



Holy Trinity Geneva

All Age Service for the Eighteenth Sunday after
Trinity:

Harvest Thanksgiving

Eucharist with Spiritual Communion

29th September 2024 at 10.30am



TO HOPE AND ACT WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2024

The firstfruits of hope
(Rom 8:19-25)



The mass setting at this service is by Aston.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

NEH 262

We stand

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:

Refrain:

*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*]

Refrain:

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

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 what which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts: [*Refrain*]

*JAP Schulz (1747-1800)
German - M Claudius (1740-1815)
Tr. J Campbell (1817-1878)*

Greeting and Welcome

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

Psalm 67.6

Let us worship God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you

This is the day the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

Opening Prayer

Lord, direct our thoughts and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO CONFESSION, ABSOLUTION

We sit

Invitation

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

Confession

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.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

We stand to sing

Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his
12
18
24
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73
78

peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heaven-ly King,
al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship
you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.
6 *mp* *l'istesso tempo (not slower)*
Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the
Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;
mp
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
p
Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.
f
For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord,
you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the
Braden
Fa-ther. A-men, A-men, A-men.

The Collect – a prayer we share

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.**

Bible Readings

We sit

First Lesson

Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil;
 be glad and rejoice,
 for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
 for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
 the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad
 and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
 he has poured down for you abundant rain,
 the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,
 the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
 that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
 my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
 and praise the name of the Lord your God,
 who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put
to shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
 and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.
And my people shall never again
 be put to shame.

Psalm 126

We stand to sing

- 1 When the Lord restored the ' fortunes of ' Zion,
then were ' we like ' those who ' dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth ' filled with ' laughter
and our ' tongue with ' songs of ' joy.
- 3 Then said they a'mong the ' nations,
'The ' Lord has done ' great things ' for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done ' great things ' for us,
and ' therefore ' we re'joiced.
- 5 Restore again our ' fortunes, O ' Lord,
as the ' river beds ' of the ' desert.
- 6 Those who ' sow in ' tears,
shall ' reap with ' songs of ' joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, ' bearing the ' seed,
will come back with shouts of joy,
' bearing their ' sheaves ' with them.

We greet the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 6.25-33

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, 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, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Homily – Canon Daphne Green

We sit

We believe...

We stand

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.

Prayers led by our young people

We sit or kneel

Leader:

Let us pray:

Our prayers of intercession follow, ending with the words:

Merciful Father.

Accept these prayers,

For the sake of your Son.

Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

We greet each other in God's peace

We stand

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We offer one another a sign of peace.


OFFERTORY HYMN


NEH 285 (omit v6)


During this hymn, we will bring up our harvest gifts for blessing and these will be given to Fondation Partage.

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NEH 285

1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:

*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:

4 For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

5 For each perfect gift of -thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

*G Shaw, ad. from a folk song (1879-1943)
FS Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

The table is prepared.

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

Blessed be God for ever.

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

Blessed be God for ever.



The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away

you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children

and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross

and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends

he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him:

his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
 he gave you thanks, and said:
 Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
 which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
 do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
 his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
 send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
 may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
 make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world
 we offer you this sacrifice of praise
 and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Andante maestoso
 2 *mf*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 power and might, — Heaven and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

cresc.

Andante
 2 *p*

Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord...
 — Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

We sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echoes through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
 Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
 Your beloved community of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.
 In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
 In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
 From trials too great to endure, spare us.
 From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
 For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
 Amen.

*(Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa.
 This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians)*

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
 We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, bear-er of our sins: have mer-cy on us.

Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world: give us your peace.—

We invite you to come and to receive Communion at the transept, receiving the host from the priest and, if you wish, the wine from the chalice bearer. Please consume the host before you receive the wine and do not dip it in the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please come forward and cross your arms. If you are accustomed to receiving Communion in any church, you are welcome to do so with us today.

Draw near with faith. Receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you and his Blood which he shed for you. Remember that he died for you and feed on him in your heart with thanksgiving.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (for those online)

Let us now prepare ourselves to make our spiritual communion.

