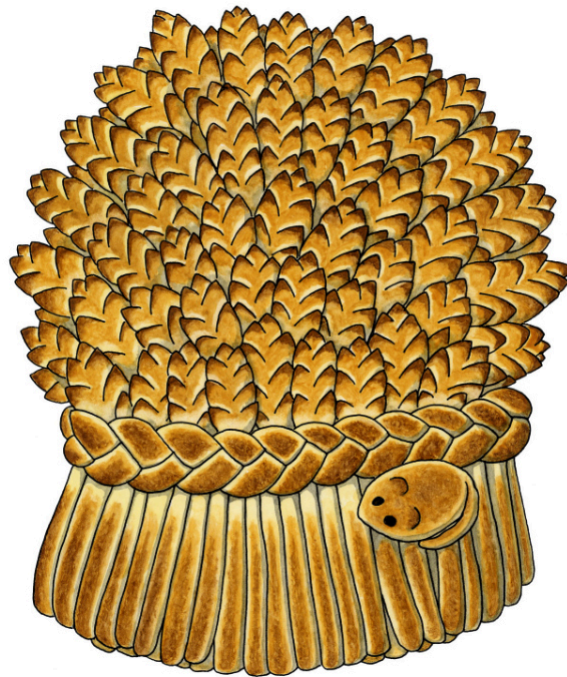


**The Church of England
in Central Windsor**

5.30pm

Sunday 6th October 2024

**HARVEST
THANKSGIVING**



Choral Evensong

**according to
The Book of Common Prayer**

The Preces and Responses this evening are by Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924), arranged by J Dibble. This year marks Stanford's centenary.

**A warm welcome to
All Saints' Church
for our service this evening,
especially to Adrian and Veronica Stabbins
and their family**

ORGAN MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE: "Est-ce Mars" and
"Mein junges Leben hat ein End" (Sweelinck)

Please stand for:
THE OPENING HYMN

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Refrain:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light,

Refrain:

For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and brain's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,

Refrain:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,

Refrain:

For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

Refrain:

The Opening Sentence and Introduction are said:

Dearly beloved....

A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation,

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer is said

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

The Preces and Responses are sung

V. O Lord, open thou our lips

R. **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

V. O God, make speed to save us.

R. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

V. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

R. **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

V. Praise ye the Lord.

R. **The Lord's Name be praised.**

The appointed Psalm is sung

PSALM 67

GOD be merciful unto us, and bless us : and shew us the light of his countenance, and be merciful unto us:

²That thy way may be known upon earth : thy saving health among all nations.

³Let the people praise thee, O God : yea, let all the people praise thee.

⁴O let the nations rejoice and be glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the nations upon earth.

⁵Let the people praise thee, O God : let all the people praise thee.

⁶Then shall the earth bring forth her increase : and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.

⁷God shall bless us : and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:

and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now,

and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

A Lesson of the Old Testament is read

The First Lesson is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

⁷The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, ⁸a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. ¹⁰You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

¹¹Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today.

¹²When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them ¹³and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, ¹⁶and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. ¹⁷Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' ¹⁸But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today

Here endeth the Lesson: **Thanks be to God**

The Magnificat (Stanford in B flat) *is sung by the choir*

My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth: all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel: as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

A Lesson of the New Testament is read

The Second Lesson is taken from the Gospel of Luke

Luke 17 11-19

17 ¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?' ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

Here endeth the Lesson: **Thanks be to God**

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace:
according to thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: thy salvation;
Which thou hast prepared: before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is said

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholick Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

V. Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

V. Let us pray. Lord, have mercy upon us.

R. Christ, have mercy upon us.

V. Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as
we forgive them that trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

V. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

R. And grant us thy salvation.

V. O Lord, save the King.

R. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

V. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

R. And make thy chosen people joyful.

V. O Lord, save thy people.

R. And bless thine inheritance.

V. Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**R. Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou,
O God.**

V. O God, make clean our hearts within us.

R. And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

O eternal God,
who crownest the year with thy goodness
and dost give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
give us grace that we may use them to thy glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever
Amen

The Second Collect at Evening Prayer

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Anthem: O sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving (Harris)

Prayers of Intercession are said, ending with

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Hymn before sermon

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

Refrain:

*for his mercies aye endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.*

Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:

Refrain:

He with all commanding might
filled the new-made world with light:

Refrain:

He the golden-tressèd sun
caused all day his course to run:

Refrain:

And the hornèd moon by night,
mid her spangled sisters bright:

Refrain:

All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:

Refrain:

Let us, with a gladsome mind,
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

Refrain:

SERMON

Hymn after sermon

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voice and with us sing:
alleluya, alleluya!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him:

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, alleluya!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him:

Dear mother earth, who day by day
unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
let them his glory also show:
O praise him:

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him:

FINAL BLESSING

Voluntary: Prelude & Fugue in G (JS Bach)

You are welcome to take this service sheet away with you for private reflection or to give to a friend.

If you are visiting today or attending for the first time, we hope that you have felt “at home” here, that you will be refreshed by today’s service of worship and that you will return in the future.

We shall be delighted if you decide to make our church community your spiritual home.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please ask! You can also find out more by following the “Our Faith” link on the Church of England website: www.churchofengland.org