



**HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
AND CATHEDRAL PARISH GIFT DAY**  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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## BACKGROUND TO HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Harvest Thanksgiving is a late addition to the church calendar. Its origins are usually traced to the adaptation in 1843 of Lammas Day by the Reverend R.S. Hawker, a parish priest in Cornwall. He chose the first Sunday in October as a Christian to coincide with the traditional but largely secular 'harvest home' celebration, but there is some evidence to suggest that a thanksgiving for the harvest was already a relatively widespread practice. The annual church celebration of the harvest quickly became popular and was first recognized officially in the Church of England in 1862. Since then many local traditions for the celebration have developed. With the urbanization of the past 150 years, a variety of practices has evolved to preserve the spirit of the traditional Harvest Thanksgiving within a contemporary context. This year, our Harvest Services will have a special emphasis of Thanksgiving to God for those who have carried us through the Coronavirus pandemic locally and across the world. We also thank those who have decorated the cathedral for harvest within the covid restrictions that are in place.

**Organ voluntary:** Eight Pieces for Musical Clocks I II *Joseph Haydn (1732-1809)*

Please stand and sing the **PROCESSIONAL HYMN (ICH 37)** during the entrance of the clergy:

The image displays the musical notation for the ProceSSIONAL HYMN (ICH 37). It consists of four staves of music, each beginning with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notation is written in a simple, clear style, with notes and rests clearly visible. The first staff contains four measures of music, the second staff contains four measures, the third staff contains four measures, and the fourth staff contains four measures. The music is a simple, melodic line, likely intended for a choir or a congregation to sing.

**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 the world is God's own field,  
fruit unto his praise to yield;  
wheat and tares together sown,  
unto joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade, and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take his harvest home;  
from his field shall in that day  
all offences purge away;  
give his angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in his garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
to thy final harvest-home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin;  
there for ever purified  
in thy presence to abide:  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest-home.**

*Words: Henry Alford (1810-71)*

*Tune: ST GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey (1816-93)*

*The Dean welcomes the congregation*

## THE GREETING

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it. *Psalm 24:1*

## ACT OF 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.**

## PENITENCE

Let us confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation:

*Please kneel or sit in silence.*

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no responsibility to share.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

### **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**

○ Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth will proclaim your praise.**

○ God, make speed to save us.  
**○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Praise the Lord.  
**The Lord's name be praised.**

*Please sit as the choir sings* **PSALM 65**

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion \*  
and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.  
Thou that hearest the prayer \*  
unto thee shall all flesh come.

My misdeeds prevail against me \*

O be thou merciful unto our sins.

Blessed is the man, whom thou choosest, and receivest unto thee \*

he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.

Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation \*

thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.

Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains \*

and is girded about with power.

Who stilleth the raging of the sea \*

and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.

They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens \*

thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it \*

thou makest it very plenteous.

The river of God is full of water \*

thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.

Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof \*

thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.

Thou crownest the year with thy goodness \*

and thy clouds drop fatness.

They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness \*

and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.

The folds shall be full of sheep \*

the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

*Please stand for the* **GLORIA:**

Glory be to the Father:

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

*Please sit for the* **FIRST READING:** Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Moses said to the people: The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley,

of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the **CANTICLE:** Jubilate Deo in C (Psalm 100) James Nares (1715-1783)*

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;

it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves, we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go our way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise;

be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.

For the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,

and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

*Please stand for the **GLORIA:***

Glory be to the Father:

and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

world without end. Amen.

*Please sit for the* **SECOND READING:** Luke 17:11-19

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 word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *by the Reverend Canon Mark Niblock*

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the* **ANTHEM:** Achieved is the Glorious Work *Joseph Haydn*

Achieved is the glorious work;  
the Lord beholds it and is pleas'd.  
In lofty strains let us rejoice!  
Our song let be the praise of God.

*Please stand and face east for the* **APOSTLES' CREED:**

I believe in God, **the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us pray.

*Please kneel or sit*

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**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.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**and grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen  
**and grant her government wisdom.**

Let your ministers be clothed with righteousness  
**and let your servants shout for joy.**

O Lord, save your people  
**and bless those whom you have chosen.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord,  
**and let your glory be over all the earth.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us  
**and renew us by your Holy Spirit.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## COLLECTS AT MORNING PRAYER

Go before us, Lord, in all our doings, with your most gracious favour, and further us with your continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally by your mercy attain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life, we may never forget your presence but may remember that we are always walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray that God, the Lord of the harvest, will bring all good for creation to fruition.

