



ST MARGARET'S ILKLEY



Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.

A Harvest Thanksgiving *Caring for God's Creation*

Sunday 4 October 2026, 10.45 am

WELCOME

You are very welcome to St Margaret's today. If it is your first time with us, please introduce yourself to the clergy and welcomers. Please see the separate pew sheet for the church diary and notices of upcoming services and events.

Please note that our service is broadcast on our YouTube channel, but only the faces of those in the first few rows at the front will occasionally be visible. The administration of holy communion is not broadcast. Please speak to one of the welcomers if you have any questions.

To receive communion, please follow the directions of the welcomers. If you are not a member of the Church of England, but normally receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you and hold it in your hands. We do not dip the host in the chalice. Please let a welcomer know before the service if you require a gluten-free host.

This symbol ✝ indicates where worshippers traditionally make the sign of the cross.

Harvest Thanksgiving. Each year we celebrate a Harvest Thanksgiving to give thanks for the generosity of God, and all the good gifts of his creation. We also reflect on the way human beings squander and exploit what has been entrusted to them, and fail to share its fruits justly.

In this service we have the opportunity to reflect on how we are caring for God's creation. We are glad to be joined by a representative from A Rocha, "a Christian charity working to protect and restore the natural world and committed to equipping Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment."

Donations. Our collection this morning will go to support the work of A Rocha, and we hope you will feel inspired by our worship today to donate towards this worthy cause. *If you wish to make a donation to the church separately, please mark this clearly on an envelope, or on one of the Gift Aid sheets by the card reader, which can be posted into the large safe.*

Lunch. After the service, all are welcome to the hall for our bring-and-share harvest lunch.

THE GATHERING

Stand at the sound of the bell

HYMN 261 (omit v 3) *To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise*

To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
In hymns of adoration;
To thee bring sacrifice of praise
With shouts of exultation.
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
The hills with joy are ringing,
The valleys stand so thick with corn
That even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,
Thy bounteous hand confessing,
Upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
The first-fruits of thy blessing;
Be thee the souls of men are fed
With gifts of grace supernal;
Thou who dost give us daily bread,
Give us the bread eternal.

O blessèd is that land of God,
Where saints abide for ever;
Where golden fields spread fair and broad,
Where flows the crystal river:
The strains of all its holy throng
With ours to-day are blending;
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song
Which never hath an ending.

W Chatterton Dix

Arthur Sullivan

GREETING

Priest **†** In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

The priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the liturgy

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Deacon On this day on which we celebrate the bountiful goodness of the Lord in the gifts of his creation, let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Silence is kept

Lord, you visit the earth and bless it, and make it very plenteous; yet we take for granted the good gifts of your creation. We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you provide for the earth, you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase; yet we squander its fruitfulness. We confess to you our failure to share the earth's bounty fairly. Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty; yet still the poor cry out for justice, and your children go hungry. We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

Priest Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, † pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



The musical score for 'Gloria in Excelsis' is written on ten staves of music. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words in parentheses indicating optional or alternative phrasing. The music features various rhythmic values, including eighth, quarter, and half notes, as well as rests. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) on the staves. The lyrics are as follows:

Glo-ry to God in the high-est and
peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al-
migh-ty God and Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, (we wor - ship
you,) we give you thanks (we give you thanks,) we praise you
for your glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ,
on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are sea-ted at the
right hand of the Fa-ther; re - ceive our prayer.
For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the

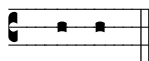
Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, —
 — with the Ho - ly Spi - rit † in the glo - ry of God the
 Fa - ther. A - men, a - men, a - men.

COLLECT

Priest Let us pray.

Silence is kept

God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun
 and prosper with your blessing all human labour: make us
 wise and faithful stewards of your gifts that we may serve
 the common good, maintain the fabric of our world and seek
 that justice where all may share the good things you pour
 upon us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is
 alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
 God, now and for ever.



All Amen.

Sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Job 12. 7 - 10

A reading from the book of Job.

Ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

Reader For the word of the Lord:
All thanks be to God.

Stand

HYMN (tune 320 (i)) *Take up the song*

Take up the song, sing praise to God in heaven,
Who gave the world its skies and lands and seas,
And filled creation with a wealth of creatures;
Our God be praised for wondrous gifts like these!

Take up the song, sing praise to God in heaven,
Who gave the power of choice to humankind,
That we might rule the earth as caring servants,
And so find joy in all that God designed.

Take up the song, sing praise to God in heaven,
With music make both earth and heaven ring,
For God is good and loves his whole creation;
So now to him all thanks and praises bring!

Rae E Whitney (altered)

Richard Runciman Terry

Turn to face the Book of the Gospels as it is carried in procession

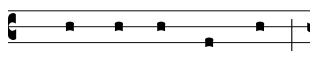
Choir Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.



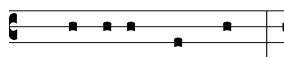
All Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Choir Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.

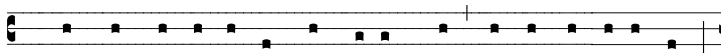
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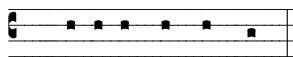
Deacon The Lord be with you.



All And also with you.



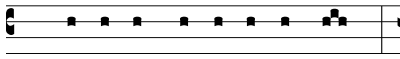
Deacon † Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St John.



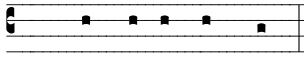
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming towards him, Jesus said to Philip, 'Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?' He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, 'Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 'There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?' Jesus said, 'Make the people sit down.' Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted.

When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.' So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets.



Deacon This is the Gospel of the Lord.



All Praise to you, O Christ.

