

st JOHN'S  
*Living God's Love*

**All Age  
Parish Eucharist**



**Harvest Thanksgiving**

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# The Gathering

Please join in the words in **black bold type** and in the hymns and music

**Please stand** for the opening hymn

## Entrance Hymn

282 *Come, ye thankful people, come*



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!

Words: Henry Alford  
Tune: St George's Windsor

## The Greeting

We meet in the name of God:

**God the Father,  
God the Son,  
God the Spirit:  
God is one.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said*

### **Confession**

*We say sorry to God*

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

### ***Please kneel or sit***

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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.**

## **The Gloria (A&M 416)**

*We stand to sing God's praise*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to our Saviour.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever.

**To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, Amen.

**Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen!**

## **The Collect**

*We remain standing to say the special prayer for today*

Let us pray.

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 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.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

*Please sit as we hear from the Bible*

## **The First Reading**

*Joel 2.21-27*

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Joel

<sup>21</sup>Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! <sup>22</sup>Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. <sup>23</sup>O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. <sup>24</sup>The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. <sup>25</sup>I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup>You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup>You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gospel Reading**

*Matthew 6.25-33*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup>“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? <sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? <sup>31</sup>Therefore

do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise of you, O Christ**

**Sermon**

*We learn more about God*

**The Creed**

*We stand to say together what we believe about God*

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.**

*cf Ephesians 3*

**Prayers of Intercession**

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world  
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

***Please kneel or sit***

*The intercessions are led by St John's Brownies*

*These responses may be used*

Lord, in your mercy    (or)    Lord, hear us.  
**hear our prayer.**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

*At the end*

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*We prepare to share Communion with God and each other*

### **The Peace**

*We stand to share in the peace*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*The deacon says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*





# Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*We give back with thanks what God has given us*

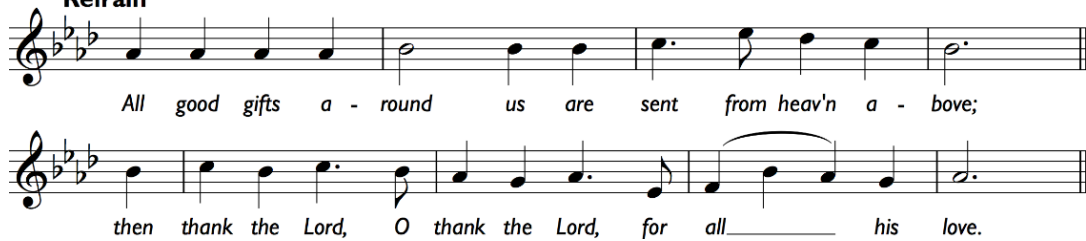
**After the Collection, our gifts for Harpenden Foodbank are gathered around the altar**

## Offertory Hymn

290 *We plough the fields, and scatter*



### Refrain



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

I 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.*

Refrain

All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;  
 then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.

2 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.

*Refrain*

3 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.

*Refrain*

Words: Matthias Clodias, tr Jane Montgomery Campbell  
 Tune: Wir Pflügen

*The president takes the bread and wine and says*

With this bread that we bring  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body,  
wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**We shall remember Jesus.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

*God makes the bread and wine holy for us*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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

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 give us the fish in the sea,  
the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree;  
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.

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

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because 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.

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. Do this to remember me.'

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.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
and to work together for that day  
when the whole world is fed,  
suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with Mary, St John and all your saints  
we give you glory,  
through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Rejoicing in Gods new creation, let us pray with confidence as our saviour has taught  
us*

### ***Please remain kneeling or sitting***

*The president says*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

## Giving of Communion

*The president says*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion*

*Authorised words of distribution are used and the communicant replies*

**Amen.**

*If it is your tradition you are warmly welcomed to receive communion*

*If you would prefer a blessing, please come forward carrying this booklet with you*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung*

## Communion Hymns

451 (i) *Just as I am*



I just as I am, without one plea  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

2 Just as I am, though  
tossed about  
with many a conflict,  
many a doubt,  
fightings and fears  
within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

4 Just as I am, thou wilt  
receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon,  
cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I  
believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

3 Just as I am, poor,  
wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of  
the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to  
find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

5 Just as I am, thy love  
unknown  
has broken every barrier  
down;  
now to be thine, yea,  
thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

6 Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth and height to  
prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Words: Charlotte Elliott  
Tune: Saffron Walden

464 Sweet Sacrament divine



1 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.

3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest  
soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

4 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Words: Francis Stanfield*

*Tune: Divine Mysteries*

## Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.

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.**

## Post Communion Hymn

287 *Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer*



1 Praise and thanksgiving,  
Father, we offer,  
for all things living  
thou madest good;  
harvest of sown fields,  
fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.

2 Bless thou the labour  
we bring to serve thee,  
that with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
we would work with thee;  
harvesting, milling  
for daily bread.



3 Father, providing  
food for thy children,  
thy wisdom guiding  
teaches us share  
one with another,  
so that rejoicing  
with us, our brother  
may know thy care.

4 Then will thy blessing  
reach every people;  
freely confessing  
thy gracious hand.  
Where thy will reigneth  
no one will hunger:  
thy love sustaineth;  
fruitful the land.

*Words: Albert F Bayly*

*Tune: Bunessan*

## **The Dismissal**

## **Blessing**

May God our creator,  
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,  
bestow on you his care  
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

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

*The ministers and people depart*

***There is a retiring collection in support of the Bishop's Harvest Appeal***



Dear friends,

Water is essential. Jesus himself chose the image of water to illustrate that through him, God's inexhaustible love flows freely to us. And God's love flows further, from our lives to the lives of others in need, as we pray, care and give.

My Harvest Appeal project this year, Water is Life, works with local churches in the DRC, to provide clean, safe water to rural communities, where, currently, people encounter the risk of preventable diseases such as cholera, from unsafe water.

Water is Life equips church members to reach out extending God's abundant love and bringing the gift of clean water to the local community. I invite you to support my Harvest Appeal this year with your prayers and generosity.

+Alan St Albans

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