

The Church of Ireland ~ Diocese of Clogher



ROSSORRY

PARISH CHURCH



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST

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7.00 PM



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HYMN 37

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 the world is God's own field,
fruits 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;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

Words: *Henry Alford (1810-71)*
Music: *George J. Elvey (1816-93)*

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Beloved in Christ,
we come together to offer to Almighty God
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,
to confess our sins and to receive God's forgiveness,
to hear his holy word proclaimed,
to bring before him our needs and the needs of the world,
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit
we may serve him and know the greatness of his love.
Let us confess our sins to God our Father.
Kneel. Silence is kept.

Heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault;
by what we have done
and by what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.

The priest pronounces the absolution.
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD

Stand

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Praise the Lord.
The Lord's name be praised.

Canticle: HYMN 712

Magnificat

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord:
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word,
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name:
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might:
powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word:
firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore.

Words: *Timothy Dudley-Smith* (b. 1926)
based on the Canticle 'Magnificat' (Luke 1:46-55)
Music: *Walter Greatorex* (1877-1949)

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He

brought you water out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, ‘My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.’ ¹⁸ But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126 .

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion .
 - then were we like those who dream.

- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter
 - and our tongue with songs of joy.

- 3 Then said they among the nations,
 - The Lord hath done great things for them.

- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us,
 - And therefore we rejoiced

- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord,
 - as the river beds of the desert.

- 6 Those who sow in tears
 - shall reap with songs of joy.

- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed,
 - Will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

ACCLAMATIONS

Alleluia 3

Gospel Reading

Luke 17: 11-19

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to Luke, Chapter 17,
beginning at verse 11.

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud voice, 'Jesus, Master, have pity on us!'

¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, 'Go, show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were cleansed.

¹⁵ One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him – and he was a Samaritan.

¹⁷ Jesus asked, 'Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?'

¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?'

¹⁹ Then he said to him, 'Rise and go; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Rector

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN 80

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning wth thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness,
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2. Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Words: *Thomas O. Chisholm (1866-1960)*
Music: *W.M. Runyan (1870-1957)*

The Prayers of the People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Kneel



Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation.
O Lord, save the Queen
and grant her government wisdom.

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness
and let your servants shout for joy.

O Lord, save your people
and bless those whom you have chosen.

Give peace in our time, O Lord,
and let your glory be over all the earth.

O God, make clean our hearts within us
and renew us by your Holy Spirit.



The Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and 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 our Lord. **Amen.**

INTERCESSIONS:

(The refrain *Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison* will be sung before the first and after each intercession)

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

Today we give thanks to God for the harvest, for all that our land provides. As we celebrate this day let us offer our prayers to Him assured of his care and attention. We pray on this Harvest Festival Weekend for our Church, may it continue to speak out for social and economic justice across the world, especially in those areas where people's needs far outweigh our own. We pray that as a church we may work for change to ensure that no community may experience hunger, malnutrition or anxiety because of the lack of food.

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

We pray for those in authority and leadership, that they may follow principles of equity and fairness, and that they may be guided by the Holy Spirit to govern wisely as they lead us in responding to the challenges of the current Coronavirus pandemic.

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

We pray for those who work on our land, for farmers, farm labourers, and all those who are connected with them. We pray that they may merit just reward for their efforts whilst striving to protect our countryside and environment from waste, destruction and neglect.

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

We pray for the work of Mission Agencies and other organisations both at home and overseas who are looking to build a better future for others, especially those who are ravaged by natural, human and environmental disasters.

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

We pray for all who are sick, especially those known to us, that they may know the holy and healing touch of Christ upon their lives. And through your Holy Spirit, may they know peace of mind, body and soul.

Kyrie, Kyrie Eleison

The Grace *(sung)*

We conclude our prayers by singing together the Grace

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
Be with us for ever more. Amen*

Going Out as God's People

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

THE BLESSING *(sung Amen)*

HYMN 47

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.

3. We thank you, 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 your love imparts,
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Words: *Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)*
Music: *J.A.P. Schulz (1747-1800)*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

In the name of Christ. Amen

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*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven
above...*

(Hymn 47—Matthias Claudius)



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