

WORSHIP - 17th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY, HARVEST 1 4 OCTOBER 2020

Welcome and notices

*This order is similar to the one we are using at St Matthew's at 10 am.
Please pray for those of us worshipping in one of our churches, as we pray for you. We are celebrating Harvest over two weekends in both churches.*

Light a candle and prepare to worship - you have to listen to

We plough the fields and scatter

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ha628Pj_Rns



Grace, mercy and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.

And also with you.

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

God created the world and said it was very good. But now, God's whole creation groans. The land produces thorns and thistles and is ready for burning. Our sin affects all around us. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Your righteousness, Lord, is like the strong mountains, and your justice as the great deep:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

With you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light: Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

O continue your righteous dealing to those what are true of heart: Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins, strength you to work for the healing of his creation, and assure us of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis - say this, as those of us in church will be saying it

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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 of God the Father. Amen.

The Harvest 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 forever, Amen.

Bible readings - Isaiah 5.1-7 and Matthew 21.33-end

The text for these are on the blue sheet, which you can download from the front page of the website

Psalm 80.9-17 is printed on the blue noticesheet - the whole psalm is beautifully sung by Lincoln's choir at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zxc9GhmnUdM>

Address - there is a sermon from me on the front page of the website (you can have Julie's harvest sermon next week)

The Nicene Creed - we affirm our faith, and the faith of the whole church (hence 'we' not '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.

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for his goodness.

Lord God, we sing joyfully, and give thanks for your creation. For your love which holds it all together. We give thanks for the variety - of climate, of crops, of people. We think of the variety of food we eat - the crops and vegetables grown locally, and those flown in from across the world. We give thanks for those who have supplied us through the last few difficult months - the transport, the infrastructure, the shops we have used. We give thanks for the work of the Hop Centre, for all who have fed our city, our nation, for the work we do for the Food Bank. We give thanks that practical care is there, light in the darkness.
Lord of Creation, **in your mercy hear us.**

Lord, we pray for your creation. The image of "groaning in travail" seems so apt. The pain and suffering, not just of humanity, but of all you have created. We listen Lord, to the predictions for the future of our planet - we are afraid. We feel so afraid, so useless - Lord, what should we do? We pray for our leaders, for governments across this world, for all who are trying to make changes so this world becomes a safer, more secure place. We pray for industry and trade, for green vision in the economic life of our world. We pray for ourselves, in the way we treat creation - we ask for your help to care better for our environment.
Lord of Creation, **in your mercy hear us.**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for the life you give us. We pray for men and women across this world. We know that, while we have so much, many have so little. We know that men, women and children will starve today, because others are rich, and too much of your creation goes to waste. We pray for people who live in places of war, for those whose lives are threatened by climate change. We pray for all fighting Covid, in government, national and local, in the NHS - for strength to persevere. Lord of Creation, **in your mercy hear us.**

We pray for your church across this world, and ask for strength to see your love, to tell of your love, to imitate your love. Help us, all Christians everywhere, to work together for your kingdom - that all may be fed, all may know your love. Help us, Lord, to believe that we can build a better world, to work together, and to work with you. Lord of Creation, **in your mercy hear us.**

We pray for ourselves. We pray for our friends who are ill, and remember those who have died. We give thanks for the harvest, and ask your blessing upon us.

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

The Peace - even if you are physically alone, remember you are part of God's Church across the world. We can share the peace with a phone call later today - who are you going to phone?

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Hymn - All creatures of our God and King, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OCTcICIS_XQ

At St Matthew's we are celebrating Holy Communion, but I am aware that if you are remaining at home, the fact that we are sharing the sacrament and you are not, might well be very difficult. I have printed the Eucharistic Prayer, but quite understand if you prefer not to use it until you are able to come to church or I can bring Communion to you. I can't tell you that you are welcome to use this prayer and have some of your own bread and wine, as that introduces all sort of legal and theological complications, but I'm sure God has no problems if that's what you want to do.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

**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 praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St Matthew, St Edmund and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**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.

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.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed 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.**

In church I will walk round the church giving people communion in one kind (bread only). You might like to listen to this setting of The Benedicite, by James Thomas who was our Director of Music at Bury

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FoJYQyEN4e0>

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, and make us continually to be given to all good works, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

The 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 ... **Amen.**

Hymn - To thee O Lord our hearts we raise - *now this is an interesting version:*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GQwXPNg8D7Y>

The Dismissal

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord; **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final music - Barwick Green - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BcocjymP4MA>