

ST MARY-AT-FINCHLEY

HARVEST EUCHARIST

5th October 2025

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...

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

Gloria in Excelsis (*Poston Mass*)

Gloria, gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo, Glory, glory, glory be to thee, And peace to his people here on earth.

Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, We praise thee, we bless thee, we adore thee, We glorify thee, glorificamus, glorify thee, glorificamus, We give thee thanks for thy great glory. Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens, Only Son of the Father, Jesus Christ, Thou who takest away the sins of the world, Have mercy on us, Thou who takest away the sins of the world, Receive our prayer, Thou who art at the right hand of the Father Have mercy on us, Solus sanctus, quoniam tu solus sanctus, Thou alone art the Lord, Thou alone most high, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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

All Sit for the New Testament Reading: *Philippians 4.4-9 (see notice sheet)*

A reading from the letter to the Philippians (4.4-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalm 100 (see the notice sheet)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

For the Lord is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord all the earth.

All Stand for the Gospel Reading: *John 6.25-35 (see notice sheet)*

Gospel Reading John 6.25-35

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.' Then they said to him, 'What must we do to perform the works of God?' Jesus answered them, 'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.' So they said to him, 'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, "He gave them bread from heaven to eat." ' Then Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.' Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

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 - 179 God whose farm is all creation

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

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:

Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,

Holy, holy, holy one, holy Lord

Heav'n and earth are full of thy glory, glory be to thee, glory be,

O my Lord most high, glory be to thee,

Sanctus, sanctus Dominus, sanctus, Deus,

Holy, holy, holy one, holy, holy 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.

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.

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: Thou visitest the earth, Maurice Green & Ave Maria, Simon Lindley*

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 - Praise and Thanksgiving (*see notice sheet*)

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.

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