

The Eucharist for Harvest 2020 4 October

The Greeting

In the name of God, Creator, Sustainer and Redeemer
Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation: A prayer of sadness

**God, our hearts are filled with joy to be able to return to this place.
Yet, our Church is incomplete, not all of our brothers and sisters here.
Hold all those still at home in your loving arms; protect them from all harm;
bring comfort to the mourning or frightened, and healing to the sick.
In Jesus' name,
Amen.**

In a moment of silence we hold before God those members of our community for whom this time is still so difficult.

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess before our Heavenly Father our greed, our share in the brokenness of the world, and our misuse of God's good gifts.

Where we have taken our daily food for granted,
in communities far removed from where it grows:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Where we have placed our desire for material gain
above the welfare of the city and its people:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Where we have made the city a desolation,
polluting its air and choking its streets:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed:
forgive you your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will

and give you the joy of his kingdom
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading (Psalm 65)

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
 you will purge them away.
Happy are they whom you choose
 and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
 even of your holy temple.
With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
 O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
 and of the farthest seas.
In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.
You still the raging of the seas,
the roaring of their waves
 and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
 tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
 for so you provide for the earth.
You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,

and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness
and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading (Luke 12.16-30)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

We say together in faith:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come.**

**We believe in God the Father, who created all things:
for by his will they were created and have their being.**

**We believe in God the Son who was slain,
for with his blood he purchased us for God
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit.
The Spirit and the Bride say 'Come'.
Even so, come Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession - Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God,
the God of all peoples of the earth.
For the colour and forms of your creation
and our place within it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food,
and for those whose work and skill
bring your good gifts to us,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;
for insight and imagination,
for the skills of research
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,
and their variety and dependability;
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our communities,
especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,
we bring our thanks, good Lord;
your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,

and all the fruit of the Spirit,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given,
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

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

The Peace

Seek the welfare of the city
and pray to the Lord on its behalf.
May we live in peace with our streets and our world.

Jeremiah 29:7

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give 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 thanks and praise.

It is indeed joyful and right to give heartfelt thanks,
through Christ and in the power of the Spirit,
to you our Heavenly Father and Creator.
For you have prepared for your people
an eternal city for them to dwell in,
whose light is the Glory of God,
through which runs the river of life:

a city which nothing unclean will enter,
whose temple is the Lord.

And you have called us to make the city
where we now dwell
into an image of the city that is to come,
banishing all that pollutes your creation
and letting the rivers flow freely.

Therefore we raise our voices from our earthly habitations,
joining with the blessed company of heaven
to praise and glorify your holy name forever:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
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 your dear Son.

On the night before he died he 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 which is 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

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

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with Peter, John the Divine 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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.**

Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

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

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

The body and blood of Christ.

Amen.

Communion is administered without words.

[Spiritual Communion

Those who are at home are invited to say one or both of these prayers:

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.
after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care. Amen.]

Merciful Father,
in this holy feast you have made us welcome
at the marriage supper of the lamb
in the realm of endless light:
may we, knowing whose guests we are to be,
live today in this earthly city
as those who are already citizens of Heaven.
Amen.

Prayer after Communion: A prayer of hope

**Gracious God, persevering through the years, persevering to the end,
as we face the future as a community of your people in this place,
may we know afresh your faithful love,
and see afresh your loving faithfulness.
May it be your words of life for which we listen,
and by which alone we live.**

**God before and God behind, for all that has been – thanks.
For all that will be – Yes! Amen.**

The Dismissal

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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