

**BROOKDEAN BENEFICE Holy Communion 2 October 2022**  
**10.30am. Lydbrook**

**Hymn**

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come,  
raise the song of harvest-home:  
all is 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 We ourselves are 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.

### **The Greeting**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

**Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Penitence**

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.

*We keep a moment of silence.*

Lord, you give justice to those who are suffering  
and bread to those who hunger.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you loose those who are bound  
and open the eyes of the blind.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land  
and uphold the orphan and the widow.  
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Gloria**

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

Glory to God, in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to God in the highest.**

### **The 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 wellbeing; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, on God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *The Liturgy of the Word*

#### **First Reading: Revelation 14.14-18**

Then I looked, and there was a white cloud, and seated on the cloud was one like the Son of Man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand! Another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to the one who sat on the cloud, 'Use your sickle and reap, for the hour to reap has come, because the harvest of the earth is fully ripe.' So the one who sat on the cloud swung his sickle over the earth, and the earth was reaped.

Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. Then another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over fire, and he called with a loud voice to him who had the sharp sickle, 'Use your sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual hymn**

For the fruits of his creation,  
 thanks be to God;  
 for his gifts to every nation,  
 thanks be to God;  
 for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
 silent growth while we are sleeping,  
 future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
 thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
 God's will is done;  
 in the help we give our neighbour,  
 God's will is done;  
 in our world-wide task of caring  
 for the hungry and despairing,  
 in the harvests we are sharing,  
 God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
 thanks be to God;  
 for the good we all inherit,  
 thanks be to God;  
 for the wonders that astound us,  
 for the truths that still confound us,  
 most of all that love has found us,  
 thanks be to God.

*Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) T. AR HYD Y NOS*

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (6:25-35)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, 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.

This the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **The Creed**

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of Thanksgiving and intercession**

The response each time I say,  
We bring our thanks and praise, is **your mercy endures for ever.**

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.  
For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill  
bring your good gifts to us,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;  
for insight and imagination, for the skills of research  
which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,  
and their variety and dependability;  
for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;  
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For new hope and strength in our communities,  
especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord; **your mercy endures for ever.**

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience  
and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the life we have been given,  
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,  
we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

With thanksgiving in our hearts, we offer our prayers for the life of the world.

For your church that we may work for the harvest of your kingdom.  
For all who have a role to play in ensuring that all people are fed and no-one goes hungry.

That we may all learn to care for the earth and its resources.

We pray for the sick and those who care for them,  
for those who have died especially Pauline, and all who mourn for her.

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Hymn**

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale, and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

For the joy of human love,  
 brother, sister, parent, child,  
 friends on earth, and friends above,  
 for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
 this our sacrifice of praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine  
 to our race so freely given,  
 graces human and divine,  
 flowers of earth and buds of heaven:  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
 this our sacrifice of praise.*

*T. Dix*

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
 through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,  
 which earth has given and human hands have made.  
 It will become for us the bread of life.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:  
 Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,  
 fruit of the vine and work of human hands.  
 It will become for us the cup of salvation.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The president thanks God for his mighty acts, and all respond,*

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**



**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president recalls the last supper*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond*

**Amen.**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

**All Lamb of God,**

**you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

### **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

*The Post Communion prayer is said.*

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and the wine of the Kingdom:  
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Hymn**

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.*

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.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts have we to offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
but that which thou desirest  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

*T. Wir pflügen und wir streuen*

### **The blessing.**

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

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

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

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest  
to send out labourers into his harvest.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

