

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

Harvest Service

Music - Geoff Gleed

Call to worship "Let everything that has breathe praise the Lord" (Psalm 150)

**HYMN: Look at the World -Immanuel Celebration 6o (18)**

Look at the world, everything all around us,

Look at the world and marvel every day,

Look at the world, so many joys and wonders, so many miracles along the way.

*Praise to Thee O Lord for all creation, give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share, and every 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 rivers, field and plain

*Praise to Thee O Lord*

Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer

Bringing the harvest before the winter's cold.

Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the Father's fold.

*Praise to Thee O Lord*

Every 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 the heavens above.

*Praise to Thee O Lord*

Dedication of the Offering

**Poem All we are and all we can be – Keith Hardy** (Read by Steve Brain)

Prayer Thanksgiving and Confession

**Bible Reading** Deuteronomy 26; 1-11 **First fruits and Tithes**

When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the first fruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." The priest shall

take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labour. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the first fruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

We stand. We reflect. We share The Grace

**HYMN For the fruits of his creation – Wells Cathedral Choir (19)**

<p style="text-align: center;">For the fruit his creation, thanks be to God. For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">In the just reward of labour, God's will is done. In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.</p>
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For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

**Poem Autumn Colours in Goddard Park – Kathleen Stokes** (read by Jean Batten)

Soft music - Geoff Gleed

Prayer Intercession - Jane Whitworth

**HYMN Let us with a gladsome mind – Immanuel Celebration 70 (23)**

Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord for he is kind;  
for his mercies aye endure; Ever faithful, ever sure.  
Let us blaze his name abroad, for of god he is the God;  
or his mercies aye endure; Ever faithful, ever sure.  
He with all commanding might, filled the new-made world with light:  
for his mercies aye endure; Ever faithful, ever sure.  
He his chosen race did bless in the wasteful wilderness;  
for his mercies aye endure; Ever faithful, ever sure.  
All things living he doth feed; His full hand supplies their need;  
for his mercies aye endure; Ever faithful, ever sure.  
Let us with a gladsome mind praise the Lord for he is kind;  
for his mercies aye endure; Ever faithful, ever sure.

**Poem :Be alive – Author unknown We all say together**

Think freely: practice patience: smile often: Savour special moments: Live God's message: Make new friends: Discover old ones: tell those you love That you do: Feel deeply: Forget trouble: forgive an enemy.	Pick some daisies: share them: Keep a promise: Look for rainbows: Gaze at stars: see beauty everywhere: Work hard: be wise: try to understand: Take time for people: Make time for yourself.	Laugh heartily: Spread joy: Take a chance: Reach out: let someone in: Try something new: slow down: Be soft sometimes: Celebrate life: Believe in yourself: trust others: See a sunrise: Listen to rain: Reminisce: Cry when you need to...
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Stand for the blessing

Music - Geoff Gleed