



ST ANDREW'S
* CATHEDRAL *
ABERDEEN

Welcome to the Cathedral Church of St Andrew

It is good that we are here to offer our prayer, praise and thanksgiving. You are very welcome to join us as part of this worshipping community in Aberdeen. Please stay after the service for refreshments in the John Skinner Centre; and introduce yourself to the Provost or one of the stewards.

SUNG EUCHARIST

10.45 am, Sunday 6 October 2019

Harvest Thanksgiving

Celebrant and Preacher: Very Rev'd Isaac Poobalan, Provost
Organist and Director of Music: Professor Andrew Morrisson
The Cathedral Choir

Mass Setting

Harold Darke, *Communion Service in F*

Organ voluntary

J.S. Bach, *Nun danket alle Gott*, BWV 657

Processional Hymn 259 (NEH)

(Words: Henry Alford, Anglican priest and Dean of Canterbury; he was also a noted scholar and hymn writer, although this hymn is one of only two still in popular use, the other being 'Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand'. Music: George Elvey, *St George's Windsor*)

1 COME, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home!
All be 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:
Grant, O harvest Lord, 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 purge away
All that doth offend, that day;
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church triumphant, come,
Raise the song of harvest-home;
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There for ever purified
In God's garner to abide:
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you 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 your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Epistle: Philippians 4:1, 4-9 (NRSV)

read by Kelechi Nwajiuba

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Psalm 67 (vv. 19-22) Chant 186

1 GOD be merciful unto | us and | bless us : and shew us the light of his
countenance, | and be | merciful | unto us;

2 That thy way may be | known upon | earth : thy saving | health a|mong
all | nations.

3 Let the people | praise thee O | God : yea, let | all the | people | praise thee.

4 O let the nations re|joice and be | glad : for thou shalt judge the folk
righteously, and govern the | nations up|on | earth.

5 Let the people | praise thee O | God : let | all the | people | praise thee.

6 Then shall the earth bring | forth her | increase : and God, even our
own | God shall | give us his | blessing.

2nd Part 7 God | shall | bless us : and all the | ends of the | world shall | fear him.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son : and | to the | Holy | Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now and | ever | shall be : world without | end.

A|--|men.

Gradual Hymn 397 (NEH)

(Words: John Milton, based on Psalm 136; the poet wrote several paraphrases of psalms, but few are in use today – this is the best-known. Music: John Antes, from a melody by J.A. Freylinghausen, harmony by J. Wilkes, *Monkland*; Monkland was the parish in which Wilkes was the organist)

1 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

2 Let us blaze his name abroad,
For of gods he is the God:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

3 He with all-commanding might
Filled the new-made world with light:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

4 He the golden-tressèd sun
Caused all day his course to run:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

5 And the hornèd moon by night,
Mid her spangled sisters bright:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

6 All things living he doth feed;
His full hand supplies their need:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

7 Let us, with a gladsome mind,
Praise the Lord, for he is kind:
For his mercies ay endure,
Ever faithful, ever sure.

Gospel: John 6:25-35 (NRSV)

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is

written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Biblical Enactment by the children of the Cathedral

Entrance Song with children singing and dancing through the centre aisle, repeated a few times over.

My God is a great big God (x3)
And he holds us in he’s hands

On arriving in the Crossing they will sing the Songs of Praise. Please feel free to join them in their action song.

Am gonna jump up and down, am gonna spin round and around, am gonna praise your name forever...

Am gonna shout out loud! am gonna deafen the crowd, am gonna send my praise to heaven...

I’ll run this race and I will never stop, follow Jesus till the day I drop...

Do all things through Christ who strengthens me, when you have such a lot, when you got not a lot, what?! Be happy!!!!

“Touch your fingers to your nose, bend by the waist way down and touch your toes and when you come up slowly, you’ll start to say... say to Lord I love you!!

The story of the Offerings of Cain and Abel, dramatized by Ndidi Odeh, will be narrated by our young people.

The Presentation will conclude with the Harvest Song, translated from Igbo by Julie Kelechi

The “Harvest Song”

God this is the Apple I present to you!

God this is the Apple that comes from our farm...

Please.... accept this like you did Abel’s..... please do not accept like Cain’s...

(And each group with their different presented fruit to replace Apple like grapes, corn, mango)

Chorus

God who give all gifts....

God who give all gifts...

Please.... accept this as you did Abel’s

Please do not accept like Cain’s X 3 times

Offertory Hymn 262 (NEH)

(Words: Matthias Claudius, Wir pflügen und wir streuen, based on Psalm 144; the original had 17 verses; Tr Jane Campbell; it is said to be the most-performed hymn in the UK.

Music: J.A.B. Schultz, Wir Pflügen, from Lieder für Volksschulen; harmony by J.B. Dykes)

1 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 thee, then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, and food;
No gifts have we to offer
For all thy love imparts,
But that which thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

Communion motet:

Maurice Greene, *Thou visitest the earth*

Post-Communion Hymn 413 (NEH)

(Words: Martin Rinkart, a Lutheran minister and prolific hymn writer; the hymn is thought to have been written to celebrate the end of the 30 Years War at the Peace of Westphalia in 1648; Tr Catherine Winkworth. Music: J. Crüger, *Nun Danket*, written for the hymn)

1 Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessèd peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed;
And free us from all ills,
In this world and the next!

3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given;
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven;
The One eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Organ Voluntary:

Sigfrid Karg-Elert, *Nun danket alle Gott*

LET US PRAY

In the Cathedral community we pray for Helena Thomas, Yvonne Craik, Moira Paterson, Jean Souter, Ravi Garg and Gordon Smith.

We praise God for those who mark a blessing this week with a birthday or an anniversary.

We remember those whom we love but see no longer, and those whose year's mind occurs this week.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Church in Wales, and for the Most Rev'd John Davies, Archbishop of Wales and Bishop of Swansea and Brecon.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for St Machar's Church, Bucksburn, and for its priest, the Rev'd Dr Duncan Heddle.

In the Porvoo Prayer Diary we pray for the Diocese of Liverpool in the Church of England, and for its Bishops, the Right Rev'd Paul Bayes and the Right Rev'd Beverley Mason; and for the Diocese of Monmouth in the Church in Wales, and for its Bishop, the Right Rev'd Richard Pain; and for the Diocese of Haderslev in the Evangelical Church in Denmark, and for Bishop Marianne Christiansen.

EVENTS AND SERVICES

6 October (Today) **Concert by Capella Nova** at 7.30 pm: tickets £10, concession £5, students and children free entry.

8 October **The Fellowship Group** meets in the John Skinner Centre on Tuesdays at 6pm for discussion and conversation.

10 October **Wednesday Holy Communion**, 10 am.

10 October **Bingo night** at 7 pm, £3.

12 October **Cathedral at Noon**, 12 pm: George Coghill and Tim Tricker, *Handel and friends*.

13 October **Holy Communion** at 8 am

Sung Eucharist at 10.45 am

Evensong at St Mary's, Carden Place

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