

# Harvest Festival

## *Supporting Christian Aid*



**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2021**

## **Welcome**

*The congregation is welcomed informally before the service.*

## **Processional Hymn** *please stand*

**All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing:  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

***O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, Alleluia!**

**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,  
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show:**

**And ye that are of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care:**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
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 the president introduces the theme of the service.*

## **Words of Acclamation**

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.  
**Alleluia!**

## **The Presentation of Harvest Gifts**

**The gifts of food, flowers and water are each brought forward.**  
*With each bidding we respond:*

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.  
*With each bidding we respond:*

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

## **Absolution**

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  
Amen.**

## 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.**

## Gospel Reading

*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

We welcome Brian Martin from Christian Aid.

## The Prayers

Lord of the Harvest,  
**Hear our prayer.**

**The Peace**      *please stand*

*The president introduces the peace with a sentence.*

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*

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

**For the fruits 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 men are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
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 men are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of his Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good all men 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 thanks God for the gifts:*

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.

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

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 and we all sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, 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**      *The choir sings:*

*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**

*The president says an invitation to 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.**

**Amen.**

*We are invited to receive communion or a blessing. (If you would prefer a blessing, simply bring your service booklet with you as a sign.)*

## **The Communion**

*Please wait to be called by a sidesperson. You will be guided to follow the walking route of the church.*

**Anthem**      *please sit*

*During the distribution of communion the choir and choristers sings the Anthem:*

*The Heavens are Telling - Haydn*

## **Prayer After Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said followed by*

**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 and Banns Of Marriage

*please sit*

## The Blessing

*please stand*

## 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.**

*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 wind and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us his children,  
he gives our daily bread.**

*All good gifts...*

**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.**

*All good gifts...*

## **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.**