Welcome to St Andrew's Harvest

The land has yielded its harvest: God our God has blessed us

Psalm 67:6

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it

***Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice***

Come ye thankful people come - Hymn 37

1 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.

2 All the world is God’s own field,

fruit unto his praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown;

first the blade, and then the ear,

then the full corn shall appear:

Lord of harvest, grant that we

wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,

and shall take his harvest home;

from his field shall in that day

all offences purge away; give his angels charge at last

in the fire the tares to cast;

but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come, to thy final harvest-home;

gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there for ever purified in thy presence to abide:

come, with all thine angels, come,

raise the glorious harvest-home.

AFFIRMATIONS

God of all creation,

**We give thanks to you for your good gifts to us**

For the beauty of creation and its rich and varied fruits

***We give thanks to you for your good gifts to us***

For clean water and fresh air, for food and shelter, for animals and plants.

***We give thanks to you for your good gifts to us.***

Forgive us for the times when we have taken the earth's resources for granted.

***We ask for forgiveness and seek your help to do better. Amen***

Welcome

Confession

Lord God, forgive us when we are selfish and greedy, when we are wasteful of all that you have given us.

***Father, forgive us.***

Lord God, we often choose to ignore those who are struggling and lack basic provisions

***Father, forgive us.***

Lord God, in our weakness we choose to live in a way that pleases us and not you.

***Father, forgive us.***

Absolution

Who is Glynis Jess? Questions...

Genesis 1:1-27

A reading from Genesis chapter 1 beginning at verse 1

The Beginning

1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.3 And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. 4 God saw that the light was good, and he separated the light from the darkness. 5 God called the light “day,” and the darkness he called “night.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the first day.6 And God said, “Let there be a vault between the waters to separate water from water.” 7 So God made the vault and separated the water under the vault from the water above it. And it was so. 8 God called the vault “sky.” And there was evening, and there was morning—the second day. 9 And God said, “Let the water under the sky be gathered to one place, and let dry ground appear.” And it was so. 10 God called the dry ground “land,” and the gathered waters he called “seas.” And God saw that it was good. 11 Then God said, “Let the land produce vegetation: seed-bearing plants and trees on the land that bear fruit with seed in it, according to their various kinds.” And it was so. 12 The land produced vegetation: plants bearing seed according to their kinds and trees bearing fruit with seed in it according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 13 And there was evening, and there was morning—the third day. 14 And God said, “Let there be lights in the vault of the sky to separate the day from the night, and let them serve as signs to mark sacred times, and days and years, 15 and let them be lights in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth.” And it was so. 16 God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day and the lesser light to govern the night. He also made the stars. 17 God set them in the vault of the sky to give light on the earth, 18 to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. 19 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fourth day. 20 And God said, “Let the water teem with living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the vault of the sky.” 21 So God created the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. 22 God blessed them and said, “Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the water in the seas, and let the birds increase on the earth.” 23 And there was evening, and there was morning—the fifth day. 24 And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds: the livestock, the creatures that move along the ground, and the wild animals, each according to its kind.” And it was so. 25 God made the wild animals according to their kinds, the livestock according to their kinds, and all the creatures that move along the ground according to their kinds. And God saw that it was good. 26 Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A moment for children - Puppets

He made the stars to shine - Thanks & Praise 51

He made the stars to shine, he made the rolling sea,

he made the mountains high, and he made me.

But this is why I love him, for me he bled and died,

the Lord of all creation, became the crucified.

 REPEAT

Luke 12:13-21

The Parable of the Rich Fool

13 Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.”14 Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” 15 Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.”

16 And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. 17 He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

18 “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. 19 And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry

20 “But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’21 “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

This is the word of the Lord.

***Thanks be to God***

Sermon - Mrs Glynis Jess

To God be the Glory Offertory Hymn 373

1 To God be the glory! Great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!*

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!*

*O, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son:*

*and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!

to every believer the promise of God;

the vilest offender who truly believes,

that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,

and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer, and higher, and greater will be

our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Choir: Let the earth resound

Choir: It takes an Almighty hand

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

***I believe in God, \*the Father almighty,***

***creator of heaven and earth.***

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

***I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,***

***who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,***

***born of the Virgin Mary,***

***suffered under Pontius Pilate,***

***was crucified, died, and was buried;***

***he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;***

***he ascended into heaven,***

***he is seated at the right hand of the Father,***

***and he will come to judge the living and the dead.***

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

***I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,***

***the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,***

***the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.***

***Amen.***

Harvest Prayers

Lord of the harvest

***Hear our prayer***

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Harvest Blessing

Thanks

Benediction

As we gathered to give thanks.

***We give thanks for your provision.***

As we worshipped in Spirit and truth.

***We give thanks for your Word and empowerment.***

As we leave this place filled with joy

***We give thanks for your Spirit who leaves with us, within us***

As we go into your world with your love in our hearts.

***We give thanks for your invitation to share in your mission to the lost***

We thank you for your provision and presence, use us for your kingdom’s sake Amen

We plough the fields Hymn 47

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.*

2 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.

3 We thank you, 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 your love imparts,

and that which you most welcome,

our humble, thankful hearts.

This Harvest time,

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

***in the name of Christ. Amen.***