

## Harvest festival Eucharist

### First Hymn

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all is 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.
2. All this world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
ripening with a wondrous power,  
till the final harvest hour:  
grant, O Lord of life, that we  
holy grain and pure may be.
3. For we know that thou wilt come,  
and wilt take thy people home;  
from thy field wilt purge away  
all that doth offend that day;  
and thine angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast,  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in thy garner evermore.

4. Come then, Lord of mercy, come,  
bid us sing thy harvest-home;  
let thy saints be gathered in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin:  
all upon the golden floor,  
praising thee forever more:  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
bid us sing thy harvest-home.

*The priest greets everyone*

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

**All Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

*The priest introduces the Eucharist and invites the people to call to mind their sins and ask for God's forgiveness*

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, you give justice to those who are suffering  
and bread to those who are hungry.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you loose those who are bound  
and open the eyes of the blind.

Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land  
and uphold the orphan and the widow.

Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest assures the people of God's forgiveness*

May almighty God have mercy on us,  
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**All Amen**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We sing the Gloria in Excelsis to God's praise*

**All Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## Collect

*The priest introduces a period of silent prayer, after which the collect for the day is prayed.*

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen**

## The Liturgy of the Word

*We hear the first scripture reading, read by Hugh*

A reading from the book Genesis (1.9–13)

“And God said, ‘Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear.’ And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, ‘Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.’ And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees

of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.”

Reader This is the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God**

## Gospel reading

*The priest sings*

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
and increase in our lives the fruit of righteousness.

**All Alleluia!**

*The priest introduces the gospel reading*

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to St Matthew (6.25–end)

**All Glory to you, O Lord**

“Jesus said, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about

clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**All Praise to you, O Christ**

*The Sermon is preached by Barnaby.*

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All 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,  
God from God, 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,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit  
and 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  
and 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 and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in 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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The prayers of intercession are led by Hugh.*

*The following response is used throughout the prayers*

**All** Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

**All** Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The priest introduces the peace:*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:  
'Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you.'  
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your church,  
and graciously grant us the peace and unity  
of your kingdom. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you,  
**and also with you .**

## Preparation of the Table

*As the altar is prepared with offerings of bread and wine we take a moment to remember many blessings God has given us.*

*If you plan to make a financial offering as part of your worship today using our online giving page, now is a good time to do it. Please follow the link in the video description*

*As the bread is placed on the Altar the priest says:*

Blessed are you. Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the bread we offer you: fruit of the earth  
and the work of human hands.  
It will become for us the bread of life.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*As the chalice is placed on the Altar the priest says:*

Blessed are you. Lord God of all creation,  
for through your goodness we have received  
the wine we offer you: fruit of the vine  
and the work of human hands.  
It will become our spiritual drink.

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

*The priest prays over the gifts on the altar*

Lord, may these gifts which we now offer  
to show our belief and our love  
be pleasing to you.  
May they become for us  
the eucharist of Jesus Christ your Son,  
who is Lord for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

Lift up your hearts

**All We lift them to the Lord**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and formed us in your own image.

In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son,  
your eternal Word,  
who laid down his life for our salvation  
and rose from the grave,  
the first-fruits of your new creation.

You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit  
to give life to our mortal bodies  
and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts,  
we give voice to everything that you have made,  
and sing the eternal hymn of praise.

**All Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

*The priest genuflects in adoration*

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

*The priest genuflects in adoration*

Great is the mystery of faith.  
**All Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once  
for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise  
and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread  
and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary the Mother of God,  
St Peter, St Paul,  
St Thomas of Canterbury ,  
the blessed Apostles,  
and all the Saints who have pleased you  
throughout the ages,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen**

## **The Lord's prayer**

Let us pray to our Heavenly Father  
for our daily bread, and for the gift of his Kingdom:

**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**

*As the priest breaks the bread we use the following response:*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup  
**All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

**All O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world  
have mercy on us.**

**O Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world  
grant us your peace.**



## Invitation to Communion

*The priest invites the people to make their spiritual communion,*

Behold the Lamb of God,  
behold him who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*As you look at the sacrament on the altar you might use these words to express your desire to receive Christ into your heart.*

**All My dear Lord Jesus Christ,  
I believe that you are present  
in the most holy sacrament.  
I love you above all things,  
and I desire to receive you into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment  
receive you sacramentally,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
I embrace you as if you were already with me,  
and I unite myself wholly to you.  
Never permit me to be separated from you.  
Amen.**

## Anthem

*As we make our spiritual communion, we hear the choir sing the anthem. Text from Ezekiel 36 plus the refrain from Psalm 136  
Music by John Stainer (1840-1901)*

Ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers;  
His mercy endureth for ever.

And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God,  
His mercy endureth for ever.

I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field.  
His mercy endureth for ever.

Give thanks unto the Lord.  
His mercy endureth for ever.

And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate, in  
the sight of all that passed by.

And they shall say,  
This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden.  
Give thanks unto the Lord.  
His mercy endureth for ever.

## Thanksgiving for the Harvest

*We give thanks to God for his blessing to us. If you are planning to put something in the Number 5 Collection box at Church but haven't got round to doing it yet, perhaps hold your offerings as we pray for God's blessing.*

Let us give thanks to God,  
for the harvests of the earth.  
For the colour and forms of your creation  
and our place within it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food,  
and for those whose work and skill  
bring your good gifts to us,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,  
and their variety and dependability;  
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All your mercy endures for ever.**

For all in whose lives we see  
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,  
and all the fruit of the Spirit,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given,  
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**All your mercy endures for ever.**

*The priest prays for God's blessing on the harvest*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you never cease to bestow your bounty upon us  
giving us the fruits of the earth in their seasons.

We thank you for this year's harvest.

Through these blessings of your goodness  
you have fulfilled the hopes of your children.

Grant that we may praise you for your endless mercy,  
and share your good gifts with all people.

Blessed are you, Lord our God,  
worthy of our thanksgiving and praise.

**All Amen.**

## Final hymn

1. 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.*

2. 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 around us...*

3. 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 to offer,  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us...*

## Blessing and dismissal

The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

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 of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you,  
now and always.

**All Amen.**

*The Eucharist concludes with the following response:*

Freely you have received, freely give.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**All Thanks be to God.**