

St Anne's, Eastville

Harvest Festival 2024

Coming Together

Some music will be played or sung.

Song: 566 Praise, O praise our God and King

Welcome and Introduction

All are invited to bring fruit or vegetables to the altar.

Prayer: Giver of Life, in bright light and dull darkness,
in the energy of each day and the rest that comes with night
we remember your goodness!

In the heavens high above our heads,
in waters that run deep around the world
we remember your goodness!

In solid land and flowing seas,
in vivid flowers and fruit-laden trees
we remember your goodness!

In the rising and setting of the sun,
in the cycles of the seasons, in the patterns of the shining stars
We remember your goodness!

In oceans teeming with fish
in skies filled with birds
we remember your goodness!

In a world filled with animal life
and in ourselves as human beings
we remember your goodness!

And God looked and saw all that he had made,
and indeed it was very, very good!

In rest and reflection, in wonder and worship
We remember your goodness!. AMEN!

Let us confess our sin against the Giver of Life.

We have taken your gifts for granted.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy**

We have not cherished our earth.

Christ, have mercy: **Christ, have mercy**

We have let other people go hungry.

Lord, have mercy: **Lord, have mercy.**

God says: I will heal your disloyalty, I will love you freely, my anger
has turned from you. + **Amen.**

Song: 804 God almighty set a rainbow

The children go out for Godly Play

Listening for God's word

Reading: Mark 4.26-29

Response: How do gardening and growing connect with faith? -
either *alone in a quite corner,*
or *with others around,*
or *through art or writing, at the back*

*All come together for the **Prayers of Intercession***
(please feel free to share your own concerns and prayers)

The Peace

God says: I will be like the dew to you; (Hosea 14.5-7)
you shall blossom like the lily,
you shall strike root like the trees of the forest.
The peace of the Giver of Life be always with you.

And with your spirit.

All share a sign of Christ's peace.

Christ's Offering and Ours

Bread and wine are brought to the altar, and offered with the response:

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord,
blessed is the Lord for ever!
who was, and is, and is to come:
blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord.**

The Eternal One be with you! **And with your spirit!**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Eternal One.**

Let us give thanks to the Giver of Bread.

It is good to give thanks and praise.

We thank you that you are creating the universe in all its glory; the earth and all it give us, and ourselves in the depths of our being.

We thank you that Jesus, your eternal Word, became flesh from the soil of our world; that he lived as a part of your creation;

We thank you that he died and rose again like a seed in the earth, and calls us to the harvest feast of heaven, to sing with saints and angels

**Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord for ever!
who was, and is, and is to come:
Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord.**

We thank you that you pour yourself out in the love of the Holy Spirit, whom we now pray to transfigure these gifts of bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ; and to transfigure us afresh into a people made in your image.

**Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord,
blessed is the Lord for ever!
who was, and is, and is to come:
blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord.**

We thank you that, on the night he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying Take, eat, this is my Body.

We thank you that after supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, blessed it and shared it, saying Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood.

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord for ever!**

who was, and is, and is to come:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

We thank you that he calls us to live as his Body on earth, united with all who stretch out their hands to him; and to bear the fruit of the Kingdom.

We thank you that he makes us one with his mother Mary, with St Anne, St Mark, St Thomas, and all your saints and angels in their eternal song of praise.

**Glory, Glory, Glory to the Lord,
Glory to the Lord for ever!
who was, and is, and is to come:
Glory, Glory, Glory to the Lord.**

*All say the **Our Father** (from Open Table in Cotham):*

**Holy Parent, Mother, Father,
to be in you is to be in heaven.
May we hear the wonder that echoes in your name.
May we accept no rule but the rule of love.
May we never tolerate the evil of hunger.
May the hurts we cause be forgiven,
and the hurts we receive be healed.
May we remember that we are fragile,
and cherish the life we share with all.
For all love, and life, and power
is the gift of the Spirit.
Amen.**

Communion Song:

O Jesus, giver of bread: O Jesus, giver of life!

Silence is kept for a while; the Blessing is given.

Song for going out: 766 You shall go out with joy.