

The Parish Church of St John
in the Yealands

Harvest Festival



The Eucharist

Sunday 25th September 2022

Welcome to St John's Church and our worship today

We gather as God's people to celebrate together the Eucharist for Harvest Festival.

- Large print service booklets and weekly sheets are available.
- We have a hearing loop for assistance to those with a hearing aid.
- If you need to, please sit down at any point in the service, even if most people are standing. It is more important for you to be comfortable and safe.
- At the Peace you are invited to acknowledge the presence of Christ in your neighbour with a visual sign of peace.
- Communion is offered in both kinds (bread and wine). It is perfectly valid to receive communion in one kind (bread only) and you may prefer to continue to do this.
- If you wish to come forward to receive a blessing please keep your arms by your side or folded across your chest to indicate this.
- Follow the directions of the Welcomers when coming forward for Communion;

Thank you for your financial support of God's Church here at St John's. If you wish to make a donation at this service, the collection is received during the offertory hymn. If you give online small cards are available to place in the collection basket to represent your giving.

If you wish to give online today please use the SumUp contactless card reader at the back of the church.

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Financial donations are invited in support of
the Bishop's Harvest Appeal which this year
is supporting the
**Mothers' Union Literacy and Numeracy Project
in Burundi**

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St John's Hospice, Lancaster



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The Gathering

The people are greeted informally.

Hymn Come, ye thankful people come

During this hymn people are invited to bring forward their harvest gifts as an expression of our thankfulness to God for all that God provides for our daily needs.

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home:
all be 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 unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home,
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,

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there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford

The Greeting

The presiding minister says

We meet in the name of the living God,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life.

All Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you:

All and also with you.

We acknowledge our harvest gifts and say

**All We bring these gifts to God
in thankfulness for the harvest:
God has given us everything we need.**

God, our Father in heaven,
who created us and sustains our life,
accept these harvest gifts as a sign of our appreciation
for your unfailing love.

May they bring blessing to the people who receive them;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**All 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.**

A minister introduces the confession with these words

As those who know the generosity of God,
let us confess our sin,
especially the ways in which we take creation
and God's gifts for granted.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share you bounty with all of your children.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

The presiding minister assures us that God loves us and forgives us

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins
and bring us to everlasting life.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria

We praise God as we say

All **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.
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;**

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you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
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.
Amen.

The Collect

The presiding minister invites us to pray together

All **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 this planet and its peoples;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn Think of a world

1 Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a world without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.
We thank you, Lord,
for flow'rs and trees and sunshine,
we thank you, Lord,
and praise your holy name.

2 Think of a world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.

We thank you, Lord,
for all your living creatures,
we thank you, Lord,
and praise your holy name.

3 Think of a world without any people,
think of a street with no-one living there,
think of a town without any houses,
no-one to love and nobody to care.

We thank you, Lord,
for families and friendships,
we thank you, Lord,
and praise your holy name.

Doreen Newport

Gospel Reading

An acclamation heralds the Gospel reading using the following words

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

cf. John 4.35-36

All Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us now declare our faith in God.

All **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

The presiding minister introduces the prayers with these words

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

The prayers include the response

Lord of the harvest,
All **hear our prayer.**

and end with

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The presiding minister introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words

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

cf. Galatians 5.22,23

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Hymn We plough the fields

During the hymn

- *the collection is received (please gift aid your offering if possible)*
- *the table is prepared for Communion.*

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.

*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;

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he fills the earth with beauty,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

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. *[Refrain]*

Matthias Claudius trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell

*At the end of the hymn the collection is brought forward
and this prayer is said together*

**Gracious God, accept these gifts,
and with them our lives,
to be used in your service;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

These responses are used

With this bread that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to God's table we bring.
All we shall remember Jesus.

The presiding minister says

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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:

All 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 your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope

he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All This is our song:

Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds 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.

All **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 sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All **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 our story.

All **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:

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

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 forever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The presiding minister breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in the one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The presiding minister says the following invitation to communion

The table of bread and wine has been made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.

So come to this table,
you who have much faith

and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time,
you who have tried to follow Jesus
and you who have failed;

Come.

It is our Lord who invites us to meet him here.

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The people receive communion.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing.
If coming for a blessing please carry this booklet so the minister knows.
If you wish to remain quietly in your places, please do so.*

During the administration of communion, anyone who does not wish to receive communion is invited to give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with them now.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. Amen.

After the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

The Post Communion prayer is said.

**All Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread and 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.**

The Diocesan Vision Prayer is said



**All Heavenly Father,
we embrace your call for us
to make disciples,
to be witnesses,
to grow leaders
and inspire children and young people.
Give us eyes to see your vision,
ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit
and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices are given.

Hymn Great is thy faithfulness

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
all I have needed thy hand hath provided--
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *[Refrain]*

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *[Refrain]*

Thomas O. Chrisholm

Blessing and Dismissal

The presiding minister pronounces the blessing

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

May you find heaven in the wildness of creation,
may you seek justice in bread for the world,
may you know resurrection in the sunsets of autumn
and may you find God in the sharing of it all;
and the blessing of God almighty,
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of Life,
be with you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Freely we have received, let us freely give.
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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