

Shaftesbury Team Ministry

Team Livestream Service

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6pm, 4th October 2020

Harvest Festival



The Gathering



Preparation

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The Spirit of God hovered over the water

And brought life to all creation

Come, Holy Spirit

And renew the face of the earth

This opening prayer may be said

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

The Word of God

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.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Deuteronomy 8.7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am

commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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.*

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:

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

Folliot Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Luke 12.16-30

Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will

store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, 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, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsory

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the Universe.

Your word brings on the dusk of evening

Your wisdom creates both night and day
You determine the cycles of time.

You arrange the succession of the seasons, and
establish the stars in their heavenly courses.

The Lord of hosts is your name.

Living and eternal God, rule over us always.

**Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes evening
fall**

Gospel Cantic

**You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.**

**1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**

**2 From this day all generations
will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.
4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,
5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.
6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.
7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

Glory to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

You have done great things, O God,
and holy is your name.

Sermon

Prayers

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

And at the end:

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

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

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.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has
taught us

**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.**

The Conclusion

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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