



Welcome to St Margaret's Church Ifield
Loved as you are



Sunday 25th September 2022
Harvest Thanksgiving

*All are welcome to St Margaret's and we encourage all to take part fully in this service. If you have **mobility issues** that make it difficult for you to come and receive communion, should you want to, then do please notify our sides-people, and we will come to you.*

THE GATHERING

As we gather together

Pastorale BWV 590 Second Movement Allemande
Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

We stand at the entrance of the clergy

Processional Hymn

**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 our harvest-home!**

**We ourselves are God's own field, fruit unto his praises 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.**

**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.**

Words: Henry Alford 1810-1871 Music: George Elvey 1816-1893

THE GREETING

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

All Amen.

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

All And also with you.

WORDS OF WELCOME

THE PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All 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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Celebrant 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:

All 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:

All 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:

All forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

All 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:

All forgive us and help us.

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

THE GLORIA

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Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God!

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Glo - ry! Glo - ry! Glo - ry to God!

Glo - ry to God in the heights of the hea - vens,
Son of the Fa - ther all glo - ry and wor - ship;
You take a - way the sins of the world;
Sea - ted in power at the right of the Fa - ther,
14 And with the Spi - rit of love e - ver - las - ting,
peace to God's peo - ple, all peo - ple on earth.
praise and thanks - gi - ving to you, Lamb of God.
have mer - cy on us, re - ceive our prayer.
Je - sus a - lone is the Lord, the Most High.
reign - ing in glo - ry for e - ver, A - men.

THE COLLECT

Celebrant 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit for the readings

First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Philippians 4:4-9

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God

Please stand for the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

John 6:25-35

Alleluia alleluia

Lift up your eyes and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life

All Alleluia

All The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

All Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

All This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Please remain standing until the preacher has introduced the Sermon

THE SERMON

We stand

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

All 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

*Prayers for the Church, the world, and for all human need. After each
petition join in the response*

Celebrant 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.

God, the beginning and end of all things,
in your providence and care
you watch unceasingly over all creation,
we offer our prayers
that in us and in all your people your will may be done,
according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our
Lord.

Lord of all life:

All **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and
life;
for farmers and agricultural workers,
for packers, distributors and company boards,
as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each

other,
enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others
before our own.

Lord of all creation:

All Hear our prayer

We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops
against disease,
and to produce abundant life among those who hunger
and whose lives are at risk.

Prosper the work of their hands
and the searching of their minds,
that their labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom:

All Hear our prayer.

We pray for governments and aid agencies,
and those areas of the world where there is disaster,
drought and starvation.

By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts
and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty,
and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice:

All Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill,
remembering those in hospital and nursing homes
and all who are known to us.

We pray for all who care for them.

Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-
being.

Lord of all compassion:

All Hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died,
whom we entrust to your eternal love
in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Lord of all peace:

All Hear our prayer.

We offer ourselves to your service,
asking that by the Spirit at work in us
others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness:

All Hear our prayer.

God of grace,
as you are ever at work in your creation,
so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us
and in all for whom we pray,
that with them and in all that you have made,
your glory may be revealed
and the whole earth give praise to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All And also with you.

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace, being mindful that not everyone is yet happy to be hugged or shake hands.

As the Body of Christ receives its life from God, and offers its life to God, so we, as members of that Body, greet each other in love.

THE BRINGING FORWARD OF SYMBOLS OF THE HARVEST

Celebrant Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest, gifts that God has created, and his sun and rain have nurtured.

All Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields, the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley.

All Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of roots, the swedes and mangolds, turnips and sugar beet.

All Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next year's crops, for clover, for hay and for corn.

All Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables, peas, potatoes, beans and hops.

All Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of pears and apples, berries and herbs.

All Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of flowers,
the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

All Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the grain and the grape,
for our Saviour took bread and wine
to feed us with his body and his blood,
given and shed for the life of the world.
Let us feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

All Thanks be to God.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

The Preparation of the Table

The Taking of the Bread and Wine

During the Preparation of the Table

**For the fruits of all creation, thanks be to God,
For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God,
For ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will be done,
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will be done,
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God,
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God,
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
Most all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

Words: Fred Pratt Green 1903-2000 Music: Welsh Melody

Celebrant Heavenly Father accept these prayers, left this past week,
on the fishing net. We pray that you will meet these
people at their point of need.

All Amen.

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

We sit or stand

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Celebrant The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

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

Celebrant It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.
Through him you have created us in your own image, and
made us stewards of your good creation. Through him you

teach us to exult in the birds of the air, the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth. Through him you free us from the slavery of sin, giving him to die upon the cross and to rise again for our salvation. Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells. Therefore, we join with angels and archangels, and give voice to every creature under heaven, for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
 ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san na in the high - est.

Celebrant Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus

Lord, by your cross and re - sur-rec - tion you have set us
 free. You are the Sa - viour of the world.

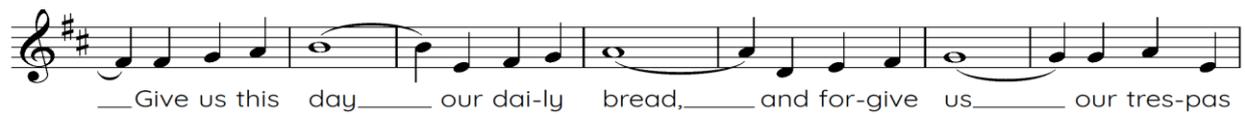
And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Saint Margaret and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

A - - - men. A - - -
 5 men. A - - - - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER



The Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread

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.

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Lamb of God you take away the sins of the

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world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God you

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take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Giving of Communion

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.**

He whom the universe could not contain is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So, take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

Please wait to be directed for Communion.

*The sacrament will be administered to the congregation in both kinds but by intinction. As the priest offers you the host with the words ‘**The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ**’ please respond: **Amen.***

During the distribution of Communion

Pastorale BWV 590 Third Movement Aria

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Reflection

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

Words: Doreen Newport 1927-2004 Music: Graham Westcott b. 1947

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant 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.

All **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.**

NOTICES

THE BLESSING

Celebrant **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 all he has given 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.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant **We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love, and to reflect God's glory.**

Celebrant **Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.**

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

Recessional Hymn

**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 things around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

**He only is the maker of all things near and far,
He paints the wayside flower, he lights the evening star,
The wind and waves obey him, by him the birds are fed,
Much more to us, his children, he gives our daily bread.
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

**We thank thee then, O Father, for all things bright and good:
The seed-time and the harvest, our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer for all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.
*All good things around us are sent from heaven above,
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.***

*Words: Matthias Claudius 1740-1815 tr Jane Montgomery Campbell 1817-1878
Music: Johann A P Schulz 1747-1800*

Postlude

Pastorale BWV 590 First Movement

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Johann Sebastian Bach was best known during his lifetime as an organist, organ consultant, and composer of organ works in both the traditional German free genres, for example preludes, fantasias, and toccatas and stricter forms for example chorale preludes and fugues. At a young age, he established a reputation for creativity and ability to integrate foreign styles into his organ works. The Pastorale was composed about 1720 in Leipzig. Here the piffero or pipe melody is in canon over a drone reflecting the shepherds playing on their pipes as they shepherd their sheep.

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Service next Sunday:
Trinity 16

**Said Eucharist Service (8.00 am)
First Sunday Service (11.00 am)
and on Facebook and the parish website www.ifieldparish.org**
