





Sunday First for Harvest Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity Sunday 1<sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 10.30am L: The land has yielded its harvest:

P: God our God has blessed us. (Psalm 67:6)

#### THE GREETING

L: The grace and the peace of the risen Lord be with you all.

### **P:** And also with you.

L: Blessed be God, creator of heaven and earth.

# P: He is the source of love and life for all creation.

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

# P: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice

L: Let us thank God today for his gracious love and call upon him to strengthen us within in his will.

**P:** Let us draw near to God in praise and thanksgiving.

## HYMN 47

1 We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the land, but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand. God 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 heav'n above. Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.* 

2 You only are the maker of all things near and far.You paint the wayside flower, you light the evening star.The winds and waves obey you, by you the birds are fed; much more to us, your children, you give our daily bread. [Refrain] 3 We thank you, 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 your love imparts, and what you most would welcome: our humble, thankful hearts. [Refrain]

### PENITENCE

As we bow our heads, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (*Heb. 4:16*)

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of your creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us. We enjoy the fruits of the earth, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us. We belong to a world where many are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the poor and hungry. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us. We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for our environment and the world you have made. Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

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** 

### THE COLLECT

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and 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 our Lord. **Amen** 

#### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD



### Reading: Deuteronomy 28:1-14

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God:

Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl.

Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before you; they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. The Lord will command the blessing upon you in your barns, and in all that you undertake; he will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you. The Lord will establish you as his holy people, as he has sworn to you, if you keep the commandments of the Lord your God and walk in his ways. All the peoples of the earth shall see that you are called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of you. The Lord will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground in the land that the Lord swore to your ancestors to give you. The Lord will open for you his rich storehouse, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and to bless all your undertakings. You will lend to many nations, but you will not borrow. The Lord will make you the head, and not the tail; you shall be only at the top, and not at the bottom-if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I am commanding you today, by diligently observing them, and if you do not turn aside from any of the words that I am commanding you today, either to the right or to the left, following other gods to serve them.

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

**Hymn 682** based on the Canticle, Benedicite All created things, bless the Lord All you heavens, bless the Lord All you angels, bless the Lord Sing to God and praise his name.

Sun and moon and stars of heaven Rain and dew and winds that blow Fire and heat and ice and snow Sing to God and praise his name.

Bless the Lord, you nights and days Light and darkness, praise him too; Clouds and lightnings in the sky *Sing to God and praise his name*.

Hills and mountains, bless the Lord; Flowing rivers with the seas Flying birds and earthly beasts Sing to God and praise his name.

All who dwell upon the earth Priests and servants of the Lord Humble people, holy ones, *Sing to God and praise his name*.

Bless the Father, bless the Son, Bless the Spirit, Three in one; Sound his glory all your days; Give to God exulted praise.

#### Reading: Luke 17:11-19 [Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers]

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

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### ADDRESS

THE RESPONSE to God's Word - The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 again 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.

# Music Group ~ An instrumental offering

### Hymn 596

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you; Allelu-, alleluia:

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu-, alleluia:

Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord; Allelu-, alleluia:

#### PRAYERS

Loving God, we know that You want us to grow to maturity in Your hands. And we know that You do forgive us and You will remould us before we become set in our ways. So we thank you – and now we pray for those around us:

For the sick and the suffering.... we pray for their healing and ask God to bless the work of those in the medical profession Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer** 

For the homeless and the hungry.... that we may respond to their need and that all may receive a just share of God's bounty

Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer

For the despairing and the depressed... that they may have faith and hope Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer** 

For the lost and the lonely.... that they may reconnect with their families, friends and communities Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer** 

For those persecuted for the faith... that they may be strong Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer** 

Lord hear our prayers for our friends and our neighbours – for those near at hand and those far away. Bless them and those specific people and situations that we now hold before you in hearts and with the words of our lips.... we now keep silence for a time Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer** 

### Minister

Gracious God: Grant that your people may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and guide us into harmony of relationship through loving-kindness and the wise use of all that you have given; for you are drawing all things into communion with you and with each other by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** 

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gathering up all our petitions to serve the needs of the world we pray as our Saviour Christ has taught us: Our Father .....

# Launch of Christmas Shoebox Appeal

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#### **Closing Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to the God of all creation. For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it, we give our thanks, good Lord: your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we give our thanks, good Lord: your mercy endures for ever.

For insight and imagination, and for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many; we give our thanks, good Lord: your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we give our thanks, good Lord: your mercy endures for ever.

For new life and hope in our communities, especially in your Church and amongst all called to serve you, we give our thanks, good Lord: your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see the fruit of the Spirit, in goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, we give our thanks, good Lord:

#### your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we give our thanks, good Lord:

#### your mercy endures for ever.

Let us say together: **Be with us Lord**, **as we go out into the world**. May the lips that have sung your praise always speak the truth; may the ears which have heard your Word listen only to what is good and may our lives as well as our worship be always pleasing in your sight, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### HARVEST 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 Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you, this day and for evermore. **Amen.** 

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

#### Services this week

Wednesday 4th October11:30amFuneral of the late Ian Lasbrey12:30amContemplative Eucharist- cancelled7.30pmZoom ComplineThursday 10th St Francis of Assisi (tr)

10.30am Eucharist (1) with intercessions for those in need (A cup of tea/coffee is available after this service.)

#### Next Sunday

9.00 a.m.	Eucharist
10.30 a.m.	<b>Parish Eucharist</b>

#### **Notices**

Monday 2nd October 7.30pm Select Vestry Edward Darling Room Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> 9:15am Parish Reader prep 2.00pm Mothers' Union branch open meeting

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- LONG LIFE JUICE
- LONG LIFE MILK
- TINNED FISH
- **TINNED SPAGHETTI**
- TINNED FRUIT
- JARS OF JAM
- <u>TINNED POTATOES OR SMASH</u>
- NAPPIES SIZE 5 OR ABOVE ONLY
- <u>TOILETRIES SOAP, SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL, TOOTHPASTE ETC</u>
- HOUSEHOLD CLEANING ITEMS WASHING UP LIQUID, WASHING POWDER





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