

St Nicholas - Harvest - 13.10.24

Call to worship

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6

One: In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

ALL: We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

One: All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

ALL: love, peace, joy, patience, kindness, gentleness are all of God.

One: We come with grateful hearts, not for things, but for who God is.

ALL: We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

Hymn – All things bright and beautiful MP 23 (4x verses)

Prayer & Lord's prayer

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we
forgive our debtors
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory,

For ever. Amen

Harvest offerings – all age

Hymn – Who put the colours in the rainbow CH4 143 (2x verses) hymnal index no 11677

Bible - Malachi 3:10

“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Bible – Mark 10: 46-52 NLT

Jesus Heals Blind Bartimaeus

46 Then they reached Jericho, and as Jesus and his disciples left town, a large crowd followed him. A blind beggar named Bartimaeus (son of Timaeus) was sitting beside the road. 47 When Bartimaeus heard that Jesus of Nazareth was nearby, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!"
48 "Be quiet!" many of the people yelled at him. But he only shouted louder, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"
49 When Jesus heard him, he stopped and said, "Tell him to come here."
So they called the blind man. "Cheer up," they said. "Come on, he's calling you!" 50 Bartimaeus threw aside his coat, jumped up, and came to Jesus.
51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked. "My Rabbi," the blind man said, "I want to see!"
52 And Jesus said to him, "Go, for your faith has healed you." Instantly the man could see, and he followed Jesus down the road.

Reflection – Harvest, tending to others

Hymn – We plough the fields and scatter MP 732 (3x verses)

Offering – Praise God from whom all blessings flow (1x verse)

Prayer of Intercession

Creator of Light,
our world needs You.
Shine into the hearts of all people,
that everyone might know Your magnificence.
Shine into the homes of the abused and controlled.
Bring to wholeness those whose lives have been shattered
by physical and emotional abuse.
Encourage those who are walking through divorce,
assuring them that You have not abandoned them.
Fill their hearts and minds,
With the light of Your love.

Shine into the lives of those afflicted by mental or physical illness.
Bring to wholeness those who are perplexed and confused.
Grant compassion to the carers and families.
Fill their hearts and minds,
With the light of Your love.

Sent your holy spirit to comfort those in our church family who are ill and grieving;
We think of Lily, please bring her comfort and healing as she is in hospital.
We think of Winnie and family, bring them love and blessings after the death of John.
For any names we have missed let us say them now in the silence.

[Pause]

Fill their hearts and minds,
With the light of Your love.

Shine into communities bombed and terrorised.
Transform minds full of hatred that they may rather crave peace.
Heal the hurts of generations, past and future.
Convict Your peoples with generous forgiveness.
Fill their hearts and minds,
With the light of your Love.

Lord God, unless you care for us and give us what we need,
all our work is in vain.
Keep our hearts and minds set firmly on your word,
so that we may always trust in you,
and be generous with the gifts you have given us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn – You are called to tell the story CH4 680 (4x verses) - hymnal tune “Regent Square”

Benediction

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

Grace