



Sharing Christ in the Community

Harvest Family Communion

Sunday 11th October 2026 at 10.00am

Thanksgiving

Please stand

For the warmth of the sun,
Father in heaven,

we give you thanks and praise.

For the rain which makes things grow,
Father in heaven,

we give you thanks and praise.

For the flowers and the animals,
Father in heaven,

we give you thanks and praise.

For all your gifts,
Father in heaven,

we give you thanks and praise.

Song

**Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
fruit and crops are gathered in,
safe before the storms begin.
God our maker will provide
for our needs to be supplied;
come, with all his people, come,
raise the song of harvest home.**

**All the world is God's own field,
harvests for his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown
here for 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.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come,
bring your final harvest home;
gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there together purified,
ever thankful at your side;
come, with all your angels come,
bring that glorious harvest home.**

*Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871) In this version The Jubilate Group
Music: George Job Elvey (1816-93) CCLI number 50200*

We say Sorry

Please sit down

We say sorry to God for the things we have done wrong:

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 food fairly.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

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

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Harvest Prayer

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.**

Talk – Part 1

Bible Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14 *Please stand*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.

At the end the reader says:
This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk – Part 2

Song

**Cabbages and greens,
broccoli and beans,
cauliflower and roasted potatoes -
taste so good to me!
Apricots and plums,
ripened in the sun,
oranges and yellow bananas -
good for everyone!**

***It's another Harvest Festival, when we bring our fruit and
vegetables,
'cause we want to share the best of all the good things that
we've been given.
It's another opportunity, to be grateful for the food we eat,
with a samba celebration to say thank you to God the Father.***

**Golden corn and wheat,
oats and sugar beet,
fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti -
wonderful to eat!
Coffee, cocoa, tea,
growing nat'rally.
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices -
very nice indeed!**

**Thank you for the harvest,
thank you for your goodness,
for all of the fruit and vegetables
and the wonderful things that grow. [Repeat]**

**Cabbages and greens,
broccoli and beans,
cauliflower and roasted potatoes -
taste so good to me!
Apricots and plums,
ripened in the sun,
oranges and yellow bananas -
good for everyone!**

It's another.....

The Creed

Please stand

**Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?**

We believe and trust in him.

**Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us, and rose again?**

We believe and trust in him.

**Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God,
and makes Christ known in the world?**

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

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

Prayers led by children from St John's School

Please sit down

At the end we say:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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
and also with you.

Song

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends

Peace, perfect, peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Love, perfect, love is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Love, perfect love, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Faith, perfect faith, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.

Hope, perfect hope, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

**Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Joy, perfect joy, is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

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Prayer of Thanksgiving and Remembrance *Please stand*

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

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.

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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 all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit down

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

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.**

The Giving of Communion

Prayer after Communion

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.**

**By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Song

**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 around us....

**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;
we come now, Lord, to give you
our humble, thankful hearts.**

All good gifts around us...

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The Blessing and Going out to Serve God

May God's joy be in our hearts. May God's peace be in our world.

May God's love be known among us

and the blessing... **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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