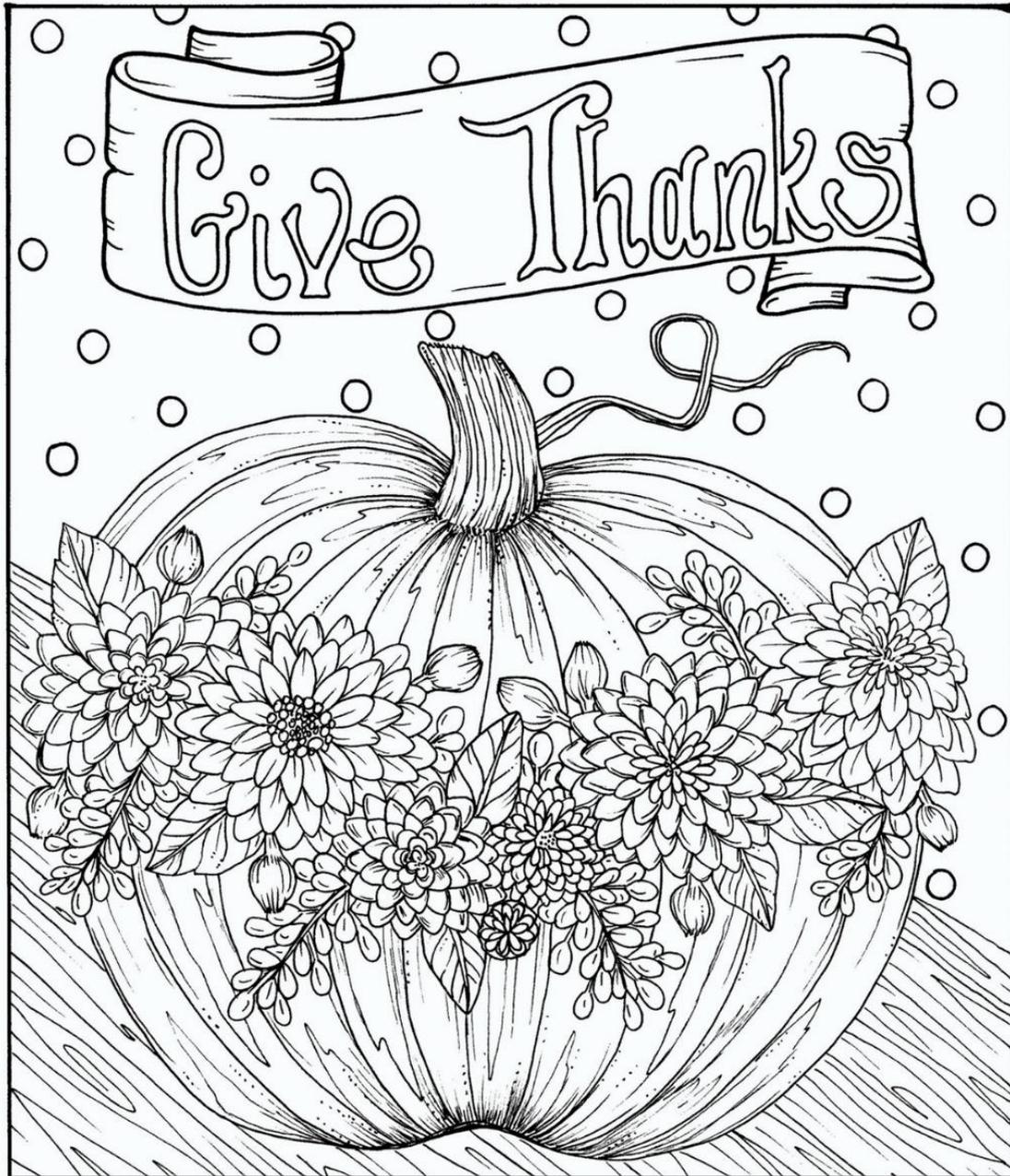


ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



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*All-age Harvest Festival
10am on 5th September 2021*

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

A warm welcome to our all-age harvest thanksgiving. The harvest festival is a relatively recent addition to the church calendar, taking us back to those halcyon Victorian rural dreams, when the local church and community would be drawn together to celebrate all that God had provided.

Since then, many local traditions for the celebration have developed, including bringing to church gifts of fresh produce and other provisions. This year, the gifts we bring to St Peter's will be given to Poole Refuge in our welcome bags, and to Poole Food Bank... thank you for your generosity.

