

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 27th  
September, **Harvest Sunday.**



### **The Gathering of God's People**

*Welcome everyone by Revd Grant :*

*In the brief silence we settle into prayer...*

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

*All* **and also with you.**



God is good  
**All the time**

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### **Opening Song**

We have come together, the people of God,  
drawn by his Spirit, longing for his word,  
to praise the holy name of the Lord,  
to share his glorious news of grace,  
to pray our needs  
and the pain of the world,  
to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

### **Prayers of Penitence**

On this Harvest Sunday, 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, and do not fulfil our godly  
calling to care for and be good stewards of God's  
creation.

*Silence*

*All* 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.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins.  
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,  
*All* **for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
*All* **and in our song will we praise our God.**

*We continue in prayer...*

Blessed are you Creator God,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

As your Spirit moved over  
the face of the waters  
bringing light and life to your creation,  
Pour out your Spirit on us today  
that we may walk as children of light,  
and by your grace reveal your presence.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

The night has passed,  
and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence,  
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

*We open our ears and hearts to receive and obey  
God's holy word.*

### **Psalm 65**

<sup>1</sup> Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;  
to you our vows will be fulfilled.  
<sup>2</sup> You who answer prayer,  
to you all people will come.  
<sup>3</sup> When we were overwhelmed by sins,  
you forgave<sup>[c]</sup> our transgressions.  
<sup>4</sup> Blessed are those you choose  
and bring near to live in your courts!  
We are filled with the good things of your house,  
of your holy temple.

<sup>5</sup> You answer us with awesome and righteous  
deeds,  
God our Savior,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas,

<sup>6</sup> who formed the mountains by your power,  
having armed yourself with strength,

<sup>7</sup> who stilled the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the turmoil of the nations.

<sup>8</sup> The whole earth is filled with awe at your  
wonders;  
where morning dawns, where evening fades,  
you call forth songs of joy.

<sup>9</sup> You care for the land and water it;  
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water  
to provide the people with grain,  
for so you have ordained it.

<sup>10</sup> You drench its furrows and level its ridges;  
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.

<sup>11</sup> You crown the year with your bounty,  
and your carts overflow with abundance.

<sup>12</sup> The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;  
the hills are clothed with gladness.

<sup>13</sup> The meadows are covered with flocks  
and the valleys are mantled with grain;  
they shout for joy and sing.

*All* **Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

### **NT : 2 Cor 4: 1-6**

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*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Song**

### **Gospel: Mathew 9:35-10:10**

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## **Gospel Cantic (Te Deum)**

All We praise you, O God,  
we acclaim you as the Lord;  
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless  
praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world  
the holy Church acclaim you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free  
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all  
believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
As it was in the beginning  
is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

**Sermon** (*we continue our series on 'Evangelism'*)

**Song**

## **The Creed**

We declare our faith with Christians of all sorts,  
all nationalities, all backgrounds across our world

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**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**



## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray to the Lord of the Harvest,

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

## **Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints**

Gracious God,  
accept our financial gifts  
And with them our lives  
To be used in your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Collects

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.**

Father, help me  
live this coming week to the full,  
being true to You, in every way.  
Jesus, help me give myself away to others,  
being kind to everyone I meet.  
Spirit, help me to love the lost,  
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. **Amen.**

*Bring our prayers and praises to a close,  
we sing together...*

**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.**

## Going out as God's People

### Church Life Announcements

#### 1. Life Groups

In this special season, many of us have

missed meeting and praying with each other. With the restrictions in mind, we've come up with a great new way, to give 'Up-In-Out' hands and feet.

We want to encourage every friend and member of All Saints to sign up for small, so called 'Life groups', of max 4 people. They will run only for a short period. The first week of October up till Christmas and be held at our homes to learn, to share and to pray with each other.

It's only six meetings of two hours, so please all try out this new way of being congregation!

The theme we will talk about is: 'Talking Jesus' – practical video based sessions to inspire us to share our faith confidently and naturally about Jesus.

You can sign up, before 27th September by the link found in the email newsletter or church whatsapp group. Please tick three preferences of the 'Life group' you would like to join.

P.s. We would really appreciate it, if those who decide not to join a 'Life Group' could let us know through this form also. Just give your name and tick the box at the bottom. It will avoid us chasing you later on! It only takes a minute.

**2. Compassion Sunday.** One of the organizations we partner with is Compassion. We will, on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October, have a special Sunday service (both live in kosmik and here on online) focused upon the work of Compassion Netherlands.

#### Final Song

### **Blessing (A Harvest Blessing)**

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

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

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

The blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

*We finish with praying the grace together...*

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all this day and evermore.  
Amen.**

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