



Harvest Festival
All-age Service
Sunday 1 October

For those with small children,; we hope that you and your child will enjoy the service. Please do not be over-anxious about 'noise'. If your child becomes restless there is an area for under fives at the back of church, but we would like you to stay in the pews as long as you can!

We say together the words in **bold type**

We gather to worship God

This is the day the Lord has made
All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it**
The Lord is with us
All **Let us praise his name together.**

The Colours of the Uniformed Organisations are received.

During this song, gifts for the Upper Room, Hammersmith will be received. This is a project working with those who are homeless, providing food and other practical support to help them rebuild their lives.

**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.**
***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.**

All good gifts...

**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 offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.**

All good gifts...

Introductory Activity

We confess our sins

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 are quiet

God has blessed us
but still God's children go hungry.
Lord have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

God has blessed us
but still the poor cry out for justice.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ have mercy.**

God has blessed us
but still the earth is being abused and damaged.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord have mercy.**

The minister assures us of God's forgiveness
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

Blessed is the Lord,
All **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy
All **and in our song will we praise our God**

2 From my head to my shoulder
my knees to my toes
I'll praise the Lord every day
With my eyes and my ears
my hands and my feet
I'll praise the Lord every day

When my mouth talks
I will praise the Lord
Where my feet walk
I will praise the Lord
With a smile on my face
I will praise the Lord
God made all of me
to praise the Lord

Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah.
Praise the Lord
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Praise the Lord, hallelujah
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Praise the Lord

Hearing and responding to the Word of God

Praise for the harvest: from Psalm 65

Leader 2 O God, it is right for us to praise you,
because you answer our prayers:

Leader 1 You care for the land and water it:
All **and make it rich and fertile.**

Leader 2 You fill the running streams with water:
All **and irrigate the land.**

Leader 1 You soften the ground with showers:
All **and make the young crops grow.**

Leader 2 You crown the year with goodness:
All **and give us a plentiful harvest.**

Leader 1 The pastures are filled with flocks:
All **The hillsides are clothed with joy.**

Leader 2 The fields are covered with grain:
All **they shout for joy and sing.**

All **Glory to the Father,
and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and shall be forever.
Amen.**

Bible Story:

The sower, the seeds and the soil

Talk

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

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

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

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

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is **God Almighty**
who has made all things well:

Prayer Activity

The Collect

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

All **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

**All 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.**

Notices and Happy Birthday

**Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday to you,
Happy Birthday, God bless you,
Happy Birthday to you.**

Offertory Song

**4 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe
displayed;**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,
how great thou art! how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God,
to thee,
how great thou art! how great thou art!*

**When through the woods and forest glades
I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from
lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle
breeze;**

Then sings my soul,...

**And when I think that God, his Son not
sparing,
sent him to die—I scarce can take it in:
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:**

Then sings my soul,...

**When Christ shall come
with shout of acclamation
and take me home—
what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, my God,
how great thou art!**

Then sings my soul,...

The Grace

**All 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.**

The Colours of the Uniformed Organisations are returned.

The Dismissal

Freely you have received, freely give.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

You are very welcome to join us for Holy Communion after the service. Please make your way to the front of church if you wish to take part.

The sidespeople will hand out a separate Holy Communion liturgy booklet.

There are some activities for children during the communion service in the Upper Room of the Hall. An adult must accompany each child.

Song after Holy Communion

5 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all is 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.

**All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares therein are sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest-hour:
grant O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be.**

**For we know that thou wilt come,
and wilt take thy people home;
from thy field wilt purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
and thine angels charge at last,
in the fire the tares to cast
but the fruitful ears to store
in thy garner evermore.**

**Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home:
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin:
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels, come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home.**



COMING SOON



Pet Service

**Sunday 8 October
at 1500 in church**

**Bring your pets (or a photo of them)
for a blessing. Refreshments for pets too!**



Celebration of Light Party

**Tuesday 31 October at
1815 in the hall**

**An alternative to Halloween. Games, craft
and fun! Why not dress to celebrate
positive characters!**