

## Benefice of Rowde and Bromham



## Harvest

*Please use this service on your own for private prayer, or together with others in online worship through “zoom” on 26-09-21*

Informal Morning Worship

*We say together the words printed in **bold**.*

### *The Greeting*

*The minister greets the people and says*

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

**All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.**

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

**All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.**

Open our lips, Lord:

**All and we shall praise your name.**

### *Opening Prayer*

**All** Come, Holy Spirit,  
fill the hearts of your faithful people,  
and kindle in us the fire of your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *Optional music/poem or silence for reflection*

### *Prayers of Penitence*

**All** God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said  
and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,  
and nourish *you* with his blessing;  
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;  
the Lord accept *your* prayers, and absolve *you* from your offences,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

**All** Amen.

### *The Collect*

Creator God,  
you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea,  
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

**All** Amen.

*Matthew 6.25-33*

‘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 word of the Lord.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

*Thought for the Day*

*Affirmation of Faith*

***All* We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
**All God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
**All Through him all things were made.**

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

**All For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.**

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;

**All he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
**All the Lord, the giver of life,**

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

**All With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the prophets.

**All We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**All We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## *Hymn*

- 1      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.
  
- 2      All the world is God's own field,  
         fruit as praise to God we yield;  
         wheat and tares together sown  
         are to joy or sorrow grown;  
         first the blade and then the ear,  
         then the full corn shall appear;  
         Lord of harvest, grant that we  
         wholesome grain and pure may be.
  
- 3      For the Lord our God shall come,  
         and shall take the harvest home;  
         from the field shall in that day  
         all offenses purge away,  
         giving angels charge at last  
         in the fire the tares to cast;  
         but the fruitful ears to store  
         in the garner evermore.

Henry Alford (1844)

## *Prayers of Intercession*

In our prayers, the following response may be used

Risen Lord

**Hear our prayer.**

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Gathering our prayers and praise into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**All** 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.

## *Praise*

The love of God has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**All** We dwell in him and he in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name,

**All** make known his deeds among the peoples.

Sing to him, sing praises to him,

**All** and speak of all his marvellous works.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty,

**All** who was and is and is to come.

## *The Peace*

We are baptized into Christ:  
let us live in the Spirit of Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace – we wave at each other!!*

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