

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions
Harvest Thanksgiving – October 10,2021**

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Opening Sentence

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. *Psalm 126.6*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise to God, Immortal Praise

**Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous Source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ,**

**For the blessings of the fields, for the stores the garden yields,
flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain,**

**all that spring with bounteous hand scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours from her rich o'erflowing stores.**

**These to thee, O God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise grateful vows and solemn praise.**

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The Proclamation of the Word: Joel 2:21-27

Psalm 126

**1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.**

**2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

**3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The Lord has done great things for them."**

**4 The Lord has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.**

**5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.**

**6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.**

**7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Matthew 6:25-33 A reflection on the readings (written by the Ven. Glen Miller)

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.*

Each radiant flower that opens, each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their lively wings. (Refrain)

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden, God made them every one. (Refrain)

The rocky mountain splendour, the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies, the forest in the fall. (Refrain)

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator, who has made all things well. (Refrain)

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The Prayer of the People (see litany below and...)

Parish Prayer cycle: Gail Lapointe, Ryan and Jillian Kestle (Milo, Nora)

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Wendy, Vivian, Spruce, Tom.

We continue to pray for the front line workers who serve in the midst of this pandemic and our Archbishop, Anne Germond. We pray for parishes/congregations in transition that they will embrace God's vision for their future and that He will grace them with the ability to focus on their ministry and mission in the world as a people of hope and faith such as the congregation at the Church of the Ascension and the Rev. Canon Dr. John Gibaut, interim priest.

The Lord's prayer

Versicles and Responses

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;
and grant us your salvation.

O Lord, save the Queen;
and mercifully hear us when we call upon you.

Endue your ministers with righteousness;
and make your chosen people joyful.
O Lord, save your people;
and bless your inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord;
and evermore mightily defend us.
Make clean our hearts within us;
and take not your Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect of the day

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all you have done for us . We thank you for the splendour of your whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on your alone. Above all, we thank you for your son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom. Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace, and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word, who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God, whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever-more.

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Final Blessing & Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord. *People* Thanks be to God!

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