

St. John's Carrington Parish Eucharist for Harvest *with blessing of pets*

6th October 2019



Francis of Assisi preaching to the birds.

Today we give thanks for the Harvest and for the abundance of God's gifts to us. We offer thanks for the gift of creation and all the creatures he has made, whilst also lamenting the times we have neglected the world.

Welcome on behalf of the community of St. John's Church

St. John's seeks to be an inclusive church community where all are welcomed and valued, regardless of age, race, ethnicity, gender or sexuality.

Whether this is your first time or whether you have been coming for years, we are delighted to welcome you. It is also a pleasure to welcome our animal companions.

We prepare for worship by being still, recalling God's presence with us. We have a foyer where greetings may be exchanged before entering the liturgical space, and we encourage you to use the time before the service in prayerful preparation.

Gluten-free altar bread is available for those who need it and alcohol free wine.
Please ask the priest at the distribution.

Mass setting: 'The Mass of St. Thomas' – David Thorne

The service is led by the Vicar, the Revd. James Pacey

A prayer before the service begins:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We say together the words in bold print. We stand to sing.

HYMN

1.
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!

2.
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.

3.
Then, thou Church triumphant come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In God's garner to abide;
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

THE GATHERING AND WELCOME

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

All **and also with you.**

We remain standing as the priest introduces the service.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

THE GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.
To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen,

Alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen,

Alleluia amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To God be glory forever.

To God be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia amen,

Alleluia amen.

Please remain standing as the priest introduces a period of silent prayer.

THE COLLECT

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.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING: Genesis 1.11-12, 20-25

¹¹ Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. ¹² The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

²⁰ And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." ²¹ So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. ²² God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." ²³ And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day.

²⁴ And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. ²⁵ God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We stand for the gradual hymn.

GRADUAL HYMN

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.**

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.***

**2. For the beauty of each hour,
of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light.**

***Lord of all to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.***

**3. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.**

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.*

**4. For the church, that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love.**

*Lord of all to thee we raise
this our grateful hymn of praise.*

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

They who are sowing in tears, will sing when they reap.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Lord be with you,

All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

THE GOSPEL: Luke 12.22-32

²² Jesus 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. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ 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! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ 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. ²⁸

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! ²⁹ And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰ For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

All **Praise to you, O Christ, for this your holy Gospel.**

After a prayer we sit for the sermon.

THE SERMON

ACT OF THANKSGIVING and BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of humankind;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

For all creatures that breathe, move, and have life;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

For the songs of birds and the beauty of fields, flowers and trees;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

For the trust you have shown us in giving into our care animals for
companionship;

All **We thank you, Lord.**

That each pet here may be treasured with care;

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

That we may love and honour all your works, O God;

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

That we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant
creation, to the honour and glory of your name, now and forever,

All **We pray to you, Lord.**

*During the music that follows, you are invited to bring your pet forward for a prayer
of thanks and blessing. After all have been blessed, we pray the following:*

Praise God,

All **from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, you heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

After, we kneel or sit for the prayers.

INTERCESSIONS

Let us pray for the world and the Church, and thank God for his goodness.

The following response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

After the names of the departed have been read out:

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
All **and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

The prayers may conclude with:

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus.
All **Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners
now and at the hour of our death. Amen**

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

We stand for the Peace.

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,
All **and also with you.**

*We greet one another with Christ's Peace by offering each a hand in greeting saying
"the peace of the Lord be always with you" and the reply "and also with you".*

When we have returned to our seats the following is said:

THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,
gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.

Bring forward the grain and the grape,
for our Saviour took bread and wine
to feed us with his body and his blood,
given and shed for the life of the world.
Let us feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.
All **Thanks be to God.**

During the next hymn, you are invited to come and place your harvest gifts in front of the altar. All donations will be given to Emmanuel House.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

***All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.***

**1. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.**

All things....

**3. The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
To gather every day.**

All things....

**2. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one;**

All things....

**4. The tall trees in the greenwood,
The meadows where we play,
The rushes by the water,
We gather every day;**

All things....

**5. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.**

All things....

The gifts are received.

We remain standing for the beginning of the Eucharistic Prayer. The prayer is printed in full below if the responses are unfamiliar, although we encourage you to observe and prayerfully listen to the liturgy.

PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

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.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER (B)

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son 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 proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

All **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.**

Please sit or kneel.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
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 gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All **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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread**

AGNUS DEI

All **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

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

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

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

We receive communion in a circle around the altar. All are very welcome. We remain in the circle until all have received though if standing for long periods is tricky, do feel free to return to your seat.

If you would prefer a prayer of blessing, please do come up but keep your hands in front of you.

During communion the Anthem 'Thou Visitest the Earth' is sung after which we sing the following:

COMMUNION HYMNS

- 1. For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God.
gifts bestowed on every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.**

**2. In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.**

**3. 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.**

**1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
Where there is injury your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt true faith in you.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**2. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

*Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

**3. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving to all men that we receive;
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Almighty God,

All **we thank you for feeding us
with 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.**

NOTICES

FINAL HYMN

- 1. 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.***
- 2. 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.***
- 3. We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest, our life, our health, and food;
No gifts have we to offer, for all thy love imparts,
But that which thou 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.***

THE DISMISSAL

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 among you and remain with you always.

All **In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: Preludes on the tune "Wir Pfliegen"

Do stay for tea, coffee and a chat!

NOTICES

Evensong

Join us for evensong this evening at 6pm. All welcome.

Date for the Diary - Advent Fair

We will be holding the 2019 Advent Fair on Saturday 30th November. Stalls, entertainment and attractions. More information to follow.

Date for the diary – 27th October, 2019

At PCC it was agreed to have a Church Information Day regarding all our forthcoming missional plans & events. The format is to be decided and will likely be for an hour and a half-couple of hours after mass, but there will be lunch served after the service that day. This is an important occasion and would be great to have the whole church in attendance.

Date for the diary – All Souls Evensong 3rd November

In this service we will read out the names of all those we love but see no longer. More information to follow.

Hot Dogs for Halloween

As part of our desire to serve our local community, we will be opening church up to welcome people out on Halloween. We will be offering them hot dogs and inviting them to light a candle and write down the name of any deceased love ones. If anyone has a BBQ we could borrow, do let James know.

Walsingham Pilgrimage

A group of us enjoyed a refreshing and probing pilgrimage to Walsingham. Good conversations, including challenging theological discussions, were had and lots of fellowship was enjoyed. A big thanks to Ray for organising it.

Decorating

A huge thanks to Luke who spent a lot of time last week replastering the peeling wall in the vestry this week. We are very grateful.

Maintenance work

On the theme of decorating, there are some maintenance jobs that need some volunteers (no special skills required!) Our church space is an important part of our mission and welcome and we want to keep it a welcoming, light & versatile space for worship and community. The following need doing:

putting up another two cameras, repairing uneven flooring, oiling main doors, changing lighting batteries, decorating (especially room 4). Someone with experience will co-ordinate! We could also really do with help to find firms and get prices for damp prevention work and building repairs. Any help is gratefully received (the Vicar will be taking a paintbrush to room 4 so don't be shy!)

Mothers' Union

Meets this Wednesday in Room 1. Mandy Hodgson will be giving a presentation about Victorian Melodrama. All welcome.

Services & events this week

Tuesday 8th October 9am 12pm	Morning Prayer Midday Prayer
Wednesday 9th October 9am 10am 12-2pm	Morning Prayer Holy Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i> Carrington Community Café
Saturday 12th October 10am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 13th October 10am	Parish Eucharist followed by tea and coffee

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