**Seasonal Provisions**

**From 1st September to 4th October (“Creationtide”)  
Primarily for Use in an Urban Context**

*Collect*

Creator God,

you made the forests, mountains and plains

and trusted humankind with the power to build there:

give us eyes to see all that is good,

ears ready to hear your will,

hearts that love the earth,

and hands willing to play our part   
in your creative purposes:

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*Collect*

Gracious God, by your word

you called creation into being,

and saw that it was good:

amid the noise and hurry of this earthly city

help us to recognise your presence:

grant us peace, that we may know your saving love

in our streets, in our workplaces, and in our homes,

through Jesus Christ our Lord

*All* **Amen.**

*Invitation to Confession*

The whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now. Let us confess before our Heavenly Father our greed, our share in the brokenness of the world, and our misuse of God’s good gifts.

*Kyrie Confession*

Where we have taken our daily food for granted,

in communities far removed from where it grows:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Where we have placed our desire for material gain   
above the welfare of the city and its people:

Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

Where we have made the city a desolation,   
polluting its air and choking its streets:

Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain.

*All* **Alleluia**

*Ps 127.2*

*Introduction to the Peace*

Seek the welfare of the city

and pray to the Lord on its behalf.

May we live in peace with our streets and our world.

*Eucharistic Prefaces*

*Short Preface (contemporary language)*

And now we give you thanks

because you have created our earthly home

and have prepared for us a heavenly city,

so that, living as your people in the world,

we might dwell for ever in your eternal Kingdom.

*Short Preface (traditional language)*

And now we give thee thanks

because thou hast created our earthly home

and hast prepared for us a heavenly city,

so that, living as thy people in the world,

we might dwell for ever in thine eternal Kingdom.

*Extended Preface for use with Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E*

It is indeed joyful and right to give heartfelt thanks,

through Christ and in the power of the Spirit,

to you our Heavenly Father and Creator.

For you have prepared for your people

an eternal city for them to dwell in,

whose light is the Glory of God,

through which runs the river of life:

a city which nothing unclean will enter,

whose temple is the Lord.

And you have called us to make the city

where we now dwell

into an image of the city that is to come,

banishing all that pollutes your creation   
and letting the rivers flow freely.

Therefore we raise our voices from our earthly habitations,

joining with the blessed company of heaven

to praise and glorify your holy name forever:

*Post Communion*

Merciful Father,

in this holy feast you have made us welcome

at the marriage supper of the lamb

in the realm of endless light:

may we, knowing whose guests we are to be,

live today in this earthly city

as those who are already citizens of Heaven.

*Blessing*

May your eyes be lifted up toward the heavenly city   
where the pure beauty of the Glory of God   
shines with radiant and eternal splendour;   
and the blessing…