lunch").

The books and numbers for the German language hymns can be found in the German order of service.