

**CHORAL EUCHARIST  
HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
AND CATHEDRAL GIFT DAY**

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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when entering and exiting the building, and when singing the hymns.  
We request members of the congregation to wear face coverings  
throughout the service.*

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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 urbanisation of the past 150 years, a variety of practices has evolved to preserve the spirit of the traditional Harvest Thanksgiving within a contemporary context. Many churches invite their congregations to donate foodstuffs, in a spirit of generosity, which are then donated to local Foodbanks so that, out of our plenty, the hungry in our society might be fed.

## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION**

Baptised members of Christian churches are welcome to join in this Eucharist.

It is the Lord's table and this invitation is given in his name.

The Eucharist will be celebrated and distributed in accordance with the Covid precautions as laid down by the Church of Ireland. As a result, Communion will be in **one kind only** today.

If you wish to receive communion, please move to the Quire Steps when directed by the cathedral wardens. Those seated on the North (left) side of the Nave will move first, then those seated on the South (right) side afterwards.

Please keep 2m social distance at all times and continue wearing your face covering until you return to your seat. Only then remove your face covering to take the wafer bread. Please indicate if you require a Gluten-free wafer.

If you wish to receive a blessing only, please keep your hands by your side or cross your arms.

*Please do not make video recordings or take photographs during the service*

**Organ Prelude:** *Feuille d'album Howard Skempton (b. 1947)*



**THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**



Please stand to sing **HYMN 37:**



**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 cast 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, WINDSO, George J. Elvey (1816-93)*

## **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 on 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 whilst the choir sings the* **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS:**

Gloria in excelsis Deo et in terra  
pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.  
Laudamus te, benedicimus te,  
adoramus te, glorificamus te,  
gratias agimus tibi propter  
magnum gloriam tuam,  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,  
Deus Pater omnipotens.  
Domine Fili Unigenite, Iesu  
Christe,  
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei,  
Filius Patris,  
qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis;  
qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe  
deprecationem nostrum.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris,  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu  
solus Dominus,  
tu solus Altissimus,  
Iesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu:  
in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

*Glory to God in the highest, and on  
earth peace to people of goodwill.  
We praise you, we bless you,  
we adore you, we glorify you,  
we give you thanks  
for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ,  
only begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer.  
You are seated at the right hand of the  
Father, have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One, you  
alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

*Setting: Missa Brevis Howard Skempton (b. 1947)*

## **THE 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.**



## **PROCLAIMING AND RECEIVING THE WORD**



*Please sit for the* **OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Deuteronomy 8:1-10

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the Lord promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in

order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. The clothes on your back did not wear out and your feet did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that as a parent disciplines a child so the Lord your God disciplines you. Therefore keep the commandments of the Lord your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For 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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings* **PSALM 22:1-15:**

My God, my God, look upon me; why hast thou forsaken me:  
and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

O my God, I cry in the day-time, but thou hearest not:  
and in the night-season also I take no rest.

And thou continuest holy:

O thou worship of Israel.

Our fathers hoped in thee:

they trusted in thee, and thou didst deliver them.

They called upon thee, and were holpen:

they put their trust in thee, and were not confounded.

But as for me, I am a worm, and no man:

a very scorn of men, and the out-cast of the people.

All they that see me laugh me to scorn:

they shoot out their lips, and shake their heads, saying,

He trusted in God, that he would deliver him:

let him deliver him, if he will have him.

But thou art he that took me out of my mother's womb:

thou wast my hope, when I hanged yet upon my mother's breasts.

I have been left unto thee ever since I was born:

thou art my God even from my mother's womb.

O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand:

and there is none to help me.

Many oxen are come about me:

fat bulls of Basan close me in on every side.

They gape upon me with their mouths:

as it were a ramping and a roaring lion.

I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint:

my heart also in the midst of my body is even like melting wax.

My strength is dried up like a potsherd, and my tongue cleaveth to my gums:

and thou shalt bring me into the dust of death.

*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 stand to sing the **ALLELUIA:***



‘Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.’

*Please remain standing and turn towards the Gospel reader:*

**THE GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 6:24-34

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.



