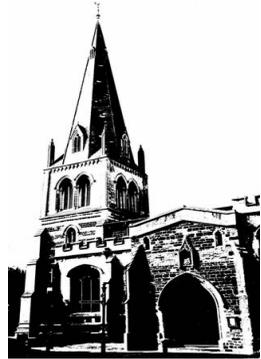


Welcome to All Hallows

23 September 2018

Harvest and Come to Church Sunday

11:15 Parade service



*Feel free to ask the Priest before the service if you have any special intentions to be included in today's **Intercessions**.*

***We do not practise Intinction** (dipping the consecrated bread, or host, into the consecrated wine before consumption by the communicant) in this church. If you are unable to partake of the Common Cup, then it is legitimate to receive the host alone, since the body and blood are present in both species.*

***Be aware of the step-up** if you use the pews on the north and south walls – we don't want anyone falling.*

***In case of an accident** during the service, if there is a trained medic in church, they should take control and others should remain in their seats. A churchwarden should call for an ambulance if needed and the accident book should be filled in. The service will continue as normal if at all possible.*

HYMN

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
 raise the song of harvest-home!
 All is safely gathered in,
 ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our Maker, doth provide
 for our wants to be supplied;
 come to God's own temple, come;
 raise the song of harvest-home!

- 2 All the world is God's own field,
 fruit unto his praise to yield;
 wheat and tares together sown,
 unto joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871) and others, HymnQuest ID: 51977

GREETING

The President says

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you,

All and also with you.

INFORMAL WELCOME by Fr Tony

People are invited to bring their gifts to the front.

CONFESSION

Minister Harvest makes us aware of how much we have to be thankful for,
but it also makes us aware of how often we take
the miracle of the world and those around us for granted.

In front of you is a seed.
You are invited to take this seed
and hold the seed in the palm of the hand.

This seed is special. It contains life waiting to break out.
It is precious and valuable. It is a gift from God.
Like this seed, each of our lives is precious and special.
God has given each of us a life that is beyond price.

All **Forgive us, Lord,
for taking the gift of life for granted
and for not treating each other as your precious children.**

Now, hold the seed up between finger and thumb.

This seed is small.
It seems too tiny to be anything important or significant.
Yet it contains a surprise waiting to happen.
It is a lesson from God.

Like this seed, God planned each of our lives to become
something surprisingly more than we yet are or appear to be.

All **Forgive us, Lord,
for not recognising the small beginnings of your work in us
and for not believing in your surprising plans for our lives.**

Hold the seed hidden in the closed fist of one hand.

This seed is hidden.
It remains out of sight so it can grow in secret.
The miracle of the seed is a sign from God.

Like this seed, God wants us to be with him in secret.
He wants to work in depth in our lives.
We can only grow as we trust in the miracle
of his new life out of death.

All **Forgive us, Lord,
for not spending time with you,
and for tolerating those things in us that ought to be put to death.**

Place the seed on top of your folio, which is held in both hands.

This seed is patient. It doesn't grow in an instant.
It needs time and care and the right conditions.

The future of the seed is only for those who can wait.
It is the way of God.

Like this seed, God's plans for us are long term and the best.
He works that plan through the grace of friends,
his words and our worship together.
But he won't rush what is so important.

**All Forgive us, Lord,
for wanting things the quick and easy way
and for often hurting the very people
whom you want to use to help us grow.**

ABSOLUTION

May the God of all healing and forgiveness
draw us to himself, and cleanse us from all our sins,
that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**All Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love you well;
on the earth let all your people
speak your grace, your wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

COLLECT

The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.

Creator God,
you make all things
and give us the earth and the seasons,
the rain, the sun and the wind;
make us thankful people with generous hearts,
ready to share your goodness and love with all creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

READING Psalm 65

O God our Father,
you take care of the land and water it.
You make it very fertile.
The rivers of God are full of water.
Seeds grows because you make them grow.

You cause rain to fall on the ploughed fields.
You soak them with water.
You soften the ground with rain.
And then you bless it.

You give the year a good harvest.
You load the wagons with many crops.

The desert is covered with grass.
The hills are covered with happiness.

The pastures are full of sheep.
The valleys are covered with grain.
Everything shouts and sings for joy.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
- Refrain *For his mercies ay endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*
- 2 Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:
- 3 He with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
- 4 He the golden-tressèd sun
caused all day his course to run:
- 5 And the hornèd moon by night,
mid her spangled sisters bright:
- 6 All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:
- 7 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

John Milton (1608-1674) HymnQuest ID: 56895

GOSPEL READING The Sower – a story Jesus told

All Alleluia! [x4]

Minister Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather fruit for eternal life.

All Alleluia! [x4]

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told a story; a particular kind of story we call a parable, a story with a special hidden meaning, a story that went like this:

A farmer went out to sow some seed. He threw it on the ground. He threw it here. He threw it there. He threw it everywhere.

Some of the seed that the farmer threw fell on the hard, foot-worn path. And straight away greedy birds swooped down out of the sky and gobbled them up.

Some of the seeds that the farmer threw fell on rocky ground, where the soil was very shallow. And the tender seedlings sprang up quickly. But because the soil was shallow, their roots did not sink deep. And when the sun came up, it scorched the seedlings and they completely withered and died.

Some of the other seeds that the farmer threw fell among weeds, and the weeds grew up and smothered the seedlings.

But the other seed that the farmer threw fell on the good soil. And they produced an enormous crop: as much as a hundred times, sixty times and thirty times, the seed that was sown.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

PRESENTATION

After the Presentation silence may be kept.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

We share together as God's family,
remembering all that we believe:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
Source of all being and life,
the one for whom we all exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

HYMN

- 1 All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam:
- Refrain *O praise him, O praise him,
alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!*
- 2 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice:
- 3 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light:
- 4 Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
- 5 Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

*William Henry Draper (1855-1933) based on Laudato sii, O mi signore
St Francis of Assisi's Canticle of the Sun, HymnQuest ID: 50228*

TABLE PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

Voice Why is it right to give thanks and praise?
Voice Listen, and we will hear.

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 made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All **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.

Voice Why do we share this bread and wine?

Voice Listen, and we will hear.

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.'

Minister Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord,
blessed is the Lord God Almighty.
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord,
blessed is the Lord God Almighty.
Who was and is and is to come.
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord.**

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.

Voice How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Voice Listen, and we will hear.

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 [*N and*] all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen.

All **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.**

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray.

All **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 OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread.

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

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

AGNUS DEI

All **O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts,
And take our sins away.
O Lamb of God, your Grace impart,
And let our guilty fear depart.
Have mercy, Lord, we pray. Have mercy, Lord, we pray.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

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

*The people come forward to receive communion, authorized words of distribution are used, and the communicant replies **Amen**.*

QUIRE ANTHEMS Glory, Love & Praise & Honour

Silence is kept.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have celebrated Harvest,
brought our gifts, sung hymns
and remembered God's generosity.

As we go out into the world
help us, Father,
to live our lives as people of the harvest,
to share and give, to bless and to love,
through Jesus, our friend and Lord.

All **Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

May God's joy be in our hearts.

[Place hand on heart.]

May God's peace be in our world.

[Sweep hand out in front.]

May God's love be known between us.

[Embrace with arms.]

And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us now and for evermore.

All **Amen.**

HYMN

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.

There'll be shouts of joy
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field
shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

[Repeat twice from the beginning.]

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Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

*After the service our Harvest lunch
takes place in the hall*

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