We have a duty to take personal responsibility to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, we suggest adherence to our existing church measures to ensure that we all remain safe and protected.

Please note the following recommendations:

- to wear a face covering as we enter and leave the church, and come forward to receive Holy Communion – this can be removed once we are seated,
- to keep a safe distance from others at all times,
- to share the peace in a socially-distanced manner,
- to join in the singing of hymns and responses, if we wish to do so.

We are invited to support the work of St Peter's, to help us carry out our mission and ministry to our local community. A collection will not be taken during the service, but there is provision for us to make our offering as we leave St Peter's Church.

It is also possible to make an offering by clicking the 'donate' button on our website: www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk. Every donation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

For any pastoral needs, or enquiries about weddings or baptisms please contact:

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THE GATHERING

Please stand and sing, as the service begins with a hymn.

**Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
Praise God for the people who gather their yield,
The long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
The patience of science, the power of machine.**

**Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
From market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
Foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
By God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.**

**Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
Then sifted, and smelted, or shaped and refined:
For oil and for iron, for copper and coal,
Praise God, who in love has provided them all.**

**Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
The urge to discover, create and fulfil:
For dreams and inventions that promise to gain
A future more hopeful, a world more humane.**

**Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
From leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
With patience and kindness, that all may be led
To freedom and justice, and all may be fed.**

The Greeting

In the name of the ✠ Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Please sit as informal words of welcome are offered.

We say sorry to God.

Prayers of Penitence

If we are honest with ourselves, we are sometimes not very good at sharing what we have with others.

As we celebrate harvest this morning, let us call to mind our sins.

Silence is kept.

All Forgive us Lord where we have failed to be thankful for all of your blessings.

Forgive us Lord where we have put our hope in our wealth rather than in you.

Forgive us Lord where we haven't shared what you have given us with others.

Help us to become increasingly grateful and generous people as we put our hope in you.

Amen.

May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you ✕ from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please stand as we sing our hymn of praise to the Trinity – the Gloria.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace to those who love him well;
on the earth let all his people
speak his grace, his wonders tell:
Lord, we praise you for your glory,
mighty Father, heaven's king;
hear our joyful adoration
and accept the thanks we bring.**

**Only Son of God the Father,
Lamb who takes our sin away,
now with God in triumph seated
for your mercy, Lord, we pray:
Jesus Christ, most high and holy,
Saviour, you are God alone
in the glory of the Father
with the Spirit: Three-in-One!**

Tune – Ode to Joy.

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, and then we pray the Collect for our harvest thanksgiving.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may be ready to share God's goodness and love with all creation.

Silence is kept.

All **Creator God,
you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Please sit as we sing our gradual hymn. Our offerings of harvest gifts will be brought to the altar frontal, when directed by the churchwarden.

**Praise God for the harvest,
Where riches abound;
A splendour of colour,
Of scent and of sound.
Praise God for the fullness
Of joy and of power,
Poured out on your children,
Each day and each hour.**

**Where wave upon wave of blessings flow,
To use and to share,
Our joy at the gifts you give to us
Will lead us to care.**

**We gaze out beyond us,
In wonder, amazed,
To stars beyond number
And infinite space.
Praise God for our planet,
So precious and rare,
Where all life can flourish,
In water, light, air.**

**We grieve at the searing cost to earth
Of greed and of strife.
Lord show us what we must be and do,
In caring for life.**

**Praise God for the chances
To give and to share,
To pray for God's kingdom,
And live out our prayers.
The lost and the broken
Need harvests of love,
Praise God who is leading
Us forward to prove.**

**That giving and loving lead us on
To joyfully live,
In learning what we must be and do,
In caring for life.**

Tune – Chariots of Fire.

Please stand and face the Gospeller as we welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life.

All **Alleluia.**

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: “That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life – whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to him than they are? Can all your worries add a single moment to your life?

“And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith?

“So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

(Matthew 6:25-33).

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit as we reflect on God's Word.

Gospel presentation and talk

Please stand as we declare together as God's family, remembering all that we believe.

The Creed

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.**

Please sit for our prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord of the harvest,

All **hear our prayer.**

The prayers end as follows:

Merciful Father,

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand as the president introduces the peace.

The Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We remain standing as bread and wine are placed on the altar, and we sing our offertory hymn.

Preparation of the Table

**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.***

**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:**

**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 that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts:**

The president offers prayer for the preparation of the altar.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

Question – Why is it right to give thanks and praise?

