



ST PETER'S CHURCH, FORMBY

Harvest Thanksgiving

Sunday 29th September 2024



Organ Prelude: Blackwell *Monkland*

GREETING

The land has produced a harvest,
Our God has blessed us.

God has richly blessed us,
Praise him, everyone on earth.

HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home!
all be 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:
grant, O harvest Lord, 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 purge away;
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant come
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.



Introit –

Maunder Sing to the Lord of Harvest

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

We have come together today to give thanks to God, the Lord of all creation, to offer him at this time our praise and thanksgiving for the harvest of all good things - for the sky above, the earth beneath our feet and all his gifts to us in nature. We ask that God will make us thankful for all that we receive, that he will teach us to be wise and fair in the use of his gifts, to learn more of him as our creator and so be as generous to others as he is to us but first let us confess to God our sins against him, his creation and one another.

PREPARING OURSELVES

CONFESSION

Almighty God, you have given us temporary lordship of your beautiful creation. But we have misused our power, turned away from responsibility, and marred your image in us. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to follow the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, who expressed power in humility and lordship in loving service. Enable us, by your Spirit, to walk in newness of life, healing injury, avoiding wrong, doing justice and acting responsibly for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

RESPONSES

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,
there is no end to his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.
All your works praise you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer,
for all things living
thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour
we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling,
for daily bread.

Father, providing
food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that, rejoicing,
with us, our brother
may know thy care.

Then will thy blessing
reach every people;
freely confessing
thy gracious hand:
where thy will reigneth
no one will hunger,
thy love sustaineth
fruitful the land.



You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is
no other. And my people shall never again be
put to shame.

For the word of God in scripture
For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 126 – sung

1 When the Lord turned again the captivity . of
/ Sion :

then were we / like . unto / them that / dream.

2 Then was our mouth / fill'd with / laughter :

[] / and our / tongue with / joy.

3 Then said they a-/mong the / heathen :

The / Lord hath . done / great things / for them.

4 Yea, the Lord hath done great things for / us
a-/ready :

[] / where-of / we re-/joice.

5 Turn our captivity . O / Lord :

as the / rivers / in the / south.

6 They that / sow in / tears :

shall / reap - / in - / joy.

(second half)

7 He that now goeth on his way weeping, and
beareth / forth good / seed :

shall doubtless come again with joy, and / bring
his / sheaves - / with him.

Glory / be to . the / Father:

and to the / Son and . to the / Ho-ly / Ghost;:

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

world without / end. A / - - / men

2nd Reading: Matthew 6.25-34

'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

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1st Reading: Joel 2:21-27

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for
the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the
pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree
bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full
yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in
the Lord your God; for he has given the early
rain for your vindication, he has poured down
for you abundant rain, the early and the later
rain, as before. The threshing-floors shall be full
of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and
oil. I will repay you for the years that the
swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the
destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which
I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and
be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord
your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put
to shame.

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.

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For the word of God among us
For the word of God within us.

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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 seed-time 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.

**The Sermon –
Rt Revd Adrian Wilkinson,
Bishop of Cashel & Ossory**

HYMN

God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that we may live.

Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.

All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Creator God, this is your world, the world that
you have made; This is the world for which
Jesus died that all may fully live; this is the
world in which you call us to care and to serve.

Help us to give ourselves in love.

In a world rich with plentiful resources, in a
world where neighbours are hungry, poor and
powerless, in a world where our sisters and
brothers demand both bread and justice,
Help us to give ourselves in love.

You have called your church to echo the voice
of the poor. You have called us to speak out
against oppression and injustice. You have
called us to give and work for the liberation of
all humankind.

Help us to give ourselves in love.

All power and authority are in your hands. You
are the God who makes all things new. You are
the God of hope who calls us to have courage
and faith.

Help us to give ourselves in love.

THE PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray – *please sit or kneel*

Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Show us your mercy, O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.
O Lord, save the King:
and grant his 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

Lord of the harvest, we rejoice in the beauty and bounty of your world, and for the cycle of seed time and harvest. Teach us to remember that we do not live by bread alone and grant us always to feed on him who is the true bread from heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant, O Lord, that the word which we hear this day may so take root in our hearts, that we, living in accordance with your holy will, may ever praise and magnify your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Choir Anthem: Rutter *Look at the world*

PRAYERS – The response to “Lord of the Harvest” is HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,
that givest us both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:
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!

The Blessing

Choir: Rutter *The Irish Blessing*

Voluntary: Archer *Wir pflügen*

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**There is a retiring collection
for the Uganda Project.**

**You are all very welcome to
join us for refreshments in the
church after the service.**

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Dates for Your Diary

Pet Service

Sunday 13th October at 12noon

St Peter's Church
Green Lane, Formby
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**Sunday 3rd
November**
6:30pm

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St Peter's Singers

Celebrant
Revd Anne Taylor

Preacher
Revd Beverley Smith

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12th to 15th December

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Sunday 22nd December at 6.30pm

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