

# St Michael's and All Angels, Galleywood October 5<sup>th</sup> 2025 – Harvest Sunday

#### Welcome and Introduction

Song: MP 506; How Great Thou Art!

O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! ....

And when I think that God his Son not sparing, Sent him to die — I scarce can take it in. That on the cross my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! ....

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home — what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

## Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art! ....

Stuart H Kine

## Song: MP 200: Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

## Song MP 490: O Come Let Us Adore Him

O come let us adore Him. O come let us adore Him.

O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

We'll give Him all the glory ..... Christ the Lord

For He alone is worthy ..... Christ the Lord

#### **Confession and Absolution**

1John 1:8 – 10; If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.

O King enthroned on high, filling the earth with your glory: holy is your name, Lord God almighty. In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away, and to cleanse our lips to speak your word, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 103:11 – 12 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

## A Reading and A Prayer

## Song MP 757: When Peace Like a River

When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea-billows roll; Whatever my lot You have taught me to say, 'It is well, it is well with my soul.'

It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, if trials should come, Let this blessed assurance control, That Christ has regarded my helpless estate, And has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought – My sin – not in part – but the whole Is nailed to His cross; and I bear it no more; Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live! If Jordan above me shall roll, No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life You will whisper Your peace to my soul.

It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul.

But Lord, it's for You – for Your coming we wait, The sky, not the grave, is our goal:
O trump of the angel! O voice of the Lord!
Blessed hope! Blessed rest of my soul.

It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Horatio Gates Spafford and Philip Paul Bliss

## Sonlight and Mega

Mission Update – Travers: Harvest Appeal

Diane: Food Bank

## Readings - Ann

#### Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

- Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.
- <sup>3</sup> Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.
- <sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.
- <sup>5</sup> For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

#### John 6:22 - 35

- <sup>22</sup> The next day the crowd that had stayed on the opposite shore of the lake realised that only one boat had been there, and that Jesus had not entered it with his disciples, but that they had gone away alone. <sup>23</sup> Then some boats from Tiberias landed near the place where the people had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. <sup>24</sup> Once the crowd realised that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into the boats and went to Capernaum in search of Jesus.
- <sup>25</sup> When they found him on the other side of the lake, they asked him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?"
- <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, you are looking for me, not because you saw miraculous signs but because you ate the loaves and had your fill. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for food that spoils, but for food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. On him God the Father has placed his seal of approval."
- <sup>28</sup> Then they asked him, "What must we do to do the works God requires?"
- <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent."
- <sup>30</sup> So they asked him, "What miraculous sign then will you give that we may see it and believe you? What will you do? <sup>31</sup> Our forefathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written: 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"
- <sup>32</sup> Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, it is not Moses who has given you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true

bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

<sup>34</sup> "Sir," they said, "from now on give us this bread."

<sup>35</sup> Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God** 

Sermon - David

Song: MP 106; Come You Thankful People, Come

Come, You thankful people come!
Raise the song of harvest home!
Fruit and crops are gathered in
Safe before the storms begin;
God, our Maker will provide
For our needs to be supplied;
Come, with all His people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
Harvests for His praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown,
Here for 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 bring His harvest home, He Himself on that great Day Worthless things shall take away, Give His angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the fruitful ears to store In His care for evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, Bring Your final harvest home!

Gather all Your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin; There, together purified, ever thankful at Your side – Come, with all Your angels, come, Bring that glorious harvest home.

Henry Alford

#### **Affirmation of Faith**

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Intercessions - Sue

## 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.

## Thanksgiving for Offerings

### **Notices and Family News**

## Song: MP 266; I Cannot Tell

I cannot tell why He, whom angels worship,
Should set his love upon the sons of men,
Or why, as Shepherd, He should seek the wanderers,
To bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that He was born of Mary,
When Bethlehem's manger was His only home,
And that He lived at Nazareth and laboured,
And so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

I cannot tell how silently He suffered,
As with His peace He graced this place of tears,
Or how His heart upon the cross was broken,
The crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, He heals the broken-hearted,
And stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
And lifts the burden from the heavy-laden,
For yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.

I cannot tell how He will win the nations,
How He will claim His earthly heritage,
How satisfy the needs and aspirations
Of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see His glory,
And He shall reap the harvest He has sown,
And some glad day His sun shall shine in splendour,
When He the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
When, at His bidding, every storm is stilled,
Or who can say how great the jubilation
When all the hearts of men with love are filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
And myriad, myriad human voices sing,
And earth to heaven, and heaven to earth, will answer:
'At last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Y Fullerton

# **Closing Prayer and Blessing**

Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

Grace, mercy and peace be with you all, this week and always. Amen

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