



Welcome to our Harvest Festival

Sunday 4th October 2026, 10am

Welcome

O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

...who gives food to all flesh,
for his steadfast love endures forever.
Amen.

(from Psalm 104)

Song (1128)

¹Who paints the skies into glorious day?
Only the splendour of Jesus.
Who breathes his life into fists of clay?
Only the splendour of Jesus.
Who shapes the valleys and brings the rain?
Only the splendour of Jesus.
Who makes the desert to live again?
Only the splendour of Jesus.

Chorus:

*He is wonderful, he is glorious,
Clothed in righteousness,
Full of tenderness.
Come and worship him,
He's the Prince of life,
He will cleanse our hearts
In his river of fire.*

Teach every nation his marvellous
ways;
Each generation shall sing his praise.

²Who hears the cry of the barren one?
Only the mercy of Jesus.
Who breaks the curse of the heart of
stone?
Only the mercy of Jesus.
Who storms the prison and sets men
free,
Only the mercy of Jesus.
Purchasing souls for eternity?
Only the mercy of Jesus.

Song (1170)

¹From the highest of heights
To the depths of the sea,
Creation's revealing your majesty.
From the colours of fall
To the fragrance of spring,
Every creature unique
In the song that it sings.
All exclaiming:

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And you know them by name:
You are amazing, God.
All-powerful, untameable;
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim:
You are amazing, God.*

²Who has told every lightning bolt
Where it should go,
Or seen heavenly storehouses
Laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun
And gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness
of night?
None can fathom.

Hymn (732)

¹We 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,

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Chorus.

(Stuart Townend)

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*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky,
And you know them by name:
You are amazing, God.
Incomparable, unchangeable,
You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same;
You are amazing, God.*

(Laura Story, Jesse Reeves)

And soft refreshing rain.

*Chorus:
All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

²He 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.

³We thank you, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all your love imparts,
We come now, Lord, to give you
Our humble, thankful hearts.

(Matthias Claudius, tr. Jane M. Campbell)

Confession

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.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

Absolution

Collect – Harvest

Prayer for Sonlight and Mega, as they leave

Mission Update: Harvest project – International Nepal Fellowship

Hymn (147)

¹Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine.

²Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
Those who fear him find his mercies,
Peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted,
Human pride and power laid low.

³Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter
Till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.

⁴Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days;
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
Walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children –
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!

(Timothy Dudley-Smith)

Bible readings

Isaiah 53:3-6,11-12

³ He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.
Like one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

⁴ Surely he took up our infirmities
and carried our suffering,
yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.

⁵ But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;
and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.....

¹¹ After the suffering of his soul,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
By his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

¹² Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.
For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

Isaiah 55:1-2,6,8-11

¹ “Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;
and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labour on what does not satisfy?
Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare....”

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call on him while he is near....

⁸ “For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,”
declares the LORD.

⁹ “As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

¹⁰ As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,

¹¹ so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”

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

Sermon: To good to be true?

Hymn (1291)

¹I hear the Saviour say,
‘Thy strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray;
find in my thine all in all.’

Chorus:
Jesus paid it all,
all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain:
he washed it white as snow.

²Lord, now indeed I find
thy power and thine alone
can change the leper’s spots
and melt the heart of stone.

Chorus.

³And when before the throne
I stand in him complete,
'Jesus died my soul to save,'
my lips shall still repeat.

Chorus.

(Elvina M Hall)

Affirmation of faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Intercessions

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.

Receiving the Harvest gifts, accompanied by:

¹For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies:
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

²For 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:
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

³For the joy of love from God,
That we share on earth below;
For our friends and family,
And the love that they can show;
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

⁴For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Thank you Lord that they are mine,
Here on earth as gifts from heaven;
Father, unto thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

(Folliott Pierpoint, altd.)

Thanksgiving for our offering

Notices and family news

Hymn (106)

¹Come, 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!

²All 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.

³For the Lord our God shall come
and shall take 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.

⁴Even 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)

Blessing