



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION
HARVEST FESTIVAL
4TH OCTOBER 2020**



Please sit

GREETING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION

LORD GOD, WE ARE SELFISH, WE ARE GREEDY, WE ARE WASTEFUL OF ALL THAT YOU HAVE GIVEN US.

SOMETIMES WE FORGET TO SAY THANK YOU,

LORD HAVE MERCY

ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY

SOMETIMES WE IGNORE THE NEEDS OF OTHERS,

CHRIST HAVE MERCY

ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY

SOMETIMES WE JUST CAN'T BE BOTH-ERED TO LIVE YOUR WAY.

LORD HAVE MERCY

ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY

BUT WE ARE SORRY AND ASK THAT YOU FORGIVE US. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER GOD OF LOVE, OPEN OUR EARS TO LISTEN TO YOUR WORD. LEAD US TO HELP ONE AN-OTHER AND TO LIVE OUR LIVES AS YOU ASK US TO. WE ASK THIS THROUGH CHRIST OUR LORD, AMEN.

READING: MATTHEW 13:1-9

13 THAT SAME DAY JESUS WENT OUT OF THE HOUSE AND SAT BY THE LAKE. 2 SUCH LARGE CROWDS GATHERED AROUND HIM THAT HE GOT INTO A BOAT AND SAT IN IT, WHILE ALL THE PEOPLE STOOD ON THE SHORE. 3 THEN HE TOLD THEM MANY THINGS IN PARABLES, SAY-ING: "A FARMER WENT OUT TO SOW HIS SEED. 4 AS HE WAS SCATTERING THE SEED, SOME FELL ALONG THE PATH, AND THE BIRDS CAME AND ATE IT UP. 5 SOME FELL ON ROCKY PLACES, WHERE IT DID NOT HAVE MUCH SOIL. IT SPRANG UP QUICKLY, BECAUSE THE SOIL WAS SHALLOW. 6 BUT WHEN THE SUN CAME UP, THE PLANTS WERE SCORCHED, AND THEY WITHERED BECAUSE THEY HAD NO ROOT. 7 OTHER SEED FELL AMONG THORNS, WHICH GREW UP AND CHOKED THE PLANTS. 8 STILL OTHER SEED FELL ON GOOD SOIL, WHERE IT PRODUCED A

CROP—A HUNDRED, SIXTY OR THIRTY
TIMES WHAT WAS SOWN. 9 WHOEVER
HAS EARS, LET THEM HEAR.”

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

REFLECTION

Harvest Gifts are brought to the altar.

THE CREED

**Father, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

**Jesus we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

**Spirit, we adore You,
lay our lives before You,
how we love You.**

PRAYERS

We know that God loves us and so
we have the courage to pray together:

We pray for world leaders: that
they may never forget people who
are poor and may make decisions
for the good of all our brothers
and sisters.

We pray for all our brothers and
sisters throughout the world: that
they may have the chance to grow
their way out of poverty.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for our parish, our families
and our friends: that we may
be moved to share what we have
with others, especially those who
are poor or in need.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for all families: that they
may continue to learn, grow food and
build a better
future for themselves.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for all people throughout the
world who hunger: that they may come
to share in the food
God gives for us all.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

We pray for our parish, family and
friends: that we may have the faith
and courage to try to build a
brighter world so that it becomes a
better place for all to live.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

**We pray for those who suffer in
body, mind and spirit
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

**We pray for those who have died
that they may rest in peace and rise
in glory
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer**

**Merciful Father, accept these pray-
ers for the same of your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

WE SHARE GOD'S PEACE
We stand to sing

**Shalom, Shalom,
May peace be with you,
Throughout your days;
In all that you do,
May peace be with you,
Shalom, Shalom.**

The bread we offer which symbolizes
our work, becomes for us the Body of
Christ. **Amen**

The wine we offer which symbolizes
our leisure, becomes for us the Blood
of Christ. **Amen.**

We offer to God all that we are so we
sing:

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now
to you.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.**

**Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.**

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to
you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

**The Lord be with you
And also with you**

**Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord**

**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give him thanks and
praise**

**Why do we give thanks and praise at
this table?**

**We give thanks for all that God has
done for us.**

**God the Father created the heavens,
the earth and everything in them; and
created us in his own image.
Let us give thanks and praise**

**Christ our Lord became human like us,
and died to save us.**

Let us give thanks and praise

God sent the Holy Spirit to gather us together as the people of God
Let us give thanks and praise

So come let us join together to worship this God who loves

We say:
**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.**

Please sit/kneel

We praise you Father that before Jesus our Saviour suffered and died, he gave us this holy meal to share and told us to continue it until he comes again.

Why do we eat bread together at this table?

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. After giving thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Why do we drink from the cup together at this table?

In the same way after supper Jesus took the cup, saying, "This cup is God's new covenant sealed with my blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me"

What do we remember at this table?

We remember the Father's gracious love for us, Christ's death and resurrection for us, and the Spirit's tender care for us.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

We say:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Merciful Father, pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. In eating and drinking together may we be made one with Christ and with one another. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hal-
lowed 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 Share In Holy Communion and Bread of Friendship.

EVERYONE is invited to come for a blessing and to share in the Bread of Friendship.

If you are a communicant member of another church you are welcome to share with us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, (please indicate if you require a gluten free wafer.)

The Vicar delivers the consecrated bread and wine saying:

The Body of Christ.

The communicant may reply Amen and then receive. We reply as an act of faith.

For a Personal Blessing and/or a Special Prayer only, please also go to the Vicar at the High Altar Rail.

FINAL PRAYER AND BLESSING

God our Father, as a friend at table your Son Jesus has broken for us his bread of peace and spoken to us your word of forgiveness. Be with us as we go out to share your love and peace

with our family and friends. remake our prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING

Please sit for the Notices

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God

May the divine assistance remain with us always.
And with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.

May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **And rise in glory. Amen.**

