

# Harvest Thanksgiving

## Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### Song – Come Ye Thankful People Come

- 1        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 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  
          Lord of harvest grant that we  
          Wholesome grain and pure may be

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### Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you  
**and also with you.**

**Song – by children from Langar Church of England Primary School**

## Saying Sorry

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.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts  
carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

**forgive us and help us.**

## Receiving Forgiveness

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Collect / Prayer for Today our Harvest Thanksgiving

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 our Lord.

**Amen**

## Community Thank You's

Reverend Rachel talks with members of our communities who have helped us through this difficult year so far and who are committed to helping us through the weeks and months ahead.

## Song – Think Of A World

- 1        Think of a world without any flowers  
          Think of a world without any trees  
          Think of a sky without any sunshine  
          Think of the air without any breeze  
          We thank You Lord  
          For flowers and trees and sunshine  
          We thank You Lord and praise Your holy name
  
- 2        Think of a world without any animals  
          Think of a field without any herd  
          Think of a stream without any fishes  
          Think of a dawn without any bird  
          We thank You Lord for all Your living creatures  
          We thank You Lord and praise Your holy name
  
- 3        Think of a world without any people  
          Think of a street with no-one living there  
          Think of a town without any houses  
          No-one to love and nobody to care  
          We thank You Lord for families and friendships  
          We thank You Lord and praise Your holy name

## Readings

### Luke 12:16-30

<sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> 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?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

<sup>22</sup> He 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. <sup>23</sup> For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup> 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! <sup>25</sup> And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup> If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

<sup>27</sup> 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. <sup>28</sup> 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! <sup>29</sup> And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup> For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

### Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup> On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, <sup>13</sup> they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” <sup>14</sup> When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. <sup>15</sup> Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup> He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? <sup>18</sup> Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” <sup>19</sup> Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

## **Talk – Reverend Clare Connell**

### **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 the Holy Spirit  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

## **Prayers – by children from Langar Church of England Primary School**

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

**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.**

## Song – We plough the fields and scatter

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

*Chorus    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  
          He fills the earth with beauty  
          By Him the birds are fed  
          Much more to us His children  
          He gives our daily bread

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  
          But that which Thou desirest  
          Our humble thankful hearts

## Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children,  
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## Ending

Freely you have received, freely give.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**