

**St Andrew's, Chesterton**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**

**3 October 2021**  
**Eighteenth Sunday of Trinity**

**We gather together**

O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**We sing**

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,  
    raise the song of harvest-home :  
    all be 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)\*

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**We say sorry**

God has blessed us,  
but still God's children go hungry.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

God has blessed us,

but still the poor cry out for justice.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

God has blessed us,  
but still we see inequality and oppression in the  
earth. Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **We receive God's forgiveness**

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

### **We say the prayer for the day**

**God, our judge and saviour,  
teach us to be open to your truth  
and to trust in your love,  
that we may live each day  
with confidence in the salvation which is given  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

### **We listen to the Bible**

*Matthew 6:25-33*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life<sup>[a]</sup>?

“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **We think about what God is saying**

### **We sing**

1        Thank You Lord for this fine day  
          Thank You Lord for this fine day  
          Thank You Lord for this fine day  
          Right where we are

*Alleluia praise the Lord  
Alleluia praise the Lord  
Alleluia praise the Lord  
Right where we are*

2        Thank You Lord for loving us  
          Thank You Lord for loving us  
          Thank You Lord for loving us  
          Right where we are

*Alleluia praise the Lord...*

3        Thank You Lord for...

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### **We affirm our faith**

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.**

### **We pray and say the Lord's Prayer**

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,  
so in faith and trust we pray:

**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 share news and notices**

## **We offer our Harvest gifts**

*Please wait to be invited forward by our sidespeople. When invited,  
take your gifts and leave them in front of the altar.*

## **We sing**

1 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.*

2 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.*

Wir pflügen und wir streuen

Matthias Claudius(1740–1815)

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**The peace of the Lord be always with you  
and also with you.**

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*Please stay for refreshments, after which there will be a short  
Communion service at 11am.*