



**Welcome to
St Peter's for a service of
Holy Communion
Sunday 4th October 2026
Harvest Thanksgiving**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

Hymn: Come ye thankful people come

Introduction and Presentation of Gifts

Thank you God for your goodness that
blesses us and the earth.

You are generous.

All: Thank you, God

Thank you God for the people who make
this food and products, and those who will share in it.
You are generous.

All: Thank you, God

Thank you God for this place, this city and
this community, this church, and for your faithful
love over many generations.

You are generous.

All: Thank you, God

Invitation to confession

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor,
and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources
of the world.

Lord, you give justice
to those who are suffering,
and bread to those who hunger.

Lord, have mercy

All: **Lord, have mercy**

Lord, you loose those who are bound
and open the eyes of the blind.

Christ, have mercy

All: **Christ, have mercy**

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land and uphold the
orphan and the widow.

Lord, have mercy.

All: **Lord, have mercy**

Absolution

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All: **Amen.**

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

The Collect

Let us pray the Collect for today.

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to that which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
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.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 9. 6 - 15

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

As it is written,

‘He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.’

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading

Luke 12.16–30

Hear the Gospel of our Lord

Jesus Christ according to Luke

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told the people a parable: ‘The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, “What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?” Then he said, “I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”

But God said to him, “You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?” So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.’

Jesus said to his disciples, ‘Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds!

And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry

about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.

But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter

The Athanasian Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All: We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All: We believe and trust in him.
This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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

All: And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn: The Father's Song

Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
And now we give you thanks
because you make us stewards of your creation,
to praise you day by day
for the marvels of your wisdom and power.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you
and saying:

**All: 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and
gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in
remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you
thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.
Great is the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship
you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All: 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

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**All: 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

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word,
and I shall be healed.**

Music for distribution of communion

Prayer After Communion

Eternal Father,
we thank you for nourishing us
with these heavenly gifts:
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope,
and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

**All: Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices
The Blessing

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, now and
always,

All: Amen

Hymn: Sing to God new songs of worship

Dismissal

Freely you have received, freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: in the name of Christ.
Amen.**

Exit Music

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