

13 September 2026 – Harvest Thanksgiving

GATHERING SONG: Canticle Of The Sun

*The heavens are telling the glory of God,
And all creation is shouting for joy!
Come, dance in the forest, come, play in the field,
And sing, sing to the glory of the Lord!*

**Praise for the sun, the bringer of day,
he carries the light of the Lord in his rays;
the moon and the stars who light up the way,
unto your throne!**

Chorus

**Praise for the wind that blows through the trees,
the seas' mighty storms, the gentlest breeze;
they blow where they will, they blow where they
please, to please the Lord!**

Chorus

**Praise for the rain that waters our fields,
and blesses our crops so all the earth yields;
from death unto life her mystery revealed
springs forth in joy!**

Chorus

**Praise for the fire who gives us his light,
the warmth of the sun to brighten our night;
he dances with joy, his spirit so bright,
he sings of you!**

ENTRANCE HYMN: *Stand* 401 - We Plough the Fields and Scatter

*Please bring up your gifts during this hymn, if you
haven't already.*

GREETING

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

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Brothers and sisters,
let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves
to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

You came to reconcile us to the Father,
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of sin and division:
Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.
Have mercy, Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us at the right hand of the Father:
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.
Have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**Glory, glory to God,
glory to God in the highest,
and on earth, peace on earth
peace to people of good will.** *Repeat*

**We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.**

Refrain

**Lord Jesus Christ, Lord Jesus Christ,
Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
Son of the Father,
You take away the sins of the world,
have mercy, mercy on us:
have mercy, mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
receive our prayer, receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand,
at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy, mercy on us;
have mercy, mercy on us.**

Refrain

**For You alone are the Holy One,
You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory, glory of God,
the glory of God the Father.**

Refrain

Amen! Amen!

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

FIRST READING:

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

<i>Sit</i>

***Bless the Lord your God for the good land
that he has given you***

Moses said to all Israel: The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, ‘My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.’ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 65

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion;
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins;
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there.
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your
house, even of your holy temple.

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.
In your strength you set fast the mountains
and are girded about with might.

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

You still the raging of the seas, the roaring of their
waves and the clamour of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels;
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
you soften the ground with showers and bless its
increase.
You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

May the pastures of the wilderness flow with
goodness and the hills be girded with joy.
May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.

Happy are they whom you choose to dwell in your courts

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5.14-6.2
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God loves a cheerful giver

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,
‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which

will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

<i>Stand</i>

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ the sower,
Whoever finds this seed will remain for ever.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Luke 12.16-30

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke **Glory to you, O Lord.**

***Do not worry about your life, what you will eat,
or about your body, what you will wear***

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

The Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ

HOMILY

<i>Sit</i>

NICENE CREED

<i>Stand</i>

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand
of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your Apostles:
Peace I leave you, my peace I give you,
look not on our sins,
but on the faith of your Church,
and graciously grant her peace and unity
in accordance with your will.
Who live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PROCESSION OF THE GIFTS: I Am The Living Bread From Heaven

I am the living bread from heaven,
I am the living bread from heaven,
That came down from heaven.

Repeat

I am the living bread, I am the living bread,
Whoever eats of this bread, eats of the bread,
Will live forever, ever, ever.

I am the living bread from heaven,
I am the living bread from heaven,
That came down, came down, came down,
from heaven.

During the next hymn a collection will be taken. If you are a UK taxpayer and can gift aid your donation, please place it in a yellow gift aid envelope (available in the pews) and complete all the details requested.

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OFFERTORY HYMN: 238 - Now Thank We All Our God

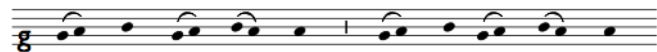
OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

**May the Lord accept
the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R. We lift them to the Lord.**



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



R. It is right to give thanks and praise.

The Priest continues singing the Preface:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and God of might:
heaven and earth, heaven and earth
are full of your glory, your power and might.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

**Blessed, blessed is he who comes,
blessed, blessed is he who comes;
blessed is he, blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

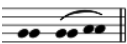
**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

The Priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer
Great is the mystery of faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come; Lord Jesus, come.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

**Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.
Hosanna, hosanna,
hosanna in the highest heavens.**

The Priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.
At the end all sing



A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

At the Saviour's command
and formed by divine teaching,
we dare to say:

**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

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

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

AGNUS DEI

**Jesus, Lamb of God and source of life:
Jesus, loving bearer of our sins:**

*Hear our prayer, have mercy;
Hear our prayer, have mercy;
give us your peace.*

**Jesus, Son of God and Son of Man:
Jesus, true redeemer of the world:**

**Jesus Christ, our Way, our Truth, our Life:
Jesus Christ, our living cornerstone:**

**Jesus, Lord of life and Lord of light:
Jesus, here in form of bread and wine:**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please follow the guidance of the stewards as you
come forward for the distribution of Communion. If you
would like to receive a blessing instead, please bring
your service sheet with you.*

COMMUNION HYMN: An Upper Room

**An upper room did our Lord prepare
for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there
to celebrate their risen friend.**

**A lasting gift Jesus gave his own:
to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down,
he by his cross shall lift us up.**

**And after supper he washed their feet,
for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete:
sent out to serve, as he was sent.**

**No end there is! We depart in peace,
he loves beyond the uttermost:
in every room in our Father's house
Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.**

COMMUNION HYMN: Abba Father, From Your Hands

Abba, Father, from your hands,
the living waters flow.
In your love you give me joy,
joy so I may grow.
Abba, Father, from your hands,
the living waters flow.

Jesus, Saviour, from your wounds
the living waters flow.
In your love you give me peace,
peace so I may grow.
Jesus, Saviour, from your wounds
the living waters flow.

Holy Spirit, from your pow'r
the living waters flow.
In your love you give me pow'r,
pow'r so I may grow.
Holy Spirit, from your pow'r
the living waters flow.

Allelujah, from your life
the living waters flow.
In your love you give me joy,
joy so I may grow.
Allelujah, from your life
the living waters flow.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Stand

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving
for your love in creation
and have shared in the bread
and the wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence
for all that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

NOTICES AND BLESSING OF HARVEST GIFTS
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Sit

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

Stand

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

✠ May almighty God bless you,
the Father,
and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 397 - Come, Ye Thankful People Come
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