

Harvest Festival

10am Sunday 19th September 2021



The earth is the Lord's and everything in it. (*Psalm 24:1*)

Min: We come from scattered lives to meet with God.
Let us recognise his presence with us.

Silence is kept

As God's people we have gathered:

All: let us worship him together.

Processional Hymn: Let us sing to the Lord (*tune Sing Hosanna*)

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During the hymn the colours are received

**Let us sing to the Lord, our Creator;
let us praise him for all he's made:
for the mountains and seashore and rivers,
for the snow and wind and sun and shade.**

***God our Father, Jesus, Saviour,
Holy Spirit, help us learn your ways,
live to please you, love and serve you,
honour you with all our praise.***

He made trees and the birds and the flowers;
he made rain and the rainbow, too.
Let us sing of his power and his glory -
there is nothing that our God can't do!

*God our Father, Jesus, Saviour,
Holy Spirit, help us learn your ways,
live to please you, love and serve you,
honour you with all our praise.*

Let us join with the whole of creation,
let us praise our great God and King,
as the angels, who worship in heaven,
sing in chorus with the praise we bring.

*God our Father, Jesus, Saviour,
Holy Spirit, help us learn your ways,
live to please you, love and serve you,
honour you with all our praise.*

Introduction to our theme: A home for all



Oikos, the Greek word for 'home',
is the root word for 'economy' –
which, at a global level, is about
planetary house-keeping.

If you go camping what do you need? What can you manage without?

Confession

(Saying sorry to God for the ways we have failed to follow him)

Prayer of Confession

Min: We confess to you our lack of care
for the world you have given us.

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Min: We confess to you our selfishness in
not sharing of the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy

All: Christ, have mercy

Min: We confess to you our failure
to protect resources for others.

Lord, have mercy

All: Lord, have mercy

Min: May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins and make you holy
to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect *(a special prayer for today)*

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**

Reading: Genesis 18: 1-5 *(New Century Version)*

Later, the Lord again appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre. Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent during the hottest part of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When Abraham saw them, he ran from his tent to meet them. He bowed face down on the ground before them ³ and said, “Sir, if you think well of me, please stay awhile with me, your servant. ⁴ I will bring some water so all of you can wash your feet. You may rest under the tree, ⁵ and I will get some bread for you so you can regain your strength. Then you may continue your journey.” The three men said, “That is fine. Do as you said.”

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Reading: Exodus 33: 7-10 *(New Century Version)*

⁷ Moses used to take a tent and set it up a long way outside the camp; he called it the “Meeting Tent.” Anyone who wanted to ask the Lord about something would go to the Meeting Tent outside the camp. ⁸ Whenever Moses went out to the Tent, all the people would rise and stand at the entrances of their tents, watching him until he entered the Meeting Tent. ⁹ When Moses went into the Tent, the pillar of cloud would always come down and stay at the entrance of the Tent while the Lord spoke with Moses. ¹⁰ Whenever the people saw the pillar of cloud at the entrance of the Tent, they stood and worshipped, each person at the entrance of his own tent.

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Talk

Hymn: O God of boundless hope

Author: Brian Davis Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

<https://www.jubilate.co.uk/songs/o-god-of-boundless-hope>

**1. O God of boundless hope,
we need your Spirit's power;
creation's crisis deepens with
each passing hour.
So make us strong
to speak your word, and make it heard,
and right what's wrong.**

**2. Too many suffer now
from fire and wind and rain,
as livelihoods and homes are lost
and hope seems vain.
Will we ignore
all those who strive just to survive,
and close our door?**

**3. The world is changing fast
and warming year by year;
a tipping point is close,
the time to act is here.
We'll work and pray;
as nature bleeds we'll sow the seeds
of hope today.**

**4. Together we will walk
the new way you reveal;;
our planet cries from wounds
that love alone can heal.
Inspire us, Lord,
to give and care, that all may share
your earth restored.**

Profession of faith

We belong to the Creator in whose image we are all made.

**In God we are breathing, in God we are living,
in God we share the life of all creation.**

We belong to Jesus Christ, the true icon of God and of humanity.

**In him God is breathing, in him God is living,
through him we are reconciled.**

We belong to the Holy Spirit, who gives us new life
and strengthens our faith.

**In the Spirit love is breathing, in the Spirit truth is living,
the breath of God always moves us.**

We belong to the Holy Trinity, who is one in all and Three-in-One.

**In God we are all made, in Christ we are all saved,
in the Spirit we are all united.**

Together, we belong to the Earth, our common home.

The Earth that is the Lord's, and all that is in it.

(Per Harling)

Prayers

We use the following response:

Lord of the harvest

All Hear our prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Hymn: Praise and thanksgiving

**Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer,
for all things living you have made good;
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

**Lord, bless the labour we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you;
harvesting, milling, for daily bread.**

**Father, providing food for your children,
your wisdom guiding teaches us share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
sister and brother may know your care.**

**Then will your blessing reach every people;
each one confessing your gracious hand.
where you are reigning no one will hunger:
your love sustaining fruitful the land.**



**Prayer of thanksgiving
and commitment**

Notices

Hymn: We plough the fields *(As the colours are returned)*

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;
the winds and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children, He gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

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 around us are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

Blessing

The love of the faithful Creator, the peace of the wounded Healer,
the joy of the challenging Spirit, the hope of the Three in One
surround and encourage you today and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

**There will be a retiring collection towards
our Buy a Virtual Brick initiative.**

