

Harvest Family and Parade Service

10am, Sunday 4th October 2026

Welcome to St Augustine's Church for this special service for Harvest.

As our service begins, we stand to sing...

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.**

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest hour:
grant, O Lord of life, that we,
holy grain and pure may be.**

**Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home:
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin:
all upon the golden floor,
praising thee forever more:
come, with all thine angels come,
Bid us sing thy harvest-home.**

Henry Alford (1810-71)

The Greeting

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

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All And also with you.

Please be seated.

Words of welcome are offered.

The Confession

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

All forgive us and help us.

When we have enjoyed the fruits of the harvest, but forgotten that
you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

When we have ignored the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

When we have been thoughtless, and not cared enough for the world
you have made. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

When we have stored up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were
no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:

All forgive us and help us.

The priest proclaims God's forgiveness in the words of the Absolution.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness,
and you 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 your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

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

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

We thank thee 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 thy love imparts,
and what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

Matthias Claudius

The Reading – Luke 12:16-30

A reading from the Gospel of Luke

Jesus he told a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.” But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

He said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Talk

Offering our Harvest Gifts

Gifts of food for HARP are brought up to the front of church. Gifts of money for HARP can be placed in the collection plate during the next hymn – or you can use the card reader after the service.

All **Father in heaven, all good gifts come from you.
You send the sunshine and the rain,
and it is through your love and care
that we have food to eat and a harvest to celebrate.
Thank you for providing so richly for our needs
and help us to generously share the good things we have
with those who have little or nothing.
Amen.**

Prayers

The following response is used...

Lord of the harvest.

All **Hear our prayer.**

The Peace

Please stand.

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.

All **And also with you.**

We share the Peace and then remain standing to sing.

During this hymn a collection is taken.

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.

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

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

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

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

All things bright...

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-95)

The Preparation of The Table

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

And now we give you thanks because you make us stewards of your creation, to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power. You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels in praising you:

**All (said) 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.**

Please be seated.

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with St Augustine and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our saviour taught us, so we pray,

**All 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.**

Breaking of the Bread and the Invitation

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

The Agnus Dei is said:

**All 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.**

All whose habit it is to receive Holy Communion are welcome to receive here this morning. You will be invited to go forward. If you would rather receive a blessing, please bring a service sheet with you as a sign for the priest that this is your wish.

As we receive, we sing...

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.**

**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.**

**Father, providing
Food for your children,
Your wisdom guiding
Teaches us share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, our brother
May know your care.**

**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.**

Albert F. Bayly

The Prayers After Communion

Lord of the Harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and 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

All Amen.

**All 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.**

Notices are given, birthdays or other celebrations marked, and then we stand to sing...

Cauliflowers Fluffy and cabbages green,

Strawberries sweeter than any I've seen,

Beetroot purple and onions white,

All grow steadily day and night.

The apples are ripe the plums are red,

Broad beans are sleeping in their blankety beds.

Blackberries juicy and rhubarb sour,

Marrow fattening hour by hour,

Gooseberries hairy and lettuces fat,

Radishes round and runner beans flat.

The apples are ripe the plums are red,

Broad beans are sleeping in their blankety beds.

Orangey carrots and turnips cream,

Reddening tomatoes that used to be green,

Brown potatoes in little heaps,

Down in the darkness where the celery sleeps.

The apples are ripe the plums are red,

Broad beans are sleeping in their blankety beds. (Yeah!)

Hugh Mitchell (music) and V.P. Mitchell (lyrics)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord God fill your stomach with good things,
your life with his love,
and your heart with generosity and kindness to those in need,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

We go into the world to walk in God's light,
to rejoice in God's love, and to reflect God's glory.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stay for refreshments.

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