



St Swithun's Natley Scures

HARVEST FESTIVAL



WELCOME AND NOTICES

HYMN

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!

We ourselves are 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.

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 ever more.

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!

OPENING SENTENCE

The land has yielded its harvest: God our God has blessed us. (Psalm 67: 6)

PRESENTATION OF PRODUCE

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

O Lord God Almighty, the Creator and Father of all: we yield thee hearty thanks that thou hast ordained for mankind both seedtime and harvest, and dost now bestow upon us thy children the fruits of the earth in their season. For these and all other mercies we laud and magnify thy glorious name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

EXHORTATION

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins ; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all men such things as their well-being doth require. Wherefore let us kneel in silence, and remember God's presence with us now.

CONFESSION *(please kneel or sit)*

O God, our Father, we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed: we have not loved thee with all our heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; cleanse us from our sins; and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

RESPONSES

O Lord, open thou our lips.
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

(please stand)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.
The Lord's Name be praised.

VENITE, EXULTEMUS DOMINO

Chant: Richard Goodson (1655-1718)



1. O come let us | sing un-to the | Lord :
let us heartily rejoice in the | strength of | our sal- | vation.
2. Let us come before his | presence • with | thanksgiving :
and shew ourselves | glad in | him with | psalms.
3. For the Lord is a | great | God :
and a great | King a- | bove all | gods.
4. In his hand are all the | corners • of the | earth :
and the strength of the | hills is | his | also.
5. The sea is his and | he | made it :
and his hands pre- | pared the | dry | land.

6. O come let us worship and | fall | down :
and kneel be- | fore the | Lord our | Maker.

7. For he is the | Lord our | God :
and we are the people of his pasture * and the | sheep of | his | hand.

Glory be to the Father * and | to the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning * is now and | ever | shall be :
world without | end. | A- | men.

READING *(please sit)*

Joel 2: 21-27

PSALM

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**A King on high is reigning whom endless ages bless,
from sea to sea sustaining his rule of righteousness.
Beneath his strong defending his people stand secure,
whose justice knows no ending while sun and moon endure.**

**As rains that gently nourish and bring the seed to birth,
his righteousness shall flourish, his peace possess the earth;
her sceptered kings acclaim him, before his feet they fall,
the nations kneel to name him the sovereign Lord of all.**

**The poor are in his keeping, he hears their bitter cry,
his watchfulness unsleeping to answer every sigh;
the lonely and neglected, the outcast and in need,
forsaken and rejected, to him are dear indeed.**

**His Name endures for ever who formed the fertile land;
the fruits of our endeavour shall prosper in his hand.
With prayer and song and story his praises sound again,
in all the earth his glory; so be it, Lord! Amen!**

READING *(please sit)*

Matthew 6: 25-33

JUBILATE DEO

Chant: William Savage (1720-89)



1. O be joyful in the Lord | all ye | lands :
serve the Lord with gladness *
and come before his | presence | with a | song.
 2. Be ye sure that the Lord | he is | God :
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves *
we are his | people • and the | sheep of • his | pasture.
 3. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving *
and into his | courts with | praise :
be thankful unto him * and | speak good | of his | Name.
 4. For the Lord is gracious * his mercy is | ever- | lasting :
and his truth endureth from gene- | ration • to | gene- | ration.
- Glory be to the Father * and | to the | Son :
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;
- As it was in the beginning * is now and | ever | shall be :
world without | end. | A- | men.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

(please kneel or sit)

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Responses

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen.

And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.

And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for Harvest

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season: We yield thee humble and hearty thanks for these thy bounties, beseeching thee to give us grace rightly to use them to thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *(please sit)*

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Jesus, of God and man the Son;
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
O thou my soul's delight and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
clothed in fresh raiment each autumn and spring.

Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes the lowliest heart to sing.

Fair is the sunrise, fairer still the starlight,
spreading their glory across the sky.
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines clearer,
from the angelic host on high.

All fairest beauty, heavenly and earthly,
Jesus, my Lord, is found in thee.

Glory and honour, praise and adoration,
now and for ever more shall be.

ADDRESS

HYMN

1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

Lord of all...

3. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

Lord of all...

4. For thy Church which ever more
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love:

Lord of all...

PRAYERS *(please kneel or sit)*

HYMN *(during which the collection will be taken)*

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...

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...

BLESSING *(please remain standing)*

*Please stay for
refreshments
after the service*



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