

SERVICE OF THE WORD – SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH

A Service of the Word

Welcome

Gathering and Thanksgiving

Gathering prayer

God of compassion, we rejoice in the unity that is at the heart of your creation; look upon our land and heal it, and from this pandemic good Lord deliver us.

As we stand before you in prayer for all who are suffering, grant that your light may shine in their darkness, and that we may bear one another's burdens and so fulfil your law of love.

This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

This is the day the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord.

Giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

HYMN – Mission Community Choir. Come ye thankful people come
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Thanksgiving prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men;

We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

As we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen

Confession and Absolution

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 confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive**

us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

Prayer of Absolution:

May Almighty God, who sent His Son into the world to save sinners, bring us his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen**

Collect of the day

HYMN – Mission Community Choir. We plough the fields and scatter
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Readings and Response

After each reading this response may be used

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

1st reading – Deuteronomy 8.7 – 18

2nd reading – 2 Corinthians 9.6 – 15

Gospel reading Luke 12.16 – 30

Drama – Gardeners Question Time

HYMN – Mission Community Choir Great is thy Faithfulness

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith:

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**

Intercessions

The prayers include the following response

We bring our thanks, good Lord: **We bring our thanks, good Lord.**

Concluding with:

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come;
thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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**

HYMN – Mission Community Choir I'm Shaking

Notices

Blessing and Dismissal

God the Father, who created the world, give us grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire us to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help us to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen