



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
ALL AGE FAMILY COMMUNION
HARVEST FESTIVAL
3RD OCTOBER 2021**



Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the LORD, for He is kind:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze His Name abroad,
for of gods He is the God:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

He with all-commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

All things living He doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

He His chosen race did bless

in the wasteful wilderness:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

He hath with a pious eye
looks upon our misery:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us therefore warble forth
His high majesty and worth:
for His mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

Please sit

GREETING AND WELCOME

CONFESSION

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.

Lord, you give justice to those who
are suffering and bread to those
who hunger. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you loose those who are
bound and open the eyes of the
blind. Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you watch over the stranger
in the land and uphold the orphan
and the widow. Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

OPENING PRAYER

**God of love, open our ears to
listen to your word. Lead us to
help one another and to live our
lives as you ask us to. We ask**

**this through Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

READING: MATTHEW 6.25-33

Do not worry about your life,
what you will eat, or what you will
drink, or about your body, or what
you will wear. There is more to life
than food, and there is more to the
body than clothing!

Consider the birds of the air:
they do not plant, or harvest,
or gather into barns, and yet
your heavenly father feeds them.
surely you are more valuable
than the birds of the air!
Worrying will not add a single hour
to your span of life.

Or consider the wild flowers, how
they grow:
they do not weave, or sew, or worry
what to wear, and yet not even
Solomon in all his glory was clothed
as finely as these.

If God clothes the grass of the field,
in this way - grass which is alive
today, and dried up tomorrow -
how much more will God clothe
you!

So have faith! While others ask
“What will we eat?” or “What will we
drink?” or “What will we wear?”
you are not to worry about these
things, for your heavenly Father
knows that you need them.

Work instead for the kingdom of
God, and for righteousness, and all

these other things will be given to
you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

REFLECTION

*Harvest Gifts are brought to the
altar during which we sing the
following hymn:*

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God’s almighty hand.
God sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Refrain:

*All good gifts around us are sent
from heav’n above.*

*We thank you, God, we thank you,
God, for all your love.*

You only are the Maker
of all things near and far.
You paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star.
The winds and waves obey you,
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread. **[Refrain]**

We thank you, then, Creator,
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 your love imparts,
and what you most would welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.

[Refrain]

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

Those recently departed:

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month: Michelle Berge, Mary Howarth, Raymond John Denney, John Velvick, Tim Morton, Janusz Kent, Janina Misayat, Christopher Denne, Pat Bassant, Philip Sheldon, Arthur Horner, Patricia Travers, Janet Attwood, Alan Collins, Dorothy Heady

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Merciful Father, accept these prayers 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.**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is
your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his
temple draw near,
join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, above all things
so wondrously reigning;
sheltering you under his wings, and
so gently sustaining!

Have you not seen all that is
needful has been
sent by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper
your work and defend you;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend you.

Ponder anew what the Almighty
can do,
if with his love he befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in
me adore him!

All that has life and breath, come
now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his
people again;

gladly forever adore him.

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

The wine we offer which
symbolises 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 sing:

**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 sing:

**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.**

A Prayer as we join with those
watching and worshipping with us
on Zoom

**My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the most Blessed
Sacrament. I love You above `all
things and I desire to receive you
into my soul. Since I cannot now
receive You sacramentally, come**

at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The Distribution of Communion

Please remain in your place. Communion will be brought to you. Please hold out your open hands and the sacrament will be gently dropped into them by the Vicar in silence. This is the only way you are allowed to receive communion at present.

At this time of infectious disease, Communion is distributed IN ONE KIND ONLY. The Church of England, together with the whole Catholic Church, teaches that, in receiving in one kind, the entirety of the Sacrament of our Lord's Body and Blood is received.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Communion Hymn

For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

Refrain:

*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:

[Refrain]

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

[Refrain]

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

[Refrain]

For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of
heaven: **[Refrain]**

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

[Refrain]

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

Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise,
In Light Inaccessible Hid From Our
Eyes,
Most Blessèd, Most Glorious, The
Ancient Of Days,
Almighty, Victorious, Thy Great
Name We Praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as
light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou
rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high
soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of
goodness and love.

To all life thou givest—to both great
and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of
all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves
on the tree,
And wither and perish—but nought
changeth thee.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father
of Light,
Thine Angels adore thee, all veiling
their sight;

All laud we would render: O help us
to see
'Tis only the splendour of light
hideth thee.

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.

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