

All We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many,
we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

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 John Rutter
For the beauty of the earth (see hymn 104)

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

Going Out

All Lord of all,
as with joy we have made thanksgiving for
your love in creation,
move our hearts to be generous
and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Notices

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
please take the lift or staircase
from the door to the rear of the Lady Chapel*



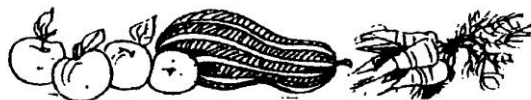
St James the Greater
Leicester
2 October 2011



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

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world
you have made.
Father, in your mercy
All forgive us and help us.

We are forgiven

Stand Glory to God *see music card*

All Harvest Prayer
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 Deuteronomy 8.10-18

Stand Hymn 370

God whose form is all creation ...

All sing Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

The Gospel of St John 6.25-35

Sit 'GOD'S GIFTS'

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 Holy, holy, holy Lord ...
Hosanna in the highest.

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.**