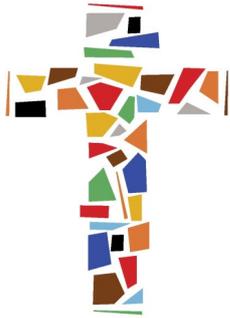


The Church of Ireland ~ Diocese of Clogher



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PARISH CHURCH



Family Service of **Thanksgiving for Harvest**

Sunday 4th October 2020

10.00am

The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity



... to our Service of Thanksgiving for Harvest.

You are very welcome indeed to our Harvest Thanksgiving this morning. We pray that as we gather in Jesus' name, to worship Him, and give Him thanks, we may know His presence with us, and the greatness of His love for each one of us.

At our services this weekend, the offerings will be used to support the work of the Church Mission Agencies supported by this Parish.
Your generous support of their work will be greatly appreciated.



SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING FOR HARVEST

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

HYMN 25

All things bright and beautiful
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

The purple-headed mountains,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God almighty,
who has made all things well.

Words: *Cecil Frances (Fanny) Alexander* (1818-95)
Music: *William Henry Monk* (1823-1889)

PENITENCE

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy..

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

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:
and we shall praise your name.

Jubilate, ev'rybody,
 serve the Lord in all your ways,
 and come before his presence singing:
 enter now his courts with praise.
 For the Lord our God is gracious,
 and his mercy everlasting.
 Jubilate, jubilate, jubilate Deo!

Fred Dunn (1907-1979)

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 26:1-11

When you have entered the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, ² take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land that the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name ³ and say to the priest in office at the time, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.' ⁴ The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. ⁵ Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: 'My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. ⁶ But the Egyptians ill-treated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. ⁷ Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. ⁸ So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. ⁹ He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; ¹⁰ and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me.' Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. ¹¹ Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

ACCLAMATIONS

— ALLELUIA 3

GOSPEL READING

JOHN 6: 25-35

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ according to John, Chapter 6,
beginning at verse 25

²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, ‘Rabbi, when did you get here?’

²⁶ Jesus answered, ‘Very truly I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw the signs I performed but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. ²⁷ Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him God the Father has placed his seal of approval.’

²⁸ Then they asked him, ‘What must we do to do the works God requires?’

²⁹ Jesus answered, ‘The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.’

³⁰ So they asked him, ‘What sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”

³² Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly I tell you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is the bread that comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’

³⁴ ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘always give us this bread.’

³⁵ Then Jesus declared, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION



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

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:

Harvest intercessions

In response to the bidding— 'Gracious Lord'—we respond 'hear our prayer'

Creator God, we pray for those to whom we owe our harvest, all whose work and skill allows us to enjoy the goodness of this world's resources.

Gracious Lord,
hear our prayer

We pray for farmers at this time of difficulty, pressure and change, and of increasing demands.

Grant your help in overcoming the challenges they face.

Gracious Lord,
hear our prayer

We pray for farmers in other countries – who do not have the resources to grow their crops, perhaps dealing with drought, flood or disastrous weather, or ruled by unfair laws and poor reward for their efforts.

Grant them hope, help and justice.

Gracious Lord,
hear our prayer

We pray for those who bring in the harvest of the earth and sea – minerals, oil, gas and fish.

We think especially of those who mine the earth, drill for oil and gas, or fish the seas.

Keep them from all danger and grant them skill, courage and protection.

Gracious Lord,
hear our prayer

We pray for those who make the harvest of technology – scientists, technicians, computer experts and engineers who use their skills to open up new worlds and development our understanding. Grant them wisdom, skill and a sense of responsibility.

Gracious Lord,
hear our prayer

Creator God,

We pray for ourselves as we enjoy the fruits of the harvest you have given us.

Inspire us and guide us that we may be good stewards of all your gifts for the good of all. Make us more generous and thankful.

Gracious Lord,
hear our prayer

OFFERTORY HYMN S15

*(COLLECTION TODAY IN AID OF CHURCH MISSION
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*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His Holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your Holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
it's time to sing your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes:

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger,
your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find:

And on that day when my strength is failing,
the end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,
ten thousand years and then forevermore:

I'll worship your holy name.
Yes, I'll worship your holy name.

Songwriters: Jonas Myrin / Matt Redman

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 - Hymn S104

Now go in peace, now go in love,
From the Father above.
Jesus Christ the Son
Stay with you till the day is done.
Holy Spirit encircle you
In all you think and do.
Once again God's blessing
Be with you. Amen

Michael Mair (b. 1942)

Sentence of scripture

To God, who by the power at work within us,
is able to do far more abundantly

than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations for ever and ever.
Amen

Ephesians 3: 20

Hymn TS2073

The splendour of the King, clothed in majesty;
let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps himself in light and darkness tries to hide,
and trembles at his voice, and trembles at his voice.

*How great is our God, sing with me,
how great is our God, and all will see
how great, how great is our God.*

And age to age he stands, and time is in his hands;
beginning and the end, beginning and the end.
The Godhead, Three-in-One, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.

Name above all names,
worthy of all praise;
my heart will sing:
how great is our God.
(Repeat)

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
in the name of Christ. Amen



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