

The Parish of St Paul, Wokingham

Harvest Eucharist



In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you: **and also with you.**

Welcome and Introduction: a presentation in 4 parts

1) God created everything

Creator God, thank you for the wonder of the life that is around us,
the land that sustains us, that gives us food and beauty.
Thank you for the life-giving water,
that is essential for growing crops, animals and ourselves.
Thank you for the beauty of the wildflowers,
buzzing with insects, a haven for tiny creatures.
Thank you for the farmers and shop assistants,
who provide food for ourselves and food to share.
Creator God, **thank you for the gift of your amazing creation.**

J-Club Action Song: Our God is a Great Big God

Our God is a great big God, our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God, and he holds us in his hands.

He's higher than a skyscraper, He's deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe and beyond my wildest dreams.
He's known me and he's loved me since before the world began-
How wonderful to be a part of God's amazing plan...

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2) The earth is not ours to destroy

Gospel – Luke 12: 16-30

Confession

Creator God, we know that all you have created is good and beautiful,
and yet, many times, we have failed to care for the world around us.
We have been greedy when we did not need to be.
We have wanted more than we have needed.
We have not trusted that you have given us our daily bread
and instead have overworked the land and our ecosystem.

For all the times where we have opted for what is easy
over good stewardship, Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For all the times where we have failed to give the land and water
the rest they need, Christ, have mercy,

Christ, have mercy.

For all the times where we have forgotten that the earth
is our shared home, Lord, have mercy,

Lord, have mercy.

May God our creator forgive you your sins
and renew in you a sense of joy and delight at the wonder
and beauty of this awesome world:
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

3) God promises us all that we need and more

Creator God, through forming the world and all that is in it,
you have shown us how to work and how to rest.
Help us to be grateful to those who produce our food,
and to protect the land that grows our food. **Amen.**

Reading – by J-Club, Deuteronomy 8. 7-18

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with
flowing streams, with springs and water welling up across the hills,
a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and fruit.

A land where you will always have as much bread as you need, where
you will never be without.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land he
has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, do
not forget that it is God who fed you in the wilderness, who made the
land and the flowing water. Remember the Lord your God, who has
given us all that we need.

Intercessions – by Senior Squad

4) God's creation is amazing- let's keep it that way

Talk: God created everything

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

During the peace we hold out Christ's peace to one another with a smile, a wave or the use of Sign Language.

If you're joining in from home do please put your message in the comment box.

The Choir sing "We plough the fields and scatter."

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

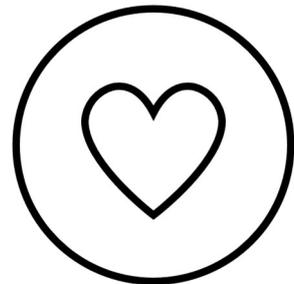
*Holy, Holy, **Holy***

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful, holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

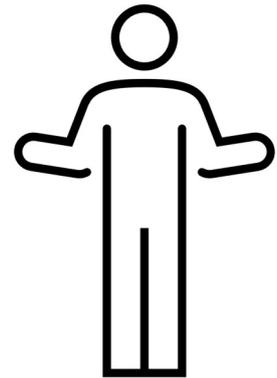
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You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
He suffered on the cross;
he died to save us from our sins;
he rose in glory from the dead.

*Holy, Holy, **Holy***



You send your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:



**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.
He took the bread, and thanked you.
He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.



After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.
He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.



Jesus Christ has died. **Jesus Christ has died.**
Jesus Christ is risen. **Jesus Christ is risen.**
Jesus Christ will come again.
Jesus Christ will come again.



Father, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember his death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.



*Amen, Amen, **Amen.***

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,
work for the healing of the earth,
and share the good news of Jesus,
as we wait for his coming in glory.

*Amen, Amen, **Amen.***

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever.

*Amen, Amen **Amen.***

The Lord's Prayer (with actions!)

**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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith and receive this sacrament of love,
and let it rekindle in your heart the blessing of peace.

*The celebrant will say "The Body of Christ, broken for you" at the altar.
Please come forward as you are guided, keeping 2m away from others.
The wafer will be placed in your hand in silence and then you are invited to
return to your seat by turning right and heading back to your seat.
The Choir sing Harvest music during communion.*

If you are joining in at home you might find this a helpful prayer to use:
Thanks be to you, Lord, Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have given me,
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.
O most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother, may I know you
more clearly, love you more dearly
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls
and bodies to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.**



Harvest Thanksgiving Prayer, by Christian Aid

The earth is fractured- **may we be just.**

The earth is fragile- **may we be gentle.**

The earth is fruitful- **may we be generous.**

Creator and creating God, **harvest in us joy and generosity
as we together share in thanks and giving. Amen.**

The Notices

The Blessing

May God the Creator,
who entrusted us with this whole earth,
with all the land and water and the animals who swarm on it,
bless us as we relearn the rhythm and seasons of our lives. **Amen.**

May God the Son,
who trusted us to love one another
and to always be mindful of the needs of our neighbours,
bless us as we relearn how to take only what we need. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit,
who trusts us to listen
to the holy whispers of gratitude for all that has been provided,
bless us as we show our true and lasting appreciation for the harvest.
Amen.

And the blessing of God...

The Grace (with actions)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.