



Harvest Sunday Worship

4th October 2020

Along the way we sing

**Be blessed, fear the Lord,
expect opposition**

Time to gather before God

Let all the peoples praise you, O God:

Let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its harvest:

God, our God, has blessed us.

Let all the ends of the earth fear him. **Amen.**

(From Psalm 67)

The Collect for the 17th Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray that your grace may always go before

and follow after us

And make us continually committed to all good works,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time for Harvest Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God,

the God of all peoples of the earth.

For the colour and forms of your creation

and our place within it,

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food,

and for those whose work and skill

bring your good gifts to us,

we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;
for insight and imagination,
for the skills of research
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,
and their variety and dependability;
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For new hope and strength in our communities,
especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,
we bring our thanks, good Lord; **your mercy endures for ever.**

For all in whose lives we see
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,
and all the fruit of the Spirit,
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given,
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever**

Time for saying sorry to God

O Lord, we cry to you
 from the depths of our being:
Let your ears be open
 as we plead for mercy.

If you kept a record of our sins
none of us could stand before you;
But you alone can forgive us,
Therefore we come to you in awe.
Lord, we wait for you
And in your promise we put our hope;
through our saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

(from Psalm 130)

Time to hear God's word

Psalm 128

A song of ascents.

- ¹ Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
who walk in obedience to him.
- ² You will eat the fruit of your labour;
blessings and prosperity will be yours.
- ³ Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
within your house;
your children will be like olive shoots
round your table.
- ⁴ Yes, this will be the blessing
for the man who fears the Lord.

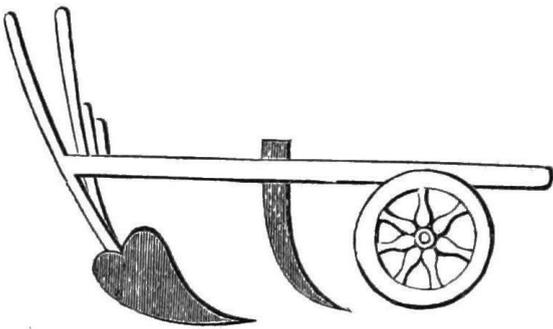


- ⁵ May the Lord bless you from Zion;
may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.
- ⁶ May you live to see your children's children –
peace be on Israel.

Psalm 129

A song of ascents.

- ¹ 'They have greatly oppressed me from my youth,'
let Israel say;
² 'they have greatly oppressed me from my youth,
but they have not gained the victory over me.



- ³ Ploughmen have ploughed my back
and made their furrows long.
⁴ But the Lord is righteous;
he has cut me free from the cords
of the wicked.'

- ⁵ May all who hate Zion
be turned back in shame.
⁶ May they be like grass on the roof,
which withers before it can grow;
⁷ a reaper cannot fill his hands with it,
nor one who gathers fill his arms.
⁸ May those who pass by not say to them,
'The blessing of the Lord be on you;
we bless you in the name of the Lord.'

The Lord is
righteous

Time to Learn, Reflect and Grow

Who or what do you fear?

Be blessed. Know Jesus. Walk in his ways.

Learn to pray for blessing

Expect opposition

Learn to pray against opposition

Time to Praise God in song (very quietly)

Happy are those who fear the LORD
And walk in all his ways;
Your toil will bring its full reward
And blessing crown your days.

Choice as a vine adorned with fruit
Shall be your loving wife,
And every child an olive shoot
That gladdens earthly life.

Thus shall the man who fears the Lord
Be blessed in all his ways;
From Zion's God be blessing poured
Upon you all your days.

So may your eyes delight to see
Jerusalem prospering well,
Your children's children yet to be,
And peace on Israel.

Time for prayer

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven

Hallowed be your name

Your kingdom come

Your will be done

On earth as is 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 forever. Amen.

Time for Blessing and Dismissal

May the Lord bless you from Zion;

may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem

all the days of your life.

May you live to see your children's children –

peace be on Israel.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices

Church services are exempt from the rule of six as long as we stay in groups of six. Do join us outside after the service in socially distanced groups of six to chat and catch up. Sadly the rules mean no mingling between groups!

Catch up with services from Holy Trinity on **YouTube** - search for 'Holy Trinity West Brom' or find a link from our Facebook page or website.

Coming up:

APCM. Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 25th October after the morning service. The revision of the Electoral Roll will be finalised this Thursday. Nomination forms for PCC are available for anyone wishing to stand who is on the electoral roll. If you are on PCC and your term does not expire this year, you don't need to be re-elected. If you wish to stand down, please inform Mark Banks, PCC secretary.

Zoom Book Brunch: Join us in reading *The Everyday Gospel* by Tim Chester and discussing it on Zoom on Saturday 7th November at 11am. In this book Tim Chester unpacks how seemingly inconsequential tasks can point us to Jesus. We will see how even washing the dishes can be done to the glory of God, leaving us marveling again at God's goodness and grace. Copies are £1 - take one today from church or Amanda will deliver one to you.

Activities this week:

Zoom Small Group Bible Study and Fellowships. On Zoom (internet meeting) Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30pm. Ask Neil for an invitation. Women's Bible Study Wednesday at 7.30pm. Ask Helen for an invitation.

Zoom Cake and Chat. Join us for a catch up on Thursday mornings from 9am. Login details from Amanda or Helen. New members welcome!

Kids Klub online. Ask Helen to deliver an activity and bible pack, then watch on the church website. (Ask Helen for a password).