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4th October 2026
10:00 Harvest Festival
Blended Worship



October Charity of the Month:
Open Pantry Richmond





The Gathering

The prayer for The Green Howards Regiment

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we give thanks for the service of The Green Howards Regiment
which bore the symbol of your cross
and whose sacrifice is commemorated in our Regimental Chapel.

Today, may your inspiration and protection
be with The Royal Yorkshire Regiment,
that it may protect the weak and vulnerable
and serve the cause of liberty and truth.

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Prince of Peace and Saviour of all.

All **Amen.**



Opening

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it.

All The world, and all who live in it.

You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.

**All The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with all that they need.**



Song: We plough the fields, and scatter

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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 heav'n above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*



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2. He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
he fills the earth with beauty,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

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are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*



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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.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord,
O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

Mattias Claudius (1740-1815)
trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878) alt.



Prayer of Preparation

All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Prayer of Penitence

Let us confess our forgetfulness of your care,
and our selfishness with your bounty.

Lord, you give us enough for everyone,
yet we hoard what we have and let others go hungry.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, you show us true love by giving your life,
yet we close our hearts to those in need.
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you call us to leave a share for the stranger and the poor,
yet we keep the best for ourselves.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**



Words of Forgiveness

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

All **Amen.**

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and 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.

All **Amen.**



Song: All Things Bright and Beautiful

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

1. Each little flow'r that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.
2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning,
that brightens up the sky.



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

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them ev'ry one.
4. The tall trees in the greenwood,
the meadows for our play,
the rushes by the water,
to gather ev'ry day.



Song: All Things Bright and Beautiful

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

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

Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895) alt.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy (24:19 NIV)

When you are harvesting in your field and you overlook a sheaf, do not go back to get it. Leave it for the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all the work of your hands.

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings

A reading from the first letter of John (3:17 NIV)

If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:1-13 NIV)

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

Some time after this, Jesus crossed to the far shore of the Sea of Galilee (that is, the Sea of Tiberias), ² and a great crowd of people followed him because they saw the signs he had performed by healing the sick. ³ Then Jesus went up on a mountainside and sat down with his disciples. ⁴ The Jewish Passover Festival was near.



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

⁵ When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, “Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do.

⁷ Philip answered him, “It would take more than half a year’s wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!”

⁸ Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, spoke up,

⁹ “Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?”



THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Gospel Reading

¹⁰ Jesus said, “Have the people sit down.” There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there).

¹¹ Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

¹² When they had all had enough to eat, he said to his disciples, “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted.” ¹³ So they gathered them and filled twelve baskets with the pieces of the five barley loaves left over by those who had eaten.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ













Song: Harvest Samba

- 1. Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans,
cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
taste so good to me!**
- 2. 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.***



Song: Harvest Samba

3. **Golden corn and wheat, oats and sugar beet,
fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,
wonderful to eat!**
4. **Coffee, cocoa, tea, growing naturally,
herbal plants and all kinds of spices:
very nice indeed!**

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Song: Harvest Samba

*Thank you for the harvest,
thank you for your goodness,
for all of the fruit and vegetables,
and the wonderful things that grow.*

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Song: Harvest Samba

5. **Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans,
cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
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Offering of the Gifts

Lord God, you are the great giver.
You fill the world with good things.

All **We bring you our gifts
with thankful hearts.**

We bring this food
as a sign that we want to SHARE.

All **Open our hands
to give as generously as you do.**

We bring these offerings
as a sign that you have changed our HEARTS.

All **Take our gifts, take our lives,
and use them to feed your world.
Amen.**





Prayer Activity

Prayers of Intercession

Lord of the harvest, we thank you for the hands that grew, harvested, and transported this food.

We pray for farmers, agricultural workers, and all who work to feed us.

Bless their labours.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest,

we pray for your world where many still STARVE.

Change the HEARTS of leaders and nations so that the world's wealth and resources are shared fairly, and no one goes without.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**



Prayers of Intercession

Lord of the harvest, we pray for our local community and the food bank receiving these gifts.

May our church always be a place of warmth, generosity, and open hands.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, we bring to you everyone who is suffering in mind, body, or spirit.

Just as the earth needs time and care to grow its fruit, please grant patience, strength, and healing to those who are unwell. Pour out your comfort and let them feel the warmth of your presence.

We bring before you today ...

Lord, in your mercy:

All **Hear our prayer.**



Prayers of Intercession

Lord of the harvest,
we praise you for the lives of those who have finished
their journey on earth and are now safe with you.
We thank you for the love and kindness they shared,
which continues to live on in us.
Comfort everyone who misses them,
and bring us all together one day to share in your heavenly joy.

We pray today for ...

Lord, in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.



The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

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.



Song: We Eat The Plants That Grow From the Seed

- We eat the plants that grow from the seed,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
Cures can be made from herbs and from weeds,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
Everything beneath the sun,
all the things we claim we've done,
all are part of God's creation:
we can meet people's needs
with things we grow from seed,
but it's God who gives the harvest.**



Song: We Eat The Plants That Grow From the Seed

- 2. We find the iron and turn it into steel,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
We pull the levers, we turn the wheels,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
Everything we say we've made,
plastic bags to metal spades,
all are part of God's creation:
we can make lots of things
from microchips to springs,
but it's God who gives the harvest.**



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all are part of God's creation:
we can meet people's needs
with things we grow from seed,
but it's God who gives the harvest.**

Susan Mee (b. 1946)



Commissioning & Dismissal

We have thanked God for his harvest.

We have looked at our hearts.

Now, it is time to go out and share.

Will you keep your HEARTS open to those in need?

All With God's help, we will.

Will you SHARE the good things you have been given?

All With God's help, we will.

Will you live so that others do not STARVE?

All With God's help, we will.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ.

Amen.



Please stay for refreshments

