

All Age Harvest Thanksgiving

Welcome to our special service for Harvest! Our church is a space for everyone and we hope you'll feel at home here. Everything you need is in this service booklet. Please stand/sit as indicated but feel free to sit if it is more comfortable.

Children are especially welcome here – please feel able to wander with them during the service if that helps them feel comfortable. There are activity bags in the children's corner to explore back in your seats.

Toilets and baby-changing facilities can be found at the back of church.

Church is fitted with a hearing-aid induction loop.

If there's anything else you need – please ask one of our welcomer team.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

**Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!**

**We ourselves are God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.**

Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

WE GATHER

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen**

The heavens declare the glory of God
All **The skies display the work of his hands**

Words of welcome are used.

God of light and God of night,
Creator of seed and mountain,
raindrop and fountain,
we bring our offering of praise.
God of right and God of might,
lover of child and childless,
rich and homeless,
we bring our offering of praise.

All Do you not know? Have you not heard?
**The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.**

WE SAY SORRY

Harvest Thanksgiving calls us to look around the wonderful world of creation and give thanks to God for it all, but in doing so, we also may see where we have failed to do our best, for our world or for those in the world.

So, Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

**Lord, we are sorry, forgive things we have said.
Lord, we are sorry, forgive things we have done.**

**Jesus our Saviour, forgive us as your friend,
Lord, we are sorry, forgive us in your love.**

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

GLORIA

**Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo,
Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;
we worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.**

**Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo,
Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo.**

**Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

**Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo,
Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo.**

**At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer,
for you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.**

**Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo,
Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo.**

**Glory, Father and Son, glory, Holy Spirit,
to you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.**

**Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo,
Gloria [clap clap], Gloria [clap clap], in excelsis Deo.**

THE COLLECT

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF HARVEST GIFTS

Gifts and offerings for the Harvest Appeals are brought forward and presented.

When the gifts have been presented

Bountiful God of all creation,
we praise and thank you for all you provide
and ask you to bless these gifts
that those who receive them will know your love through our care.

All Amen

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

A reading from the Letter to the Philippians. (Philippians 4.4-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

**Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes aste so good to me
Apricots and plums, ripened in the sun
Oranges and yellow bananas, good for everyone!**

**It's another Harvest Festival,
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
'Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.**

**It's another opportunity
To be grateful for the food we eat
With a Samba celebration
To say thank you to God the Father.**

**Golden corn and wheat, oats and sugar beet,
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti, wonderful to eat.
Coffee, cocoa, tea, growing naturally,
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices, very nice indeed!**

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**Thank you for the harvest,
Thank you for your goodness
For all of the fruit and vegetables,
And the wonderful things that grow**

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*Cha Cha Cha***

GOSPEL READING *John 6.25-35*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John*.

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat."' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON/TALK

WE PRAY

This response is used

Lord of all life

All hear our prayer.

At the end

Lord of the Church,

**All hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

THE PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

HYMN

**We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.**

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

**He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.**

All good gifts...

**We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble thankful hearts.**

All good gifts...

When the altar has been prepared

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth and create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Holy God, (clap clap) Holy God, (clap clap)

Lord of all creation.

Your glory fills, (clap) the earth with light, (clap)

Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed, blessed is he, who comes now in God's name.

**To you we raise our hands up high,
and sing aloud your praise!**

Holy God, (clap clap) Holy God, (clap clap)

Lord of all creation.

Your glory fills, (clap clap) the earth with light, (clap clap)

Hosanna in excelsis.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.' After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with [N and] all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen. (clap clap) Amen (clap clap). Alleluia! Amen!
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Please kneel or sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lord, now you meet us, we know that you are here,
Lord, now you meet us, we know that you are here.
Jesus, Redeemer, our brother and our friend,
Lord, now you meet us, we know that you are here**

Everyone is invited to come to receive Holy Communion or a blessing. If you would like to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed at the altar rail. During Communion hymns are sung.

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
For all things living you have made good;
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Lord, bless the labour we bring to serve you,
That with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you;
Harvesting, milling, for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for your children,
Your wisdom guiding teach us to share
One with another, so that, rejoicing
With us, our brother may know your care.**

**Then will your blessing reach every people;
Each one confessing your gracious hand.
When you are reigning no one will hunger:
Your love sustaining fruitful the land.**

**Think of a world without any flowers,
Think of a world without any trees,
Think of a sky without any sunshine,
Think of the air without any breeze.
We thank You, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,
We thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.**

**Think of a world without any animals,
Think of a field without any herd,
Think of a stream without any fishes,
Think of a dawn without any bird.
We thank You, Lord, for all Your living creatures,
We thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.**

**Think of a world without any people,
Think of a street with no one living there,
Think of a town without any houses,
No one to love and nobody to care.
We thank You, Lord, for families and friendships,
We thank You, Lord, and praise Your holy name.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The notices are given.

HYMN

**You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace
and the mountains and the hills will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

**And the trees of the field will clap their hands.
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And you'll go out with joy.**

WE ARE SENT TO DO GOD'S WORK

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness and the blessing ...

All Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

