



Welcome

HARVEST FESTIVAL

13 October



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**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.**

Refrain:

***All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
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, and food;
no gifts have we to offer,
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts. Refrain**

The Priest goes to his place and says:

Priest In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you
most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving**

kindness.

**We bless you for our creation,
preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable
love
in the redemption of the world by our
Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and for the
hope of glory.**

**And give us, we pray, such a sense of
all your mercies
that our hearts may be unfeignedly
thankful,
and that we show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and
ever.**

Amen.

*The priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

Priest Lord, you give justice to those who
are suffering and bread to those who
hunger.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Priest Lord, you loose those who are bound
and open the eyes of the blind.

Christ have mercy

All Christ, have mercy.

Priest Lord, you watch over the stranger in
the land and uphold the orphan and
the widow.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen.***

*We sing the **Gloria**, which you will find on the
separate music sheet.*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung*
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.**

*We sit for the **first** and **second** readings.*

First Reading

Joel 2.21-27, read by Richard

Be not afraid, O land;
be glad and rejoice.
Surely the LORD has done great things.
Be not afraid, O wild animals,
for the open pastures are becoming green.
The trees are bearing their fruit;
the fig-tree and the vine yield their riches.
Be glad, O people of Zion,
rejoice in the LORD your God,
for he has given you
the autumn rains in righteousness.
He sends you abundant showers,
both autumn and spring rains, as before.
The threshing-floors will be filled with
grain; the vats will overflow with new wine
and oil.
“I will repay you for the years the locusts
have eaten – the great locust and the
young locust, the other locusts and the
locust swarm – my great army that I sent
among you.
You will have plenty to eat, until you are
full, and you will praise the name of the
LORD your God, who has worked
wonders for you; never again will my
people be shamed.
Then you will know that I am in Israel,
that I am the LORD your God,
and that there is no other;
never again will my people be shamed.”

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading

1 Timothy 2.1-7, read by Kathryn

I urge that requests, prayers, intercession
and thanksgiving be made for everyone –
for kings and all those in authority, that we
may live peaceful and quiet lives in all
godliness and holiness. This is good, and
pleases God our Saviour, who wants all
men to be saved and to come to a
knowledge of the truth. For there is one
God and one mediator between God and
men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave
himself as a ransom for all men – the
testimony given in its proper time. And for
this purpose I was appointed a herald and
an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not
lying – and a teacher of the true faith to
the Gentiles.

At the end:

Reader This is the word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God**

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards
the Gospel book*

**1. Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:**

Refrain:

**for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**2. Let us blaze his Name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:**

Refrain

**3. He with all commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:**

Refrain

**4. He the golden-tressed sun
caused all day his course to run:
Refrain**

**5. The horned moon to shine by night,
mid her spangled sisters bright:
Refrain**

**6. All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:
Refrain**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest The Lord be with you
All And also with you

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to
Matthew (6, 25-33)

All 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 important than food, and the body
more important 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? Who of you by worrying
can add a single hour to his life?
“And why do you worry about clothes? See
how the lilies 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, O 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.”

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the Sermon

We stand to say the Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

The Prayers of Intercession follow

At the end:

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

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with
you always

All And also with you

Priest Let us offer one another a
sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn***

**I 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.**

**2. All the world is God's own field,
fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown
are to joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.**

**3. For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day
all offenses purge away,
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in the garner evermore.**

**4. Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest home.**

Priest Blessed are you Lord God of
all creation. Through your
goodness we have this bread
to offer, which earth has given
and human hands have made.
It will become for us the
bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever
Priest Blessed are you Lord God of

all creation. Through your
goodness we have this wine
to offer. Fruit of the vine and
work of human hands, it will
become our spiritual drink

All Blessed be God for ever
Priest Pray my sisters and brothers
that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God the
Almighty Father

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

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply*

Priest **Amen**
The Lord be with you

All And also with you.

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

**All It is right to give thanks
and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
the **Sanctus** and **Benedictus** from the music
sheet. The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues
until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith

All: Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until...

Priest ...for ever and ever

All: Amen

The Priest introduces the Lord's Prayer

**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**

Priest We break this bread to share
 in the body of Christ
**All Though we are many we
 are one body, because we
 all share in one bread**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** from the music sheet.*

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who
 takes away the sin of the
 world, blessed are those who
 are called to his supper.
**All Lord, I am not worthy to
 receive you,
 but only say the word,
 and I shall be healed.**

*The congregation approaches the altar to receive
Communion.*

*All those who are in good standing with their
own Church are invited to receive Communion.
Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are
invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail, or
bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.*

**Please make your way to the
Altar rail, and kneel (if able)**

**Please receive Communion in
your hand ONLY. If you wish to
receive the Chalice, please
remain in place. If not, return to
your pew**

**Please keep absolute silence
during Communion**

*Please remain seated to sing the **hymn***

**1. Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**

**2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore,
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Post Communion Prayers:

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and 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**

We say together:

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son
Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you

All And also with you

The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**

We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West

End for the **dismissal**

1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden
beams,

thou silver moon that gently gleams,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so
strong,

ye clouds that sail in heaven along,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,

ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. Thou flowing water, pure and
clear,

make music for thy Lord to hear,

Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and
light,

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,

O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the
Son,

and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

O praise him, O praise him,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

12.15pm Parish Lunch

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the choir of St. Paul’s*

Tuesday 15 October

10.30am – 1pm Sing Space Choir

Please note that the church is closed from 1pm

Wednesday 16 October

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

7pm PCC meeting

Thursday 17 October

9.45m School Eucharist: *all welcome*

6pm The Gresham College Lecture – *free admission*

Friday 18 October

1pm Everybody can

7.30pm London Oriana Choir Concert **

Saturday 19 October

Church closed all day

Sunday 20 October

11.00 Sung Eucharist, *for the Twenty First Sunday after Trinity*

2pm Memorial Service for the late Jamie Baughan RIP

***Tickets for all paid events at St. Paul’s can be obtained via our website*

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