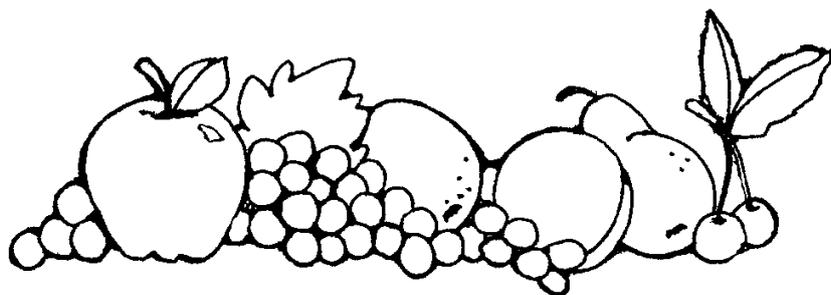




St Mark & St Cuthbert

the church on the park



Morning Worship

with

Harvest Thanksgiving

Welcome to our celebration of Harvest Thanksgiving.

We stand, if we are able, to sing our opening hymn.

Opening Hymn *(during this hymn colours may be presented)*

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father.

All May he fill us with truth and joy.

We come together as the family of God
to offer him praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive his holy word
and to bring before him the needs of the world.

**All Lord, direct our thoughts,
teach us to pray,
lift up our hearts to worship you
in Spirit and in truth.
Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Together we remember that the world is not as God longs for it to be.

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his
image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All Amen.

Prayer for today

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.

All Amen.

Bible Reading

We sit to listen to our reading(s), from the Old or New Testament. At the end:

Your word is a lantern to our feet

All and a light upon our path.

Hymn

Gospel Reading

This or a similar acclamation heralds the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia.

We bring you good news, that you should turn to the living God, who gives you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling you with food and your hearts with joy.

All Alleluia.

Please stand for the Gospel if you are able. At the announcement:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

A talk, drama or activity may follow

A Statement of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and 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 God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

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

Amen.

The Peace

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn *(during which Harvest gifts and any other offerings are received)*

God of all goodness and grace, receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Harvest Thanksgiving

Today we thank God for his abundant goodness to us throughout the year.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we give you thanks and praise
for all the gifts you have given us,
for our life and the world in which we live,

All Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the work we are able to do,
for the truth we are permitted to learn,
for the good there has been in our lives,

All Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the order and constancy of nature,
for the beauty and bounty of the world,
for day and night, summer and winter,
seedtime and harvest,

All Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the boundless store of harvest,
for the fruits of the earth to sustain and gladden life,

All Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the industry and perseverance
of those who work on our farms,
for those who shape the farmer's tools
and build farming machines;
for those who, by their skill and labour
have helped to supply our food,

All Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For the comforts of life,
for our homes and their joys,
for our village, our town and their community life,

All Father, we give you thanks and praise.

For our communion with you, Father of all,
for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ;
for his life and his death,
for his resurrection and ascension,
for his redemption of all creation,
for the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

**All we give you thanks and praise,
Lord God, our heavenly Father. Amen.**

Prayers

And so we offer our prayers to God
for the life of the world
and for all God's people
in their daily life and work.

The response to "Lord of all...." is "**Hear our prayer**"

concluding with

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.

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to say:

**All 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.**

Hymn *(during which colours may be collected)*

Notices, Banns of Marriage, Celebrations

Sending Out

To a troubled world,

All peace from Christ.

To a searching world,

All love from Christ.

To a waiting world,

All hope from Christ.

God of power,

may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,

may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,

may the gifts of your Spirit equip us

to serve and worship you

now and always.

All Amen.

All May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

and the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,

be with us all evermore.

Amen.

Please do stay for refreshments before you begin your week.