Eglwys Sant Asa Llanelwy

St Asaph Parish Church



The Thanksgiving for the HARVEST Sunday 9th October 2022

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest-home: all is 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 this world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares therein are sown, unto joy or sorrow grown; ripening with a wondrous power till the final harvest-hour: grant, O Lord of life, that we holy grain and pure may be.

For we know that thou wilt come, and wilt take thy people home; from thy field wilt purge away all that doth offend, that day; and thine angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in thy garner evermore.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come, bid us sing thy harvest-home: let thy saints be gathered in, free from sorrow, free from sin: all upon the golden floor praising thee for evermore: come, with all thine angels come, bid us sing thy harvest-home.

> Henry Alford 1810-1871 Tune: St George's Windsor

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace and peace be with you and keep you in the love of Christ.

Sends forth your Spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth

The Priest offers words of welcome, introduces the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence

A short silence is kept

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly. Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others. Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you and set you free from sin, and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven! Peace to all your people through the earth be given: Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring, Singing alleluias to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son: With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone! Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear, Show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one, Seated now and reigning from your Father's throne: Lord and God, we praise you; highest heaven adores: In the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!

Tune: Camberwell

Let us pray:

Glorious God, The whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work: Increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it, That heaven's praise may echo in our hearts And our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth, 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.**

PHILIPPIANS 4. 4-9

Please Sit

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of the Lord: **thanks be to God.**

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness; O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One: O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

John 6. 25-35

Stand

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint John. Glory to you, O Lord.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." 'Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

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

THE HOMILY

Please Sit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

THE INTERCESSIONS

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

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

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 with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of the Lord's peace.

Please Stand

Please Stand

Please Sit

Hymn

Fill your hearts with joy ands gladness, sing and praise your God and mine! Great the Lord in love and wisdom, might and majesty divine! He who framed the starry heavens knows and names them as they shine.

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him! Wounded souls his comfort know; those who fear him find his mercies, peace for pain and joy for woe; humble hearts are high exalted, human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons, cloud and sunshine, wind and rain; spring to melt the snows of winter till the waters flow again; grass upon the mountain pastures, golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness, peace and plenty crown your days; love his laws, declare his judgements, walk in all his words and ways; he the Lord and we his children: praise the Lord, all people, praise!

> Timothy Dudley Smith b.1926 based on Psalm 147 Tune: Regent Square

THE THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth. **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine. Blessed be God for ever. Lord God, accept our gifts: the fruit of the earth and work of human hands. Teach us to be humble and grateful for the great things you do among us. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

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 our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation, you have made us in your own image. Always and everywhere we give you thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks because you make us stewards of your creation to praise you day by day for the marvels of your wisdom and power.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise your glorious name:

Holy, holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty. And we lift our hearts before you as a token of our love. Holy, holy, holy, holy.

Gracious Father, gracious Father, Blessed is the one who comes to us in your name. And we lift our hearts before you as we give you thanks and praise. Hosanna in the highest. Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit on this bread and wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ; because on the night he was betrayed he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks he gave it to them and said,

Drink this, all of you; this cup is the new covenant in my blood poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins: do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God, recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son once for all upon the cross and the triumph of his resurrection, we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us that we may be filled with your life and goodness and renewed for the service of your Kingdom. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace that we may do your work and be his body in the world. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together with all creation, together with the whole Church celebrating the Eucharist in different places around the world, let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body for we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.

You are welcome to come to the Lord's Table. If you are a baptized member of a Christian Church who usually receives communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive holy communion here today. (Children at the discretion of parents). If you wish just to receive a blessing, please take this leaflet with you when you go up to the altar.

The sacrament is administered with these words

The body of Christ. Amen.

Hymn at the end of Communion

Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord for he is kind:

For his mercies ay endure, ever faithful, ever sure.

Let us blaze his name abroad, for of gods he is the God:

All things living he doth feed, his full hand supply their need:

Let us, with a gladsome mind, praise the Lord, for he is kind:

John Milton 1563-1647 Tune: Monkland

Silence is kept

THE POST-COMMUNION

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious: **his love is everlasting.**

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 such reverence for all that you give us that will make us wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit. And so, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final Hymn

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.

He only is the maker of all things near and far; he paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star; the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed; much more to us his children, he gives our daily bread: We thank thee then O Father, for all things bright and good, the seedtime 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.

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

> Matthias Claudius 1740-1815 Tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell 1817-1878 Tune: Wir Pflügen



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