

St Mary the Virgin Mortlake

Harvest Festival

Worship for All



Being Thankful

27 September 2020 at 10am

THE GATHERING

Welcome *by a Churchwarden of St Mary's*

Hymn Come ye thankful people, come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be 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;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From His field shall purge away
All that doth offend that day
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In God's garner to abide;
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

The Greeting

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.

Informal words of greeting are said

Confession

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 sometimes ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are sometimes thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

Absolution

May the God of love and power 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

Collect (Prayer) for Harvest

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

Hymn (played and sung by the Band): 461 For the fruits of his creation

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 we 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 we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of his 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.

Fred Pratt Green (b.1903)

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading Matthew 6: 25—33

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord

Jesus said 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord **All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Talk (*Canon Ann Nickson*)

Prayers for Ourselves and Other People

As each section is offered, in response to: Lord, in your mercy,
we say: **hear our prayer**

The prayers end with:

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

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

We exchange a non-tactile sign of peace

Preparation of the Table

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Hymn:

God in his love for us lent us this planet,
gave it a purpose in time and in space:
small as a spark from the fire of creation,
cradle of life and the home of our race.

Thanks be to God for its bounty and beauty,
life that sustains us in body and mind:
plenty for all, if we learn how to share it,
riches undreamed of to fathom and find.

Long have our human wars ruined its harvest;
long has earth bowed to the terror of force;
long have we wasted what others have need of,
poisoned the fountain of life at its source.

Earth is the Lord's: it is ours to enjoy it,
ours, as his stewards, to farm and defend.
From its pollution, misuse, and destruction,
good Lord, deliver us, world without end.

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Taking of the Bread and Wine

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Prayer D

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

Who was and is and is to come

Holy, holy is the Lord

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.
To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks,
broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us
and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts
we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.**

Amen.

Silence is kept

We sit or kneel for:

The Lord's Prayer

**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 the 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 (sung):

**Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord
Worthy is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
Worthy, worthy is the Lord**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to receive Communion:

The gifts of God, for the people of God, to the glory of God
Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father

During Communion, the band will play "Rejoice in the Lord"
by Thomas Weelkes (1576-1623)

Rosie and Amelia will sing "Who put the colours in the rainbow?"
by Paul Booth (1931-1995) [© CopyCare].

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 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.

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body, live his risen life;
we who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE DISMISSAL

Notices

Blessing *(Please stand)*

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn (Played by the band) We plough the fields and scatter

Sending Out

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