

Harvest Morning Worship 13th October 2024

Welcome

In the fading of the summer sun, the shortening of days, cooling breeze, swallows' flight and moonlight rays.

We see the creator's hand and we praise you.

In the browning of leaves once green, morning mists, autumn chill, fruit that falls, frost's first kiss. **We see the creator's hand and we praise you.**

For the promise of harvest contained within a seed. For the oak tree within an acorn. The bread within a grain. The apple within a pip. The mystery of nature, gift wrapped for us to sow.

We see the creator's hand and we praise you.

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, the spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is this world. Open our eyes to see you, our lips to praise, our hands to share. May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread and our footsteps be worthy of following, for they lead to you.

Amen.

Harvest offerings are brought to the front during the song

Song

PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW,

Praise Him, all creatures here below,

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

Repeat 5 times

Flames – we pray our children and their leaders as they go

We say sorry to God and one another

We still our minds: we turn to the Lord, in whose hands our future and our past rest secure.

In our lamentation and our joy, woven together, God's love is seen.

In our unity and separation, we are one, brothers and sisters in the risen Christ.

We turn to God, who calls us and waits for us, who runs to us and welcomes us.

Where we have despaired, and lost sight of your love.

Lord, have mercy.

Where we have given way to anger, and not loved our neighbour as ourselves.

Christ, have mercy.

Where we have been wasteful, and forgotten your care for your whole creation.

Lord, have mercy.

We are forgiven

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;

the Lord accept your prayers, and absolve you from your offences,

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

We Glorify the Lord

Let the earth glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills, and all that grows upon the earth, praise Him and highly exalt Him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, O whales and all that move in the waters. All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, and all you flocks and herds.

O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, praise him and highly exalt him for ever. Amen.

Songs

GREAT IS THE LORD and most worthy of praise,
The city of our God, the holy place,
The joy of the whole earth.
Great is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
He aids us against the enemy,
We bow down on our knees.

*And Lord, we want to lift Your name on high,
And Lord, we want to thank You,
For the works You've done in our lives;
And Lord, we trust in Your unfailing love,
For You alone are God eternal,
Throughout earth and heaven above.*

THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME;

What can I say?
You are my everything,
I will sing Your praise.
You shed Your blood for me;
What can I say?

You took my sin and shame,
A sinner called by name.

Great is the Lord.

So great is the Lord.

For we know Your truth has set us free;

You've set Your hope in me.

Mercy and grace are mine,
Forgiven is my sin;
Jesus, my only hope,
The Saviour of the world.
'Great is the Lord,' we cry;
God, let Your kingdom come.
Your word has let me see,
Thank You for saving me

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Gospel Reading *(please stand)*

Matthew 6:25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, O Lord.

Ending with This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Song

Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run
The fountain I drink from
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide
The ransom for my life
Oh He is my song

*You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh
You are good good oh*

Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails
The anchor in the waves
Oh He is my song
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins
The echo of my days
Oh He is my song

You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let
Never gonna let me down
You're never gonna let

Never gonna let me down
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on
When the night is holding on to me
God is holding on

We affirm 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

We are led in prayer, finishing with 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.**

We hear from Flames

Notices

Song

I love You, Lord
Oh, Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

*And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God*

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
And in darkest night You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me
With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

We are sent out

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Freely you have received, freely give. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

in the name of Christ. Amen.