

St Martin's Church, North Nibley

4th October 2020 **A service for Harvest**

(All join in words in Bold print)

Welcome to all. *[Priest]* Notices

[Priest] We meet in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We have gathered to give thanks to God our Father, who has made us stewards of His creation, to praise him for the marvels of his wisdom and power.

Hymn - For the beauty of the earth

[Priest] Lord, speak to us

that we may hear your word.

Move among us

that we may behold your glory.

Receive our prayers

that we may learn to trust you. Amen.

Psalm 65

**1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.**

**2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦
when our misdeeds prevail against us,
you will purge them away.**

**3 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦**

**We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,
even of your holy temple.**

**4 With wonders you will answer us in your
righteousness,**

O God of our salvation, ♦

**O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.**

5 In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦

and are girded about with might.

**6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦
the roaring of their waves
and the clamour of the peoples.**

**7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels; ♦**

the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

**8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦
you make it very plenteous.**

**9 The river of God is full of water; ♦
you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.**

**10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the
ridges; ♦
you soften the ground with showers and bless its
increase.**

**11 You crown the year with your goodness, ♦
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

**12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with
goodness ♦
and the hills be girded with joy.**

**13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of
sheep ♦
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.**

Epistle: James 5:7-9

7 Be patient, then, my friends, until the Lord comes. See how patient farmers are as they wait for their land to produce precious crops. They wait patiently for the autumn and spring rains. **8** You also must be patient. Keep your hopes high, for the day of the Lord's coming is near.

9 Do not complain against one another, my friends, so that God will not judge you. The Judge is near, ready to appear.

*Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter the good seed
on the land*

Gospel: John 4:31-38

31 In the meantime the disciples were begging Jesus, "Teacher, have something to eat!"

32 But he answered, "I have food to eat that you know nothing about."

33 So the disciples started asking among themselves, "Could somebody have brought him food?"

34 "My food," Jesus said to them, "is to obey the will of the one who sent me and to finish the work he gave me to do.

35 You have a saying, 'Four more months and then the harvest.' But I tell you, take a good look at the fields; the crops are now ripe and ready to be harvested! **36** The one who reaps the harvest is being paid and gathers the crops for eternal life; so the one who plants and the one who reaps will be glad together. **37** For the saying is true, 'Someone plants, someone else reaps.' **38** I have sent you to reap a harvest in a field where you did not work; others worked there, and you profit from their work."

Sermon

Creed. [Priest] Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,

from whom every family

in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,

who lives in our hearts through faith,

and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,

who strengthens us

with power from on high.

We believe in one God;

Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem: The Heavens Sing Praises by Beethoven

A Prayer for Forgiveness

[Priest] 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.

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry

for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,

but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,

but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,

and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

[Priest] May God who loved the world so much

that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,

forgive your sins and make you holy to serve him

in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession and Thanksgiving

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 - All things Bright and Beautiful

Our service draws to a conclusion

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**

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This Harvest season, the Church and Chapel are supporting the hungry and needy.

Donations for STROUD Foodbank can be left in the Chapel Foyer until 31 October

Shopping list

Jars of Cooking Sauce - Peanut Butter -

- Tinned Potatoes -

- Tinned Fruit - Tinned Custard -

- UHT Fruit Juice - Rice Pudding -

- Steamed Puddings -

- Hot Chocolate -

- Sweet Treats -

- Sweet & Savoury Biscuits -

- Small Bags of Sugar -

- Shampoo - Shaving Kits -

- Washing Powder -

- Pet food -



HARVEST SUPPER
by TAKE AWAY or HOME DELIVERY
- Saturday 24th October -
details in On the Edge

For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 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]

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled. [Refrain]

4 For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven. [Refrain]

5 For thy Church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love.. [Refrain]

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**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 wind 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;
accept the gifts we to offer for all thy love imparts,
and what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful
hearts! [Refrain]

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

1 Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.

2 The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky.

3 The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them, every one.

4 The tall trees in the greenwood,
the meadows where we play,
the flowers by the water
we gather every day.

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.

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Anthem: The Heavens Sing Praises

by Ludwig van Beethoven

The heavens sing praises to God in his glory,
And all earth echoes with his name.
The universe tells the wonderful story
and to the spheres His might proclaim!

Who set the numberless stars in the heavens,
Who gave to us the mighty sun,
That shines so brightly upon us,
And lights our path as we sing praise.

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