

PARISH OF ESHER  
Christ Church, Esher with St George's, West End

# All Age Eucharist and Harvest Thanksgiving



*'Speak to the people of Israel and say to them:  
When you enter the land that I am giving you and  
you reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf of the  
first fruits of your harvest to the priest.'*

Leviticus 23.10



# The Gathering

*The president greets the people.*

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

**Amen.**

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

## The Greeting

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## Opening Prayer

Creator God, you breathe your own life into us;  
you give us the gift of life every day.  
You placed us on this earth with its flowers and fruits,  
its minerals and waters, with its living creatures of grace and beauty.  
You give us the care of the earth.  
Help us to honour you by honouring your creation.

**Amen.**

*A hymn is sung.*

## Harvest Acclamation

**The earth has yielded its harvest;  
God, our God, has blessed us.**

You visit the earth and water it;

**you make it very plenteous.**

You soften the ground with showers;

**and bless the increase of it.**

You crown the year with your goodness;

**And your paths overflow with plenty.**

The meadows are clothed with sheep;

**The valleys stand so thick with corn,**

**They shout for joy and sing.**

**The earth has yielded its harvest;**

**God, our God, has blessed us.**

## Prayer for Forgiveness

When we are unkind to people,

**and forget that all are God's children;**

when we are careless with the animals

**and forget they too are God's creation;**

when we ill-treat the land,

**and forget it is the splendour of God himself;**

forgive us, O God of love, and reconcile us to yourself,

to one another and to your Creation.

**Teach us all**

**that the earth and all its fullness is yours,**

**the world and those who dwell in it.**

Remind us that your Son too enjoyed the fruits of harvest in Galilee,

and joins us now as we celebrate together today.

**Help us always to care for the gift of life,**

**now and always.**

**Amen.**

*The president says:*

May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw us to himself,  
and cleanse us from all our sins  
that we may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The Gloria may be used.*

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Father.**

To God be glory for ever!

**To God be glory for ever!**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Son of the Father.**

To God be glory for ever!

**To God be glory for ever!**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory for ever!

**To God be glory for ever!**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

**Alleluia, amen.**

## The Collect

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said, and all respond:*

**Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Readings

*Either one or two readings from scripture precede the Gospel reading, and a psalm, canticle or hymn may follow the first reading.*

*At the end of each the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Address

*After the Address an anthem may be sung, or a piece of music played.*

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

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

## Prayers of Intercession

*The president introduces the prayers.*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord, in your mercy:  
**Hear our prayer.**

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

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*The president introduces the Peace in these or similar words.*

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.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **The Offertory**

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## Preparation of the Table

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed on it, while a hymn is sung or a piece of music is played.*

*The following prayer is used:*

With this bread that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

With this wine that we bring

**we shall remember Jesus.**

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

**We shall remember Jesus.**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

*Question: Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

*Answer: Listen, and we will hear.*

Lord of all life, you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,  
the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree;  
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and proclaim your praise:

**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 thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit  
that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Question: Why do we share this bread and wine?*

*Answer: Listen, and we will hear.*

On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread.  
He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*Question: How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

*Answer: Listen, and we will hear.*

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day  
when suffering is ended,  
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit,  
today and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.*

**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.**

## Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts  
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*During the distribution, music may be sung or played.*

*After communion everyone is invited to bring the harvest gifts  
to the altar, and the minister says:*

Father, bless these gifts which we offer in your name.  
May those who receive them know your love  
and find a rich blessing.

**Amen.**

## Prayer for the World

*All now pray together:*

We pray for those who are hungry or homeless,  
for all for whom the harvest brings sadness and little joy.  
For those who are lonely or helpless,  
for those who are disappointed in life,  
and their faith put to the test.

**Lord, bless them in your love.**

For those who are downtrodden or oppressed,  
for those without power to negotiate or bargain.  
For all who struggle for change, striving for justice.  
For all who influence our thinking,  
our buying and consuming.  
for all who formulate policy and manage the markets.  
For fairness and compassion in all walks of life.

**Lord, bless them in your love.**

Help us to be responsible stewards of your world,  
to use it sparingly, and to take care of your creation  
and for each other.

Lord, may your Kingdom come,

**your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Amen.**

*Notices may be given, and a closing hymn is sung.*

## The Dismissal

May the road rise to meet you,  
may the wind be always at your back,  
may the sun shine warm upon your face,  
may the rains fall softly upon your fields.  
Until we meet again,  
may God hold you in the hollow of his hand.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with you and those whom you love,  
now and always.

**Amen.**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ.**

**Amen.**



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