



... 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

Hymn 37	Come, ye thankful people, come,
	<ol> <li>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.</li> </ol>
	<ol> <li>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;</li> </ol>
	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.
	<ul> <li>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:</li> <li>come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home.</li> </ul>
	Words: Henry Alford (1810-71) Music: GeorgeJ. Elvey (1816-93)

The Lord be with you and also with you.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

## 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. HYMN TS662

Come, now is the time to worship. .....

Come, now is the time to worship. Come, now is the time to give your heart. Come, just as you are to worship. Come, just as you are before your God, come.

One day ev'ry tongue will confess you are God, one day ev'ry knee will bow. Still, the greatest treasure remains for those who gladly choose you now.

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FIRST READING

Exodus 16: 2-5

The first reading is from the Book of Exodus, Chapter 16, reading from verse 2.

<sup>2</sup> In the desert the whole community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. <sup>3</sup> The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the LORD's hand in Egypt! There we sat round pots of meat and ate all the food we wanted, but you have brought us out into this desert to starve this entire assembly to death.'

<sup>4</sup> Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I will rain down bread from heaven for you. The people are to go out each day and gather enough for that day. In this way I will test them and see whether they will follow my instructions. <sup>5</sup> On the sixth day they are to prepare what they bring in, and that is to be twice as much as they gather on the other days.'

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** 

# PSALM 150 (SUNG)

Praise him on the trumpet, the psaltery and harp.

Praise him on the timbrel and the dance,

praise him with stringed instruments too.

Praise him on the loud cymbals, praise him on the loud cymbals.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Alleluia, praise the Lord, alleluia, praise the Lord.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Words & Music: John Kennett Based on Psalm 150

(sung acclaimation)

Gospel Reading

Маттнеw 7: 7-12

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to St. Matthew, Chapter 7, reading from verse 7.

# Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>7</sup> 'Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

<sup>9</sup> 'Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** 

(sung acclaimation)

## HYMN TS367

#### My Jesus, my Saviour

My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord, there is none like you. All of my days I want to praise the wonders of your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength, let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship you.

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing power and majesty, praise to the King. Mountains bow down and the seas will roar at the sound of your name. I sing for joy at the work of your hands. For ever I'll love you, for ever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.

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Sermon

### **Rev. Colin Brownsmith**

**CHOIR ANTHEM** 

'Let all creation sing'

#### 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 S15

#### Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, .....

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: 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.

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

Songwriters: Jonas Myrin / Matt Redman

## 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

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. We remember the example of all the faithful departed, safe in your care. We pray for those that mourn, especially today we remember the Ingram family on their recent loss.

Gracious Lord, hear our prayer

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN TS2073**

(Collection today in aid of Church Mission Agencies supported by this Parish)

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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## 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. Ephesians 3: 20 Amen Hymn 44 Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer, ..... **1.** 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. 2. 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.

**3.** Father, providing food for your children, your wisdom guiding teaches us share one with another, so that, rejoicing, sister and brother may know your care.

4. 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.

> Words: Albert Frederick Bayly (1901-84) altd. Music: Scots Gaelic traditional melody

#### DISMISSAL

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

