

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE, RASTRICK

# Welcome to Harvest Festival

4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

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If you are able light a candle as you start the service and if others are in the house  
encourage them to reading some of the service with you.*

## *Introduction*

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ  
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,  
to hear and receive God's holy word,  
to pray for the needs of the world,  
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,  
that by the power of the Holy Spirit  
we may give ourselves to the service of God.



## *Prayer of Penitence*

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: **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: **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: **forgive us and help us.**

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

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**Hymn: Come, ye thankful people, come**

### **The Word of God**

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8 verses 7 to 18 read by Alan Hoggard

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9 verses 6 to the end

*Reflection prepared by Jane Hearson*

Reading Luke 12:16-30 – **read by Rod Dimpleby (with a Yorkshire twist)**

The Brighthouse Foodbank – **a personal prospective from Norman Lake**

**Hymn: Praise and Thanksgiving**

### **The Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 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.**

### **Prayers of intercession**

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: **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: **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: **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: **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: **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: **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. **Amen.**

### *A Prayer for Church Growth*

**God of Mission  
Who along brings growth to your church,  
Send your Holy Spirit to give  
Vision to our planning  
Wisdom to our actions  
And power to our witness.  
Help our church to grow in numbers,  
In spiritual commitment to you,  
And in service to our local community,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

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.**

### *The Collect for today*

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness  
And you give 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 for ever. Amen

**Hymn:** [Now Thank we all our God](#)

### **Final Prayer**

Lord of creation,  
whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*Our service ends with the Grace,*  
**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.**

[Praise God from whom all blessings flow](#)