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ST ASAPH PARISH CHURCH



THE THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST
SUNDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2023

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: Rachie

Let us pray:

Lord of all creation,
you give us the fruits of the earth in their season
and crown the year with your goodness:
help us so to receive your gifts with thankful hearts
that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in want and to meet our daily needs;
through Jesus Christ the Bread of life,
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 CORINTHIANS 9. 5-15

Please Sit

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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!

LUKE 17. 11-19

Stand

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

Please Sit

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Please Stand

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

Please Sit

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

Please Stand

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.

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

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 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 (Christened) 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.** The blood of Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN AT THE END OF COMMUNION

For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God;
for his gifts to ev'ry 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.

For the harvests of the 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.

Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000

Tune: Ar hyd y nos

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 our Creator,
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
bestow upon you his care
and increase the harvest of your righteousness.
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

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.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

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!

Great is thy faithfulness!

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

*Thomas O. Chisholm 1866-1960
Tune: Faithfulness*



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NOTICES

Refreshments. Please do join us for refreshments after the service if you can.

Foodbank. The Foodbank box is now back in the Parish Church. Donations gratefully received.

Praying for Growth. Please pray for the growth and renewal of the Church here in this place. Here is the Leading Your Church into Growth Prayer (*card copies are available at the back of the Church*):

*God of Mission,
Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give
Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions,
Joy to our worship,
And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

The Community Fridge takes place every Sunday from 5-7pm at the Parish Church.

Sunday Sheet. Please take this sheet home with you for the notices for the week and to pray for what is happening in the life of our Church.

Harvest Lunch today for those who have booked.

Bread of Life Autumn Study Group begins on Tuesday 10th October at 7pm at the Parish Church. Information leaflets can be found at the back of the Church.

All Souls. There will be a Requiem Eucharist at the Parish Church at 10am on Thursday 2nd November. If you would like departed loved ones remembered by name at this, please add names to the list at the Cathedral or Parish Church.

Mother's Union Wednesday 18th October at 2pm. Our Speaker will be Mrs. Rachael Scott-Hunter on the progress of the "Alexandra House of Joy Project " Please come along. All welcome. Refreshments and a Raffle.

Change to Services During the weeks beginning Monday 16th October, Monday 30th October and Monday 6th November, Morning Prayer and the Eucharists that take place in the morning (i.e. Monday, Wednesday & Friday) will take place in the Parish Church. This is because the organ builders will be in working to put the organ back after its recent repair work.

THE WEEK AHEAD

9th Monday – Cynog, Abbot

9am Morning Prayer
9.30am Holy Eucharist
5pm Evening Prayer

10th Tuesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer
5pm Evening Prayer
6pm Holy Eucharist
7pm Bread of Life Study Group *at the
Parish Church*

11th Wednesday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10.30am Holy Eucharist

6.15pm Sung Evening Prayer

12th Thursday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

10am Holy Eucharist *at the Parish Church*

10.45am Prayer Group *at the Parish Church*

5pm Evening Prayer

**13th Friday – Edward the Confessor,
King**

9am Morning Prayer

9.30am Offeren (*Welsh Eucharist*)

6pm Choral Evensong

14th Saturday – Feria

9am Morning Prayer

2pm Diocesan Conference

5pm Evening Prayer

15th Sunday – Trinity 19

9.30am All-Age Eucharist & Baptism *at
the Parish Church*

11am The Cathedral Eucharist

1pm Baptism *at the Parish Church*

3.30pm Choral Evensong

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