Turn back as an organ fanfare is played

Sit after the prayer

TALK

Stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

All **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?

All **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?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Priest Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

Kneel

One of these responses, or other suitable responses, may be used:

I:	II:	III:
Lord, in your mercy:	Lord, hear us:	Let us pray to the Lord:
hear our prayer.	Lord, graciously hear us.	Lord, have mercy.

At the end:

Priest Source of all life and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

PEACE

Priest 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.

All And also with you.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace with their neighbours

During the hymn the altar is prepared and a collection is taken

- *Cash may be given via the bags circulated during the hymn*
- *To donate digitally, please use the card readers by the entrance to church or in the parish hall, or scan the QR code at the end of this order of service with your phone. **Thank you for your gift.***

HYMN (tune 436) *Gracious God, in adoration*

Gracious God, in adoration
Saints with joy before you fall;
Only when our hearts are leaden
Can we fail to know their call:
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness
God whose power created all.'

Earth and sky in silent praises
Speak to those with eyes to see;
All earth's living creatures echo
'God has made us!' So may we
Come with wonder, serve with gladness
Him through whom they came to be.

You have made us in your image,
Breathed your Spirit, given us birth;
Jesus calls, whose cross has given
Every life eternal worth,
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
Let God's will be done on earth!'

Earth by war and want is threatened;
Deep the roots of fear and greed;
Let your mercy be our measure
As we see our neighbour's need,
Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
Share your gift of daily bread.

Holy Spirit, urging, striving,
Give us love that casts out fear,
Courage, seeking peace with justice,
Faith to make this message clear—
'Come with wonder, serve with gladness,
Live in hope; the Lord is near!'

Basil Bridge

John Goss

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Priest As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All Amen.

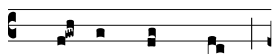
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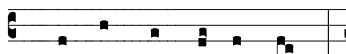
Priest The Lord be with you.



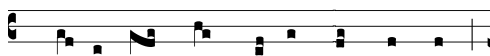
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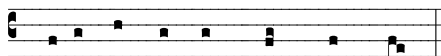
Priest Lift up your hearts.



All We lift them to the Lord.



Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest 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 singing:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *Christopher Rathbone: Marlborough Mass*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

Lord, God of power and might, hea-ven and

earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san- na, ho - san- na,

ho - san- na in the high - est.

✠ Bless-ed is he who comes, who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho -

san- na, ho - san- na in the high - est.

Kneel

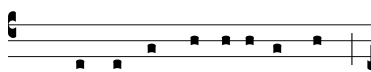
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

Priest 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.

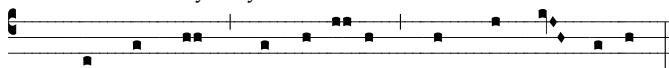
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me. ✠

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.



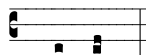
Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.



All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Margaret, and 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.



All Amen.

Silence is kept

LORD'S PRAYER

Priest

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

All

Our Father, who art in heav'n, hallowed be thy name;

thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heav'n.

Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,

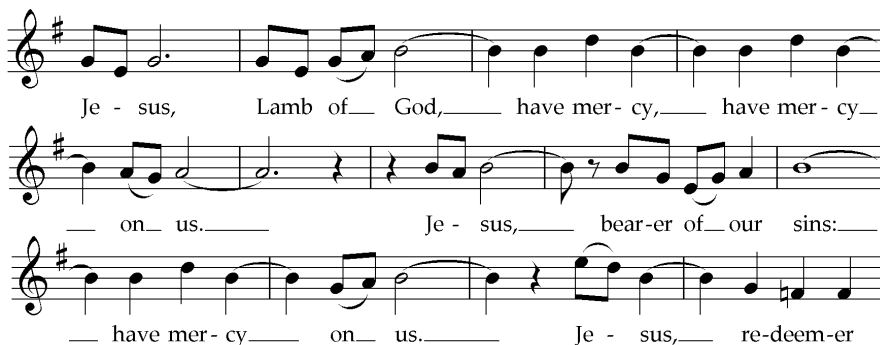
as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not

into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

AGNUS DEI

Christopher Rathbone: Marlborough Mass



Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy, have mer - cy —
 — on us. — Je - sus, bear-er of our sins: —
 — have mer - cy — on us. — Je - sus, re-deem-er



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Priest † Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

The people receive communion

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- *If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please bring this booklet with you and hold it in your hands*
- *If you are currently unconfirmed in your faith and would like to enter more deeply into your relationship with God, please speak to the priest about the sacrament of confirmation after the service*

The choir sings during the administration of communion

MOTET *All things bright and beautiful*

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning,
That brightens up the sky;

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, —
He made them every one;

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

C F Alexander

John Rutter

Remain seated for the hymn

HYMN 285 (i) *For the beauty of the earth*

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 ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

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 that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:

F S Pierpoint

Geoffrey Shaw, adapted from a folk song

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Priest Let us pray.

Stand

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.

All Amen.

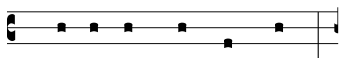
BLESSING

Priest The Lord be with you.

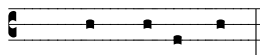
All And also with you.

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on you his care and increase the harvest of your righteousness; and the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.



Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.



All Thanks be to God.

HYMN A&M 546 (omit v 3) *O Lord my God*

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
‘How great thou art! How great thou art!’*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home—what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, ‘My God, how great thou art!’

Stuart K Hine

ORGAN *Voluntary op 6 no 6*

John Stanley

Please stay for our lunch in the Parish Hall

*Please take this booklet home with you as an
aid for prayer and reflection through the week*

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