**A Communion with the Wise**

**Introduction and Welcome**

Be still  
Be attentive to the divine presence

(a silent pause is kept)

God of love and life as the seasons move into Autumn

**We come to you**

in the fullness of life

**We welcome your life giving Spirit**

as those made male and female in your image

**We welcome each other**

**Christ Jesus  
Be the life within us  
Be the love between us  
Be the light that guides us  
This day   
And for eternity**

**Reconciliation**

When the stones cry out and we close our ears.

When the wind blows and we refuse to budge.

When the water flows and we remain thirsty.

When the bread is broken and the wine is poured

and we are absent from the feast.

**God of creation and wonder have mercy on us and reconcile us to you and all that is.**

Loving and tender God of forgiveness

who has reconciled all things in Christ

welcome and embrace us in your arms of grace.

Now come listen, move, drink and feast.

**Amen.**

**Canticle of Brother Sun**

(listening to the world around)

Most high, all-powerful, all good, Lord  
All praise is yours, all glory, all honor and all blessing.

To you, alone, Most High, do they belong.  
No mortal lips are worthy to pronounce your name.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through all that you have made,

And first my lord Brother Sun, who brings the day; and light you give to us through him. How beautiful is he, how radiant in all his splendor! Of you, Most High, he bears the likeness.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Moon and Stars;  
In the heavens you have made them, bright and precious and fair.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brothers Wind and Air,  
And fair and stormy, all the weather’s moods, by which you cherish all that you have made.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Water,

so useful, humble, precious and pure.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Brother Fire, through whom you brighten up the night. How beautiful is he, how merry! Full of power and strength.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Earth, our Mother,  
Who feeds us in her sovereignty and produces various fruits with colored flowers and herbs.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through those who grant pardon for love of you; through those who endure sickness and trial. Happy those who endure in peace, by you, Most High, they will be crowned.

All praise be yours, my Lord, through Sister Death, from whose embrace no mortal can escape. How dreadful for those who die in sin! How lovely for those found in Your Most Holy Will. The second death can do them no harm.

Praise and bless my Lord, and give him thanks, and serve him with great humility.

**A reading from 2 Corinthians 5**

So if anyone is in Christ, new creation! Everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, the world was in Christ being reconciled to God, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**The Hour Glass** (a reflection on the new creation)

***Hear the praise of all creation (Nettleton)***

**Hear the praise of all creation,**

**hear the song in all you sing,  
Hear your voice given expression,**

**shout of joy in everything:  
Creator God, we are your story,**

**all things echo with your voice.  
Earth and water sing your glory;**

**air and fire in you rejoice!**

**Every flower and tree exalts you,**

**towering rock and gentle plain.  
Stars and planets all acclaim you,**

**each separate voice in one refrain.  
Dreams of longing and belonging,**

**singing heaven into earth.  
Song of love that’s never ceasing,**

**brings in all your life to birth.**

**All the voices of the ages**

**in transcendent chorus meet.  
Worship flowing through the seasons,**

**winds that praise, rain’s dancing feet.  
Sunshine’s warmth and dark nights passion.**

**Each is held in your embrace.  
Harmony of earth and heaven,**

**echoes on through time and space**.

**Birds of air and fish of ocean.**

**From the depths to highest cloud.**

**Creatures of each plain and mountain,**

**In their lives your praises sound.**

**Human song and human action,**

**called to give your love for all.**

**Giving voice to all creation,**

**blessing all our priestly call.**

**Now once again in celebration**

**We come close in bread and wine**

**Reconciling all creation**

**Soil and flesh with the divine**

**Through your blood and body given**

**You enter in once more to save**

**The power of death and resurrection**

**Conquering power over the grave**

**All things still in awe and wonder**

**Touched by your never-ending love**

**Held in your embrace so tender**

**We offer you all that we have**

**Blessing and receiving from creation**

(prayer ribbons on trees taking found things to the table – music Jesus Christ the Apple Tree)

**Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Many and great, O God, are your works, maker of earth and sky;

Your hands have set the heavens with stars;

Your fingers spread the mountains and the plains.

At your word the waters were formed;

Deep seas obey your voice.

You are the breath in all things the presence sustaining all things

Animal vegetable and mineral, they are all with us your people

You came to us and all the brothers and sisters we share life with

In the gift of yourself, Jesus the giver of new life

in Jesus you took the gifts of creation

Bread and wine, gifts of earth and human craft.

Sharing these gifts with all creation, he said:

‘When you eat and drink these gifts, remember me.’

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,

send your Holy Spirit on this bread and this wine  
Christ’s body broken that creation be made whole

Christ’s blood poured out – transfusion for new life

**As we share these holy gifts with all creation**

**make us one in Christ, in whom all is made new.**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing.

**Heaven and earth join to worship your creator**

**Sing to the lord praise the one from whom you come**

**Sing a new song to the one who goes before us**

**Making all new leaving nobody the same**

**The Hazelnut**

Julian of Norwich a female mystic at St Julian’s Church in Norwich from which he name comes had a series of visions of God’s love. One of them concerned a Hazelnut. We are going to hand round some now and we invite to take one which you can take away with you and when you have yours hold it in the palm of your hand and listen to the vision that Julian had

“And in this he showed me a little thing, the quantity of a hazel nut, lying in the palm of my hand, as it seemed. And it was as round as any ball. I looked upon it with the eye of my understanding, and thought, ‘What may this be?’ And it was answered generally thus, ‘It is all that is made.’ I marvelled how it might last, for I thought it might suddenly have fallen to nothing for littleness. And I was answered in my understanding: It lasts and ever shall, for God loves it. And so have all things their beginning by the love of God.  
In this little thing I saw three properties. The first is that God made it. The second that God loves it. And the third, that God keeps it.”   
― *Julian of Norwich, Revelations of Divine Love*

**Final Blessing**

And May the blessing of the God of all creation

In whom the seasons grow and fade

In whom all of us are held in love

Our Father and Mother who made us

Our Brother Jesus who mends us

Our Sustainer the Spirit who moulds us

Be upon as at this time

And in all times to come