

# ST MARY-AT-FINCHLEY

## HARVEST EUCHARIST

6th October 2024

**The Processional Hymn** - 534 We plough the fields and scatter

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;  
he fills the earth with beauty,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts...*

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.

*All good gifts...*

### **We say "Hello" to each other**

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

**Amen**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you!**

Today is our Harvest festival, and we are giving thanks for God's gifts in creation, celebrating the beauty of our natural world and dedicating the gifts of our lives to God.

### **We say sorry and receive forgiveness**

But first we say sorry for all the things that we have done wrong.

**Gracious God, we have not loved you with all our hearts. We have not cared for others**

**as for ourselves. In your great mercy forgive us and help us to lead a new life in your service.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

**Amen**

### **We sing of God's glory "Clap hands Gloria"**

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo (x2)

**Lord, God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us;  
We worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.**

Gloria...

**Jesus, saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.**

Gloria...

**At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer,  
For you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.**

Gloria...

**Glory, Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit,  
To you we raise our hands up high, we glorify your name.**

Gloria...

### **Harvest gifts are brought to the altar**

#### **A Special Prayer for Today called "The Collect"**

Let us pray [remain standing]

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.

**Amen**

### **We Listen to God's Word**

#### **Psalm 8**

##### **You have set your glory above the heavens**

O Lord, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.  
Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.

##### **You have set your glory above the heavens**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;  
what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?

##### **You have set your glory above the heavens**

Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,

##### **You have set your glory above the heavens**

all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
**You have set your glory above the heavens**

**All Stand for the Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 6. 25 - 33* —see notice sheet

‘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.

**All Sit for the Talk - the Rector**

**We Stand and Say What We Believe**

Let us declare our faith in God:

**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.**

**All Kneel for the Prayers**

**We Stand to Share God’s Peace with Each Other**

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let us greet one another with the sign of peace.

**The Offertory Hymn - 39** As the deer pants

1 As the deer pants for the water,

So my soul longs after You.

You alone are my heart’s desire

And I long to worship You.

*You alone are my strength, my shield,*

*To You alone may my spirit yield.*

*You alone are my heart’s desire*

*And I long to worship You.*

2 I want You more than gold or silver,  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver  
And the apple of my eye. *You alone are...*

3 You're my Friend and You are my Brother,  
Even though You are a King.  
I love You more than any other,  
So much more than anything.  
*You alone are...*

### Receiving the Gifts

With this bread we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood, gifts from God to his table we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**

### We Give Thanks and Praise to God

#### Remain standing for THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

***ALL SING: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God almighty. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God almighty: who was, and is, and is to come; holy, holy, holy is the Lord.***

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood. On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

***ALL SING: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is the Lord God almighty: Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is the Lord God almighty: who was and is and is to come; Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.***

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,

and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Mary and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen.**

***ALL SING: Glory, glory, glory to the Lord, glory to the Lord God almighty: glory, glory, glory to the Lord, glory to the Lord God almighty: who was, and is, and is to come; glory, glory, glory to the Lord.***

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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 the Bread**

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

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

### **Giving the Bread and Wine**

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

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

*All are welcome to come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing.*

*Anthem: Faith as small as a mustard seed, Doug Horley arr. Barry Hart:*

*Thou visitest the earth , Maurice Green*

### **The 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 a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Notices**

#### **The Post Communion Hymn - 228 I danced in the morning**

1. I danced in the morning  
when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon  
and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and  
I danced on the earth,  
at Bethlehem  
I had my birth.

*Dance, then, wherever you may be,  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.  
And I'll lead you all  
wherever you may be,*

*and I'll lead you all  
in the dance, said he.*

2. I danced for the scribe  
and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance  
and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen,  
for James and John;  
they came with me  
and the dance went on.

3.1 I danced on the Sabbath  
and I cured the lame.  
The holy people  
said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped  
and they hung me high,  
and they left me there  
on a cross to die.

4. I danced on a Friday  
when the sky turned black.  
It's hard to dance  
with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body  
and they thought I'd gone  
but I am the dance  
and I still go on.

5. They cut me down  
and I leapt up high.  
I am the life  
that'll never, never die  
I'll live in you  
if you'll live in me.  
I am the Lord  
of the Dance, said he.

### **The Blessing and sending our into the world**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use them to his glory and the welfare of all peoples. And the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

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**JOIN us for lunch in the Hall at 12 noon**

