



HOLY INNOCENTS KINGSBURY

12TH OCTOBER 2025

HARVEST FESTIVAL

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand, if you are able, when the bell rings

WE GATHER

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.

God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, we may share abundantly in every good work.

cf. 2 Corinthians 9.8



WELCOME & PRESENTATION OF HARVEST GIFTS

Let us bring our gifts to the Lord
that they may be used for his glory.

May the Spirit of God fill our hearts
as we come to meet him in this place.

*Please remain standing, if you are able,
as we gather the gifts brought today to place them at the high altar*

Processional hymn:

1 Come, sing the praise of Jesus,
sing his love with hearts aflame,
sing his wondrous birth of Mary
when to save the world he came;
tell the life he lived for others
and his mighty deeds proclaim,
for Jesus Christ is King.

***Praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
for Jesus Christ is King!***

2 There's joy for all who serve him,
more than human tongue can say;
there is pardon for the sinner,
and the night is turned to day;
there is healing for our sorrows,
there is music all the way,
for Jesus Christ is King.

*Praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
for Jesus Christ is King!*

3 To Jesus be the glory,
the dominion and the praise;
he is Lord of all creation,
he is guide of all our ways,
and the world shall be his empire
in the fullness of the days,
for Jesus Christ is King.

*Praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
praise and glory be to Jesus,
for Jesus Christ is King!*

*Jack Copley Winslow (1882-1974)
AM 617*

Creator God, who has blessed us with the gift of food:
we offer thanks for the skill and perseverance of the farmer,
and for gifts of fertility and growth.

We pray that you will so implant your word in us, that our faith may grow to full maturity and our lives bring forth much fruit in good works.

Generous God, as once you multiplied the five loaves and two fishes, multiply the gifts each of us brings, that from our sharing together blessings may flow.

May these gifts we offer be used to glorify your name in this world.

Amen

WE CONFESS

*Please sit as we take a moment to remember the ways in which our words,
actions and thoughts have separated us from God and from each other.*

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Father, in all things you are generous towards us,
yet we have sown sparingly;
Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**



Jesus, you show us the way of humility, yet we have given
reluctantly;

Christ, have mercy; **Christ, have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace, yet we have loved grudgingly;
Lord, have mercy; **Lord, have mercy.**



Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth,
strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COLLECT (*a special prayer for today*)

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.



WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Remain seated as we listen to a reading from the Bible

FIRST READING (*Philippians 4.4-9*)

A reading from the letter to the Philippians.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Please stand, if you are able, to sing

Gradual hymn:

**1 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.**

*Chorus: All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

2 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. *Chorus:*

3 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.

Chorus:

*By Wir pfluegen und wir streuen Matthias Claudius
(1740-1815)*

Tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878) AM 292

GOSPEL READING (*John 6.25-35*)

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



²⁵ When [the Disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the lake, they said to him, ‘Rabbi, when did you come here?’ ²⁶ Jesus answered them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’ ²⁸ Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’ ²⁹ Jesus answered them, ‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’ ³⁰ So they said to him, ‘What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?’ ³¹ Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, “He gave them bread from heaven to eat.”’ ³² Then Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ ³⁴ They said to him, ‘Sir, give us this bread always.’

³⁵ Jesus said to them, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

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

TALK

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

Please stand, if you are able, as we give thanks to God

Blessed are you, Holy God,
creator, redeemer and life-giver; you have spoken the world into being
and filled it with wonder and beauty.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God, for people of every language and culture
and for the rich variety you give to life.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God, for Jesus Christ our Saviour,
truly divine and truly human, living and dying for us,
and going before us into heaven.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Holy God, for your Spirit,
the fire of love burning in our hearts,
bringing us to faith, and calling us to holiness
in the Church and in the world.

For every blessing we have received
we give you thanks and praise.

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

*Remain standing as we affirm our faith in God: the Father who made us and loves us; Jesus
Christ his Son, who came among us to reveal that love; and the Holy Spirit, who sustains us
and enables us to share God's love with others:*

**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.**



WE PRAY

*Please sit or kneel as we pray for the church, the world, the local community,
those who suffer and those who have died.*

This response may be used:

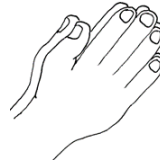
Lord, in your mercy; **Hear our prayer.**

And at the end:

Merciful Father:

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.



THE PEACE

Please stand as we share the peace

The Spirit brings love, generosity and peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.



OFFERTORY HYMN:

During this hymn there may be a collection for the work of the church; please give as generously as you can

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,**

*Chorus: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

**2 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:**

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

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

**5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love:**

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)
AM537*

WE SHARE IN COMMUNION (THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER)

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.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross
and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation,
as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature
under heaven, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine
outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to
them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.



When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you,
gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new
covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.



So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Offering ourselves into the hands of God,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.



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.

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.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**



All are welcome; if you usually receive communion you are welcome to receive here. If you have not received communion (the bread/wine) before, or you do not wish to do so today, please do still come forward and carry this service book or bow your head and the priest will pray a blessing for you instead

Please sit while you wait to come forward and after returning to your seat.

PRAYER 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

NOTICES

WE GO OUT

Please stand for the blessing, final hymn and dismissal.

May God the Father, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, provide us with all we need for life in its fullness.

Amen.

May God the Son, who fed the five thousand and turned water into wine, feed us with his life and transform us in his love.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form us in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2 Thou rushing wind that art so
strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee
grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5 Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

William Henry Draper (1855-1933)
based on St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
AM 532*

We turn to face the door of the church as we are sent out in God's name.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

PLEASE DO STAY FOR REFRESHMENTS AFTER THE SERVICE

NOTICES

Birthday Song

Happy Birthday to you,
Dear Jesus loves you,
God's mercies and blessings
Rain down upon you

Modern Slavery

Thank you to Margaret Beels for her talk last Sunday about Modern Slavery.
To raise concerns you can call the UK Modern Slavery & Exploitation helpline on 08000 121 700 or online here:

<https://www.modernslaveryhelpline.org/>

You can find out more about how to spot the signs here <https://www.unseenuk.org/about-modern-slavery/> and through The Clewer Initiative: <https://clewer.org.uk/>

SERVICES TODAY

10.00am Harvest Festival (Eucharist)

SERVICES THIS WEEK

Tuesday 10.00am Morning Prayer

Thursday 10.00am Said Eucharist

NEXT SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

– TRINITY 18

8.30am Said Eucharist

10.00am Eucharist

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Genesis 32.22–31; Psalm 121; 2

Timothy 3.14 – 4.5; Luke 18.1–8

For your prayers: Ivy; Phyllis; Marylin; Coral; Robin; Ann; Desmond; Sam; Winfield; Heather; Jean.

Anniversary of death: Jack Vincent; Arthur Lawson; Vera Strahan; Brian Sullivan.

Diary of upcoming events: for details see notices above/below or signs in church.

Day	Date	Time	EVENT	Place
Wednesday	15 th October	2.30-3.30pm	PRAYER GROUP	Church
Saturday	29 th November	10am-4pm	CHRISTMAS FAYRE	Church Hall

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