

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many,  
we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*Choir* **Agnus Dei** *Sumsion in F*

Draw near with faith.

**Giving of Communion**

*Move forward at the direction of the wardens  
to receive communion  
or hold a service sheet for a blessing.*

*Choir* **Anthem** – music by Ernest Bullock  
Give us the wings of faith to rise

*Stand* **Communion Hymn 271**  
**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed ...**

## Going Out

*All* **Thanksgiving and praise,  
more than we can think of,  
more than we can say,  
be to you our generous God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
by all angels, all people, all creation,  
for ever and ever. Amen**

**Blessing**

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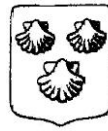
*Stand* **Hymn 457**  
**For the fruits of his creation ...**

*All* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Organ Music**



*Everyone is invited for refreshments  
in the Hall*



St James the Greater  
Leicester  
2 October 2016



# Harvest Thanksgiving

## Gathering

*Stand* **Hymn 289**  
**Come, ye thankful people, come ...**  
*All with gifts join the procession as it passes.*



**We come to God**

*Kneel or sit*

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

*All* 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.

*All* 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.

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

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

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

**We are forgiven**

*Stand*

*All sing* **Glory to God** *Peruvian*  
– repeat each phrase sung by the cantor

**Harvest Prayer**

*All* **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 our Lord. Amen.

Sit Genesis 1.1, 11-12, 24-25, 27, 29-31a

Stand Hymn 370  
God whose farm is all creation ...

All sing Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Gospel of St Matthew 6.25-30

Sit God in all things

Our faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

**We believe in God the father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

*Ephesians 3*

Kneel or sit

Prayers

each ends with:

For these and all your gifts

All **Father accept our thanks and praise.**

## Sacrament

Stand The harvest of the Spirit  
is love and joy and peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hymn 415

**Praise and thanksgiving ...**  
*during which a collection is taken*

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you,  
Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

All **You embrace us as your children  
and welcome us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

All **He opened his arms of love  
upon the cross and made for all  
the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father,  
we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you  
for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

All **Father,  
we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death  
and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit  
that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood  
of your dear Son.

All **As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church  
throughout the world we offer you this  
sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join  
the eternal song of heaven:

Choir **Sanctus** *Sumsion in F*

Kneel or sit

Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's provision for us,  
in faith and trust we pray:

All **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.**