

The Parish Church  
of  
St Richard, Aldwick



Parish Eucharist

Harvest



# **The Gathering**

## **The Greeting**

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.**

## **Opening Hymn**

### **Receiving the gifts**

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,  
gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.

### **Thanksgiving for harvest gifts**

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.  
For the colour and forms of creation and our place within it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food,  
and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us,  
we bring our thanks. good Lord:

**Your mercy endures for ever.**

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;  
for insight and imagination,  
for the skills of research  
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:

**Your mercy endures for ever**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons.  
and their variety and dependability;  
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord;  
**Your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given,  
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord:  
**Your mercy endures for ever.**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

**Lord, direct our thoughts,  
teach us to pray,  
and lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

My brothers and sisters,  
as we share today in this celebration of all good things  
God has given us,  
let us confess our sin, and the sins of our society,  
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.  
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.  
Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God  
and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins  
and bring us to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*In celebration of the forgiveness given, we sing together:*

*Refrain:*

*Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

*Refrain*

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

*Refrain*

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.**

*Refrain*

## **The Collect**

*We say together the Collect, which can be found in the Pews Sheet.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Readings**

At the end of the Old Testament and New Testament readings,  
the reader says:

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to (N).

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **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.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*These responses may be used.*

|                         |      |                                  |
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| Lord, in your mercy     | (or) | Lord, hear us.                   |
| <b>hear our prayer.</b> |      | <b>Lord, graciously hear us.</b> |

*and at the end*

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is  
love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn

## Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

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

or

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.**

Almighty God, good Father to us all,  
your face is turned towards your world.  
in love you gave us Jesus your Son  
to rescue us from sin and death.  
Your word goes out to call us home  
to the city where angels sing your praise.  
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks  
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as our light.  
With signs of faith and words of hope  
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
hosanna in the highest.**

The crowd came out to see your Son,  
yet at the end they turned on him.  
On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends  
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.  
**This is our song:  
hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;  
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:  
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;  
he took the cup, gave it and said:  
This is my blood, shed for you all  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is his story.

**This is our song:  
hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate the cross  
on which he died to set us free.  
Defying death he rose again  
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is his story.

**This is our song:  
hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now  
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ  
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food  
offer ourselves to live for you  
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven  
where all creation worships you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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 of the Bread**

*The priest 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.**

## **Giving of Communion**

Come to this table not because you must,  
but because you may.  
Come because you love the Lord a little  
and want to love him more.  
Come because he loves you  
and gave his life for you.

## **The Agnus Dei:**

**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.**

*The priest and people receive communion. If you come forward for a blessing, please keep your hands by your sides.  
Authorised words of distribution are used and each communicant replies:*

**Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post Communion Prayer is said, which can be found in the Pews Sheet.*

*Followed by:*

**Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

### **Notices**

### **Final Hymn**

### **The Blessing**

May God our creator,  
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,  
bestow on you his care  
and increase the harvest of your righteousness.  
Bless, we pray, all who distribute and receive these gifts  
and touch their lives with the promise of your kingdom  
and the true hope of glory.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Freely you have received, freely give.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**







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