HARVEST SUNDAY 11th October 2020

Welcome

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

Hymn

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!

We ourselves are 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 his 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 his 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 for ever purified in God's garner to abide: come, ten thousand angels, come, raise the glorious harvest-home

Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Penitence

Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled, As brothers and sisters in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.



We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Prayer for the Day

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

First Reading Deuteronomy 8: 7 - 18

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land – a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig-trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Hymn

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, sister and brother may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people; each one confessing your gracious hand: where you are reigning no one will hunger, your love sustaining fruitful the land.

Gospel Reading Luke 12: 13 - 21 Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them 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 toward God."

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

Address Revd Geoff Jaques

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God. We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn (Sung twice)

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One, Give thanks because he's given Jesus, Christ, his Son. And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say' I am rich, Because of what the Lord has done for us. And now let the weak say, "I am strong", Let the poor say' I am rich, Because of what the Lord has done for us

Prayers & The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies, Lord of all, to thee we raise~. this our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour~ of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above, offering up on every shore her pure sacrifice of love, Lord of all, to thee we raise~ this our sacrifice of praise.



Banns & Notices

Blessing

Dismissal

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