



*Welcome to St. Mark's
Family Communion Service*

Sunday 18th October 2020

HARVEST FESTIVAL

we stand to sing:

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.

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.

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.

Then, thou church triumphant, come.
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

sung by St Martin's Voices

THE GREETING

The Lord be with you
[All] and also with you

We meet in the name of God
[All] Father, Son & Holy Spirit

Words of introduction

WE SAY SORRY TO GOD AND ASK HIM TO FORGIVE US

Our celebration of Harvest encourages us to look around the wonderful world of creation and give thanks to God for it all, but in doing so, we also may see where we have failed to do our best, for our world or for those in the world.

So 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.

You delight in creation,
its colour and diversity;
yet we have misused the earth
and plundered its resources
for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy.

[All] Lord, have mercy.

You have brought order out of chaos,
light in darkness, good out of evil,
but we have preferred darkness
in words and deeds which dishonour
God's holy name.

Christ, have mercy.

[All] Christ, have mercy.

You have showered us with blessings,
but we have been grudging towards others
and lacking in generosity
in word and deed.

Lord, have mercy.

[All] Lord, have mercy.

WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

(The Absolution)



WE STAND TO SING THE GLORIA

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.

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

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.

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

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



PRAYER FOR TODAY

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness

and you give us the fruits of the earth

in their season:

grant that we may use them to your glory,

for the relief of those in need

and for our own well-being;

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. **Amen**

BIBLE READING

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

Glory to you, O Lord. Amen

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, “The kingdom of God has come near to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

TALK please sit



AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On this Harvest Sunday, let us stand and celebrate together the faith we share.

[All] We believe in God above us,
Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.

We believe in Christ beside us,
Companion and friend, redeemer of all the
broken pieces of our universe.

We believe in Spirit deep within us,
Advocate and guide, who lives with us
eternally.

We believe in God's resurrection created
world,

Where all things are fixed, and all creation
fits together in vibrant harmonies.

We believe in God above, beside, within,
God yesterday, today and forever, the
three in one, the one in three,

We believe in God, Creator, Son, and Holy
Spirit.

AMEN.

Harvest Song

Cauliflowers Fluffy and cabbages green
Strawberries are sweeter
than any I've seen

Beetroots purple and onions white
All grow steadily day and night

The apples are ripe and the plums are red
The broadbeans are sleeping
in their blankety bed

Blackberries juicy and rhubarbs sour
Marrows fattening hour by hour
Gooseberries hairy and lettuces fat
Radishes round and runner beans flat
The apples are ripe and the plums are red
The broadbeans are sleeping
in their blankety bed

Orangey carrots and turnips cream
Reddening tomatoes that used to be green
Brown potatoes in little heaps
Down in the darkness
where the celery sleeps
The apples are ripe and the plums are red
The broadbeans are sleeping
in their blankety bed.

**A TIME OF
PRAYER**
*Please kneel
or sit*



THE PEACE

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.

*we share with one another
a sign of Peace*



The Offertory Hymn

*recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St
Martin-in-the-Fields in their homes, and edited
together.*

For the fruits of his creation,

Thanks be to God;

For his gifts to every nation,

Thanks be to God;

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,

Silent growth while we are sleeping,

Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,

Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
Thanks be to God;
For the good we all inherit,
Thanks be to God;
For the wonders that astound us,
For the truths that still confound us,
Most of all that love has found us,
Thanks be to God.

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We remain standing for THE
EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

[All] His Spirit is with us.

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.

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.

You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

[All] Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna,
Hosanna in the highest.

And so we praise & bless you,
Father God,
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 Jesus.

Who on the night before he died, 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 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.’

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and peace will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Mark 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, so we pray

[All] 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 COMMUNION 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 one bread.

You prepare a table for us,
offering not just bread, not just wine,
not just blessing, but your very self,
so that we may be filled, forgiven,
healed, blessed and made new.

*Everyone is welcome to come to the altar rail to
receive the bread or a blessing.*

Please keep your face-coverings on.

HOLY COMMUNION



Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Lord, for the years
your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us,
cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us,
pardoned and provided,
Lord of the years,
we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word,
the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts
and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains,
rebukes us and inspires us,
Lord of the word,
receive your people's praise.

Lord, for our land,
in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure,
wealth and care;
for young and old,
for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land,
be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world;
when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength,
and comfortless in pain;
hungry and helpless,
lost indeed without him,
Lord of the world,
we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves;
in living power remake us,
self on the cross
and Christ upon the throne;
past put behind us,
for the future take us,
Lord of our lives,
to live for Christ alone.

HARVEST PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Faithful God, Giver of all that is good,
you open your hand
and fill the earth with good things.

You bind us together
with all that you have made.

Save us from selfishness and greed,
and help us to share joyfully and generously
all that you have given to us,
that all of creation may know
the joy of the harvest.

This we pray in Jesus' name.

[All] AMEN

[All] God of the harvest,
with joy we have offered our thanks for
your love in creation
and shared in the bread and the wine
of the kingdom:
make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things you have given us.
May the beauty of this world
and the love that created it
be reflected in our lives
and be a blessing to others;
now and always. **AMEN**

NOTICES

We say together our prayer for growth

Almighty God,
who calls all creation to grow
into your loving kingdom;
inspire us by your Holy Spirit
so we draw new people into St Mark's
grow closer to you,
and increase our service to the world.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards
of his creation. **[All] Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers
into his harvest. **[All] Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole
of creation, help you to bear his fruits
of love, joy and peace. **[All] Amen.**

And the blessing ...

Go in peace to love & serve the Lord.
[All] In the name of Christ, Amen

FINAL HYMN:

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy. [x2]

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