Lord of creation, we see that the fields are ripe for harvesting: we pray for your Church, that it may be ready to gather fruit for eternal life. Bless those who lead, teach, administrate and serve those in need with grace to bear the good fruit of integrity, gentleness, kindness and honesty.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth: we pray for the world, that we may honour and share its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another. We pray for world leaders, especially our own, that they may take to heart the responsibility to model responsible behaviour.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Your Son has promised that the Spirit will lead us into all truth: we pray for the community in which you have set us, for one another and for ourselves, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. Help each of us to play our part in furthering the role of this cathedral as a place of hospitality and peacebuilding

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You asked us to steward the earth with care, yet, by our greed and over-consumption, we have squandered its resources, destroyed habitats, exterminated species and spread global disease. We pray for those who

campaign and work for conservation and protection of the natural world, that their voices might not be drowned out by the din of economic ambition.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have provided skills and talents to the human species that we may not only be fruitful and multiply, but may show care to the vulnerable, develop means of treating the sick and overcoming disease: we pray that the skill of the medical profession in all its various capacities may bring relief to the suffering, recovery to those who are sick and reassurance to us all in the ongoing fight against Coronavirus.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have shown us the way of justice and the glory of sacrifice on behalf of one another: we pray for all frontline workers, through whose efforts food is grown, processed, delivered and made available for purchase by us. We pray too for all who work in the production and delivery of essential medicines and protective equipment, for those who collect and process our refuse, keep public transport moving and ensure the enforcement of law, in the face of significant personal cost. May they know be held safe in their various activities, knowing your blessing and our support.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Your Son Jesus Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection and will reap the harvest of the dead at the end of time: we pray that he will gather us all together with those who have gone before in the banquet of the age to come.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

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

#### **A PRAYER DURING THIS TIME OF CORONAVIRUS**

O Heavenly Father, who by your Son Jesus Christ has taught us the glory of self-sacrifice and service: bless all who care for the sick, and those suffering from or recovering from Coronavirus. Give your strength to all who work in nursing homes, and all who give care in the community. We pray for our own cathedral family, gathered here or still at home. Continue to protect our communities in this new wave of infection, we pray. Give wisdom to all who have responsibility in church and society for making difficult decisions and leading us forward. This we ask in the name of the one who spent himself in service for others with no thought for himself, even our Lord, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Please stand to sing the **HYMN** (ICH 47):

The image shows a musical score for a hymn in G major (three sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody, featuring a sharp sign before the final note of the second measure. The third staff continues the melody with a dotted note in the second measure. The fourth staff continues the melody with a quarter rest in the final measure. The fifth staff continues the melody with a dotted note in the second measure. The sixth staff concludes the melody with a quarter rest in the final measure.

**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.**

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

**We thank thee, then, O Father,  
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 thy love imparts,  
and that which you most welcome,  
our humble thankful hearts.**

*Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-78)*

*Tune: WIR PFLUGEN, J.A.P. Schulz (1747-1800)*

## **THE BLESSING**

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air, bestow on 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 with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **THE DISMISSAL**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the choir and clergy depart and sit for the **Organ Voluntary:***

*Praeludium in C BWV 531 J.S. Bach (1687-1750)*

*Please remain seated until the end of the Voluntary, and exit in rows from the back to the front, as directed by the Cathedral Wardens.*

## **Annual General Vestry 2020 Election Results**

**Peoples' Warden:** Terry Pateman

**Cathedral Board Members:** Michael Callender, Roger Cromey, Gillian McGaughey, Nick Pierpoint, Joe Watson

**Cathedral Parochial Nominators:** Michael Callender, Gillian McGaughey, Roger Cromey, Verner McKinley.

**Supplemental Nominators:** Nick Pierpoint, Alan Martin, Billy Miskimmin, Alberta Miskimmin

**Diocesan Synod Members:** Barbara Callender, Desney Cromey, Phyllis Forster, Alan Martin, Esther Miller, Alberta Miskimmin, Nick Pierpoint.

**Under-35 Synod Representative:** Cameron McGaughey

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## NOTICES



Please join us today at 3.30pm for  
Choral Evensong  
of Harvest Thanksgiving.

### **Services Sunday 18 October**

11.00am Choral Eucharist for St Luke's Day

*Preacher: Ecumenical Canon, the Very Reverend Eddie O'Donnell*

*This Service of Communion will be conducted with Covid precautions in place.*

3.30pm Choral Evensong for St Luke's Day

### **Weekday Prayer in Belfast Cathedral:**

**Monday – Thursday, 1pm, Cathedral Nave**

**Friday, 1pm, – Church's Ministry of Healing Service, Cathedral Hall**

Prior to lockdown a small number of volunteers delivered daily prayer at 1.00pm in the cathedral. In the absence of weekday Evensong we have reinstated this time of prayer, led by the cathedral clergy and others, and augmented to include prayer for the cathedral community, city and world in the current circumstances of Coronavirus.

We encourage you to attend should you be in the vicinity.

We also welcome volunteers who might wish to join a rota to prepare intercessions on an occasional basis.

Please speak to the Dean's Vicar, or contact the cathedral office.