



Harvest Prayer and Praise

Sunday 11 October 2026
4pm



We are delighted to welcome you to this service of Harvest Prayer and Praise.

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When the bell rings please stand

HYMN



Refrain

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

2

*Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings:*

Refrain

3

*The purple headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky:*

Refrain

4

*The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one:*

Refrain

5

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God almighty,
Who has made all things well:

Refrain

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander 1818-1895

Music: *All Things Bright and Beautiful* A&M 533ii William Henry Monk 1823-1889

WELCOME *Please sit*

We have gathered together to offer God our worship, praise and thanksgiving; to acknowledge our dependence upon him; and to seek his continued blessing on the work of our hands and minds.

Today, we give particular thanks for the gift of the harvest, and for the many signs of God's generosity that surround us. We do so with grateful hearts, mindful of all those whose care, skill and hard work have brought forth their fruits, and especially thankful for those who have adorned this holy place, to the honour and glory of God.

Let the peoples praise you, O God:

let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase:

God, our God has blessed us.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us 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.**

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choristers

O God of all creation,
Of mountain, sea and sky,
So may we see your will, Lord,
And do your bidding still, Lord,
Give us the eyes of faith.

Renew in all our fervour,
That it may never die,
So may we see your will, Lord,
And do your bidding still, Lord,
Give us the eyes of faith.

Words: Paul Wigmore 1926-2014

Music: from *Cantata 22* Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Let us give thanks to God,
the God of all peoples of the earth.
For the colour and beauty of your creation
and our place within it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food,
and for those who work hard
to bring your good gifts to us,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and skills in human minds and hearts;
for imagining and creating;
for the research of science
which brings healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,
because they are different, but always come in their turn;
for new life and growth out of bare earth and decay;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our communities,
especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,
we bring our thanks, good Lord;
your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and joy,
and all the fruit of the Spirit,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given,
and for all those we can share it with,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.



Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
 praise God for the people who gather their yield,
 the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
 the patience of science, the pow'r of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
 from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
 foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
 by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
 then sifted and smelted, or shaped and refined:
 for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,
 praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
 the urge to discover, create and fulfil:
 for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
 a future more hopeful, a world more humane,

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
 for leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
 with patience and kindness, that all may be led
 to freedom and justice, and all may be fed.

Words: Brian A. Wren b.1936
 Music: Stowey CP616 Traditional English melody

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

For the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choristers and Ely Imps

Look at the world, ev'rything all around us
Look at the world, and marvel ev'ry day
Look at the world: so many joys and wonders
So many miracles along our way:

*Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:
All the gifts we share, and ev'ry blessing,
All things come from thee.*

Look at the earth bringing forth fruit and flower;
Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain;
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,
Valley and flowing river, field and plain:

Refrain

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer
Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.
Ev'rything grows, ev'rything has a season,
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Refrain

Ev'ry good gift, all that we need and cherish
Comes from the Lord in token of his love;
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty;
His is the earth, and his the heav'ns above:
Refrain

Words and Music: Sir John Rutter b. 1945

Q&A ADDRESS

The Revd Geoff Dodgson

Vice-chair of the Agricultural Chaplains' Association

THE BRINGING FORWARD OF SYMBOLS OF THE HARVEST

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,
gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.
Thanks be to God.



Sung

**Let us with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields,
the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley.
Thanks be to God.

Sung

**For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

Bring forward the harvest of roots and squash,
the swedes and parsnips, carrots, turnips and pumpkins.
Thanks be to God.

Sung

**For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.**

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next year's crops,
for clover, for hay and for corn.

Thanks be to God.

Sung ***For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.***

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables and salad,
Potatoes, tomatoes, celery, lettuce and onions.

Thanks be to God.

Sung ***For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.***

Bring forward the harvest of pears and apples,
berries and herbs.

Thanks be to God.

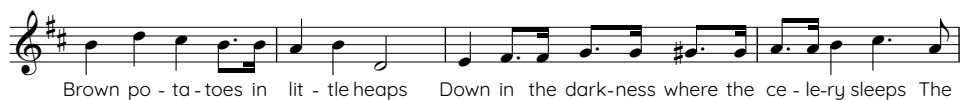
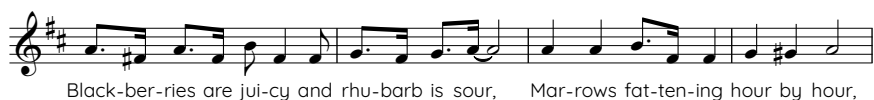
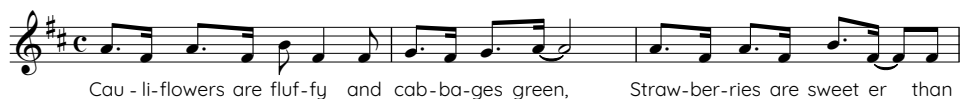
Sung ***For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.***

Bring forward the harvest of flowers,
the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

Thanks be to God.

Sung **Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
*For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.***

Hymn words: John Milton 1608-1674
Music: *Monkland* NEH 397 Melody by John Antes 1740-1811
from a chorale by J.A Freylinghausen 1670-1739



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 all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease,
and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose
lives are at risk. Prosper the work of their hands and the searching of
their minds, that their labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom:

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 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.

ANTHEM

Sung by the Choristers and Ely Imps

The Lord bless you and keep you:
The Lord make his face to shine upon you,
And be gracious unto you:
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you,
And give you peace. Amen.

Words: Numbers vi.24
Music: Sir John Rutter b.1945

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

1

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes and the sunshine
And soft, refreshing rain:

*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

2

He only is the maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;

The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread:

Refrain

3

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed-time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts:

Refrain

Words: German, Matthias Claudius 1740-1815
tr Jane Campbell 1817-1878
Music: *Wir Pflügen* NEH 262,
Melody by J.A.P. Schultz 1747-1800

May God our creator,
 who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
 bestow on you his care
 and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
 and the blessing of God almighty,
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
 be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Organ Fugue on *East Acklam* - Philip Moore b.1943



*There will be a retiring collection on behalf of
 Ely Food Bank.
 Registered charity number 1150746*

THIS WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL

Monday - Saturday	7.30am	Morning Prayer
	8.00am	Holy Communion
Monday - Thursday	5.30pm	Evensong
Wednesday 14 October	12.15pm	Midday Prayer
Thursday 15 October	10.15	Story and Song Time
The Saints of Ely	12.10pm	Holy Communion
	7.30pm	Saying Goodbye Service
Friday 16 October	12.15pm	Midday Prayer
	5.30pm	Festal Sung Eucharist for the Translation of St Etheldreda
Saturday 17 October	12.10	Holy Communion
Translation of St Etheldreda	5.30pm	Festal Evensong
Sunday 18 October	8.15am	Holy Communion
Luke the Evangelist	10.30am	Sung Eucharist
	4.00pm	Choral Evensong

Girl Choristers' Concert - Sunday 18 October 5.15

Presbytery

In advance of their tour to the Netherlands over half term,
 the Girl Choristers give a short recital of music from their tour programme.