Answer – Listen, and we will hear.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

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.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

Sung **O holy, most holy, the God of creation,
for ever exalted in pow'r and great might.
The earth and the heavens are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna and praise in the height!**

**How blessed is he who is sent to redeem us,
who puts ev'ry fear and injustice to flight;
who comes in the name of the Lord as our Saviour.
Hosanna, hosanna and praise in the height!**

Tune – Ash Grove.

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

Question – Why do we share this bread and wine?

Answer – Listen, and we will hear.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Question – How do we follow Jesus Christ?

Answer – Listen, and we will hear.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All Amen.

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people,
and the Sanctus bell is rung as we honour Christ's presence among us.*

After a moment's silence, please sit for The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray:

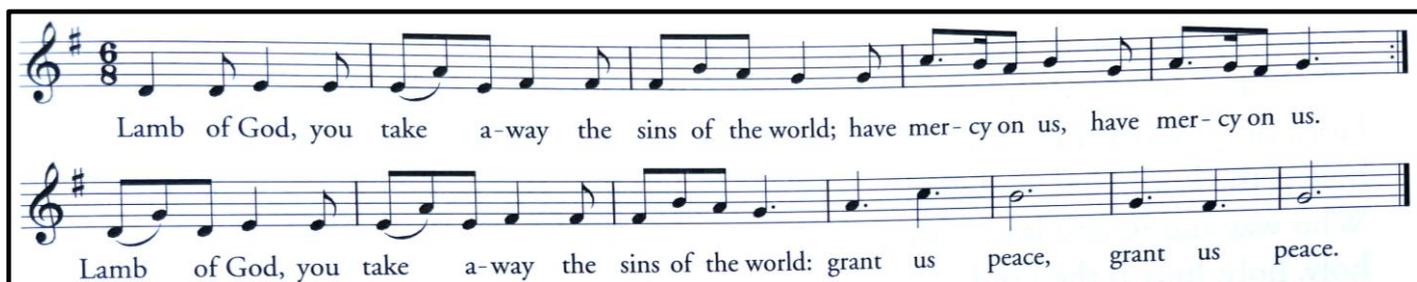
**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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.**



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the Agnus Dei prayer: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world; have mer-cy on us, have mer-cy on us." The second staff contains the melody for the second line: "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace." The lyrics are written below the notes.

Gerry Fitzpatrick.

Sung **Lamb of God,**
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace.

The president invites the people to receive communion.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,**
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Words The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds by simultaneous administration (intinction). Please receive with both open hands.

If you would like to receive a blessing please bring this service booklet with you. Please continue to respect the distance of at least one metre from others as you come forward, and sanitise your hands before receiving.

We remain seated to sing our post-communion hymn.

**Cabbages and greens,
Broccoli and beans,
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
Taste so good to me.**

**Apricots and plums,
Ripened in the sun,
Oranges and yellow bananas,
Good for everyone.**

***It's another harvest festival,
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
'Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.***

***It's another opportunity,
To be grateful for the food we eat,
With a Samba celebration
To say thank you to God the father.***

**Golden corn and wheat,
Oats and sugar beet,
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,
Wonderful to eat.**

**Coffee, cocoa, tea,
Growing naturally,
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices,
Very nice indeed.**

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**Thank you for the harvest,
Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables
And the wonderful things that grow (*repeat*).**

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.

All **Amen.**

Announcements are made and banns of marriage are called.

SENDING

Please stand as we sing our final hymn, before we are sent out with God's blessing.

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine.
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!**

**Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.
Those who fear him find his mercies,
Peace for pain and joy for woe;
Humble hearts are high exalted,
Human pride and power laid low.
Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know.**

**Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter
Till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain.**

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
Walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children,
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!**

Acclamation

**All We have celebrated Harvest,
brought our gifts, sung our hymns
and remembered our God.**

**As we go into the world,
may God help us to live our lives
as people of the harvest,
to share and to give,
to bless and to love,
through Jesus, our friend and saviour.
Amen.**

The Blessing

All *(place hands over our chest)*
May God's joy be in our hearts.
All *(trace a circle with your index fingers)*
May God's peace be in our world.
All *(look at someone near you)*
May God's love be known between us.

And the blessing of God,
✠ Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with us all, this day and always.

All **Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers and people depart.

*Voluntary – Sortie in E flat
by Louis James Alfred LEFEBURE-WELY (1817-1870)*