Prayer for an Act of Spiritual Communion

We offer and present to you, Lord our heavenly Father, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice; grant that being present together in heart and mind at this holy communion we may now be filled with your heavenly blessing through the redeeming grace of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ... [short pause]

Lord Jesus Christ, in outward signs of bread and wine you have made known your presence among us; as we unite with one another from the places where we are, may your communion be fulfilled in us now through the work of the life-giving Holy Spirit. Amen.

Anthem: Brahms - So seid nun geduldig, lieben Brüder, From 'A German Requiem'

So seid nun geduldig, lieben Brüder,
bis auf die Zukunft des Herrn.
Siehe, ein Ackermann wartet auf die
köstliche Frucht der Erde
und is geduldig darüber,
bis er empfahe den Morgenregen
und Abendregen.

*Be patient therefore, brethren,
unto the coming of the Lord.
Behold, the husbandmen waiteth for the
precious fruit of the earth,
and hath long patience for it,
until he receive the early and latter rain.*
James 5:7

Rutter - For the beauty of the earth

For the beauty of the earth
For the glory of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise
For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r
Sun and Moon and stars of light
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise
For the joy of human love

Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise
For each perfect gift of Thine
To our race so freely given
Graces human and divine
Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n
'Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our joyful hymn of praise
Our hymn of praise

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

HYMN

NEH 259

We stand

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All be safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest-home!

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take his harvest home;
From his field shall purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear:
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

.. / ..

4 Then, thou Church triumphant, come.
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

G Elvey (1916-1893)
H Alford (1810-1871)

The Blessing

May God, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine,
lead us and feed us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity,
and the blessing of God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you now and for ever.



Music after the service - Mendelssohn: Allegro con Brio, first movement
of 4th Organ Sonata

Prayer Requests

We pray for the sick who are known to us, and those caring for them, especially for Sybil Sheppard, Christine Damary, Chris Talbot, Irene Tretheway, Joan Tye, Annemarie Hester, Louise Cellierier, André Vivas, Timothy Creffield, Tianna Dagher, Edith Tanner, Livia Varju, Brenda Hand, Valerie Offord, Phil Thomas, Diana Mason, Robin Bailey, Judi Cianci, Ruth Wyler, Germain, Samuel Kalibala, Joyce McNulty, Trevor Thomas, Diana Dickinson, Denise Muhlethaler, Maya Mortimer, Rosabelle de Silva, Silvio -Morson, Anna Porraccin, Valerie Slessor, Frances Boo, Jenny Syrathev, George Thomasz, Lorensz Ranasinghe.

Among the faithful departed we pray at this time for Mrs Azania Wilson Lupai, William Amos, David Knowles and Graham Routley. May they rest in peace and rise in glory with the saints.

Pray for Bishop Robert as he leads the diocese.

Pray for the Bishop's Office in Brussels, Alan Strange (Bishop's Chaplain), Gail Wilmet (Bishop's PA), Barbara Omoro (Appointments Secretary) and Caroline Gaumy (Administrative Assistant).

*Everything comes from you, and we have given you only
what comes from your hand.*

(1 Chronicles 29:14)

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- ✦ Interactive session to grasp the science behind climate change.
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GRAND AUCTION

11th October 2024, from 18:30 - 20:30, Holy Trinity Church Hall & online

Bring along family and friends for a fun filled night of bidding, accompanied by a delicious Indian meal! Everyone is welcome, including online bidders.



We need **YOUR HELP** to add to our growing list of fantastic offers:

- Can you cook a meal for 2, 4 or more people at their house?
- Do you know any Geneva/regional restaurants or hotels willing to offer vouchers for a meal/stay?
- Do you/anyone you know own a holiday home, for which you could donate a short stay?
- Could you offer coaching or lesson(s), e.g., for tennis, languages, painting or paddleboard?
- Do you have a boat or know someone who does? Could you donate a trip on the lake?
- Do you work somewhere interesting that may offer a guided tour?
- Can you offer babysitting? Cat or Dog sitting? Or even just a helping hand?

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