Jesus said to his disciples, ‘No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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, will he not much



more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

‘So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit for the **SERMON** by the Dean

Please stand and face east for the **NICENE CREED**:

We believe in one God, the **Father**, the **Almighty**, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**



## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE



Please kneel or sit for the prayers

Versicle: Lord of the harvest,

Response: **in your mercy hear us.**

concluding with:

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

### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

*Please stand.*

### 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 always with you,  
**and also with you.**



### CELEBRATING AT THE LORD'S TABLE



*Please remain standing for* **HYMN 43:**



**Holy is the seed-time, when the buried grain  
sinks to sleep in darkness, but to wake again.**

**Holy is the spring-time, when the living corn  
bursting from its prison rises like the morn.**

**Holy is the harvest, when each ripened ear,  
bends before the blade, and crowns the golden year.**

**Store them in our garner; winnow them with care;  
give to God the glory in our praise and prayer.**

**Holy seed our Master sows throughout his field;  
be the harvest holy which our hearts shall yield,  
quicken by his Spirit, strengthened by his grace,  
till in risen splendour, we behold his face.**

**Glory to the Father, who has seen our need;  
glory to the Saviour, who has sown the seed.  
glory to the Spirit, giving the increase;  
glory, as it has been, is, and shall not cease.**

*Words: Margaret A. Headlam (1817- 97)*

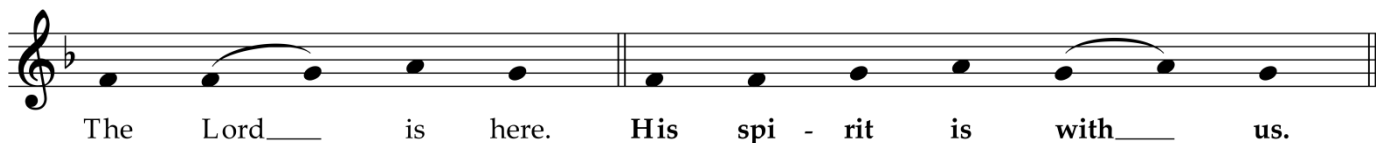
*Tune: WHORLTON John Bacchus Dykes (1823-76)*

*Please remain standing.*

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

### **THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE**

Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us  
**therefore let us celebrate the feast.**



Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise;

And so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

*The choir sings the* **SANCTUS:**

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.  
Pleni sunt caeli et terra  
gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of  
your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

*Setting: Missa Brevis Howard Skempton (b. 1947)*

Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image, male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and suffer death on the cross to redeem us; he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world: he instituted, and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again:

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, 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; and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded: **we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension, and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

**Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him:**

**Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please kneel or sit.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

### **THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*Please sit whilst the choir sings the **AGNUS DEI:***

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata  
mundi, dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.*

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.*

*Setting: Missa Brevis Howard Skempton (b. 1947)*

### **THE COMMUNION**

*Please observe the guidance of the Church Wardens and follow the directions as printed at the beginning of this order of service.*

*During communion the choir sings the **ANTHEM:***

Deep peace of the running wave to you,  
deep peace of the flowing air to you,  
deep peace of the quiet earth to you,  
deep peace of the shining stars to you,  
deep peace of the gentle night to you,  
moon and stars pour their healing light on you,  
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you,  
deep peace of Christ to you.

*Words: A Gaelic Blessing  
Setting: John Rutter (b. 1945)*

### **THE GREAT SILENCE**

*When all have received communion, the presiding minister, other ministers and people keep silence for reflection.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. **Amen.**



### GOING OUT AS GOD'S PEOPLE



Please stand to sing **HYMN 47:**



The image shows the musical notation for Hymn 47, consisting of six staves of music. The key signature is three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written on a single treble clef staff. The notes are: Staff 1: E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. Staff 2: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. Staff 3: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. Staff 4: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. Staff 5: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4. Staff 6: D4, E4, F#4, G4, A4, B4, C5, B4, A4, G4, F#4, E4.

**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 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 DISMISSAL**

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.**

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

Please remain in your place during the **Organ Postlude: Nature's Fire** Howard Skempton (b. 1947)



## NOTICES



Please join us at 3.30pm for Choral Evensong with the Installation of the Venerable Barry Forde as Precentor

### Services this week:

**Tuesday – Thursday 1.00-1.15pm** Lunchtime Prayers in the Cathedral  
**Friday 1.00-2.00pm** The Church's Ministry of Healing Service in the Hall

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2021: The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity**  
**11.00am Choral Eucharist**  
*Preacher: The Dean's Vicar*

**3.30pm 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the Belfast Samaritans**

**Please remember to make your  
HARVEST GIFT DAY contribution to the Cathedral  
as you leave the cathedral this morning or via Online Banking:**

Cathedral Bank Branch: **Bank of Ireland, City Centre Branch,  
1 Donegall Square South, Belfast, BT1 5LR.**

Name of Account: **Parochial No 1 Current Account**

Sort Code: **90-21-27** Account Number: **10006051**

Please give your own name (and FWO number if you have one) as the Payment Reference.

*Thank you for your continuing financial support for Belfast Cathedral*

### **Wanted: Vergers!**

This being Harvest Gift Day, would you consider giving some time and energy in supplementing our team of Cathedral Vergers for Sunday services? Vergers play an important part in ensuring that cathedral worship runs smoothly and effectively. We currently have a small team, and are keen to recruit fresh faces.