

**Harvest Festival**  
**1<sup>st</sup> October 2023**  
**All-Age Eucharist with Baptism**  
**Mass of St Thomas - Thorne**



**Processional Hymn**

*please stand*

**All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluya, alleluya!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:**

**Refrain:**

***O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!***

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluya, Alleluya!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light:**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluya!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, three in One:**

**Introduction**

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*The congregation sit and president introduces the theme of the service.*

## Words Of Praise and Thanksgiving For Harvest

You crown the year with your goodness,  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness,  
**and the hills be girded with joy.**

May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep;  
**and the valleys stand so thick with corn**  
That they shall laugh and sing.

## The Presentation of Harvest Gifts

*The gift of food is brought forward.*

We bring this gift of food and give thanks to God.

O God who has blessed us with the gift of food, we thank you for all those whose work brings it to our tables. For farmers, and factory workers, for fruit pickers and packers.

We give you thanks

**And praise your holy name.**

*The gift of flowers is brought forward.*

We bring this gift of flowers and give thanks to God.

O God who is the Creator of all beautiful things: we offer thanks for the beauty of flowers in park and garden and hedgerow. For the flowers we enjoy in our church and for those who arrange and care for them.

We give you thanks

**And praise your holy name.**

*The gift of water is brought forward.*

We bring this gift of water and give thanks to God.

O God whose spirit hovered over the deep, we thank thee for the gift of water, refreshing, vitalizing and cleansing. For the clean water we drink, the warm water in our baths and showers and washing machines.

We give you thanks

**And praise your holy name.**

## Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,

but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied but ignore the cry of the hungry.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

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

Hear the assurance of God's forgiveness:  
God who is both power and love,  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his spirit  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord  
**Amen.**

## **Gloria**

*please stand*

**Refrain:            Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the Highest.  
                          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.  
                          Refrain**

**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.  
Refrain**

**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.  
Refrain**

## 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.

## The Gospel Reading      **Luke 17.11-19**

*We all stand and turn to face the Deacon as they prepare to read the Gospel*  
*Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia*

*A sentence from scripture is sung and then we respond singing*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## A talk for all ages and prayer

### The Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism

Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome Ela

and uphold her in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*The president addresses Ela's Sponsors*

*The president asks the candidate for baptism:*

Do you wish to be baptised?

*Candidate: I do.*

### The Decision

*The president addresses the congregation and candidate for baptism*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn away from sin?

**I do.**

Do you reject evil?

**I do.**

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**I do.**

Do you trust in him as Lord?

**I do.**

## **Signing with the Cross**

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

*When the candidate has been signed, the president says:*

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

**Amen.**

*Please stand for the procession to the font.*

## **Prayer over the Water**

*The minister stands before the water of baptism and says:*

We praise you, loving Father, for the gift of your Son Jesus.

He was baptised in the River Jordan,

where your Spirit came upon him and revealed him as the Son you love.

He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water that those who are baptised in it may be cleansed in the water of life, and, filled with your Spirit, may know that they are loved as your children, safe in Christ for ever.

**Amen.**

## **Profession of Faith**

Let us affirm together, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**I believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**I believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*The president asks the candidate*

Ela, is this your faith?

Candidate: This is my faith.

## **Baptism**

Ela Marie Winnifred, I baptise you  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace,  
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people  
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

## **The Welcome**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:

*Ela*, by one Spirit we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

## **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.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Offertory Hymn**

*please stand*

*A collection plate will be passed around if you would like to leave a cash donation. Alternatively, please use our contactless card reader in the entrance lobby.*

**For the fruit of his creation,  
thanks be to God.**

**for his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God.**

**for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done.  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done.  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.**

*The president takes the bread and wine and says:*

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

**Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*please stand*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The president praises God for his mighty acts:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper, and we use this acclamation:*

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and ends with praise to God to which everyone responds*

**Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*please sit*

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of Bread**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

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

## **Agnus Dei**

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

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

*Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.*

## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## **The Communion**

Please wait to be called by a sidesperson to receive communion. If you would prefer a blessing simply bring your service booklet with you as a sign.

## **Anthem**

*The Lord is my Shepherd - Goodall*

## **Prayer After Communion**

Lord of the harvest,

with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love made known 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.

Amen.



**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

## **The Notices, Banns of Marriage and The Birthday Slot!** *please sit*

### **Congregational Welcome for The Newly Baptised**

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world  
to the glory of God the Father.**

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism:  
Artie by one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.  
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;  
we are children of the same heavenly Father;  
we welcome you.**

### **The Blessing** *please stand*

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 ...

### **Recessional 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:**

**Refrain:**

***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:  
*Refrain***

**We thank thee then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good;  
The seed-time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
For all thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts:  
*Refrain***

## **Dismissal**

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **Organ Voluntary**