

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020**  
**Bellshill Central Parish Church of Scotland**  
**CHURCH AT HOME**

**Gathering Songs**

**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 All the world is God's own field,  
fruit as praise to God we yield;  
wheat and tares together sown  
are to joy or sorrow grown;  
first the blade and then the ear,  
then the full corn shall appear;  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
wholesome grain and pure may be.

**Who put the colours in the rainbow?**

Who put the salt into the sea?  
Who put the cold in the snowflake?  
Who made you and me?  
Who put the hump upon the camel?  
Who put the neck on the giraffe?  
Who put the tail upon the monkey?  
Who made hyenas laugh?  
Who made whales and snails and quails?  
Who made hogs and dogs and frogs?  
Who made bats and rats and cats?  
Who made everything?

3 For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;  
from the field shall in that day  
all offenses purge away,  
giving angels charge at last  
in the fire the tares to cast;  
but the fruitful ears to store  
in the garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.

Who put the gold into the sunshine?  
Who put the sparkle in the stars?  
Who put the silver in the moonlight?  
Who made Earth and Mars?  
Who put the scent into the roses?  
Who taught the honey bee to dance?  
Who put the tree inside the acorn?  
It surely can't be chance!  
Who made seas and leaves and trees?  
Who made snow and winds that blow?  
Who made streams and rivers flow?  
God made all of these!

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

*Christ our God, to you we raise  
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 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: [Refrain]

3 For the joy of ear and eye,  
for the heart and mind's delight,  
for the mystic harmony  
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]

5 For each perfect gift and sign  
of your love so freely given,  
graces human and divine,  
flowers of earth and buds of heaven: [Refrain]

## **Welcome and Intimations**

### **Choir – Praise God for the Harvest**

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,  
praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
the long hours of labor, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science, the power of machine.

### **Call to worship (June and Stanley Cook)**

Give thanks to God!

**We thank God for joy, for laughter,  
for abundant blessings of every kind.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything!

**We thank God, when we can and as we can,  
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

Give thanks to God

at all times and for everything  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**We thank God that, in Christ,  
our joys as well as our pain,  
our losses as well as our laughter,  
are in God's heart and hands.**

## Sung Praise This is God's World

1 It's a world of sunshine, a world of rain;  
it's a world of laughter, a world of pain;  
it's a world we must share, where we must  
learn to care, for the world belongs to God.  
*This is God's world after all,  
this is God's world after all,  
this is God's world after all.  
Yes, it's God's good world.*

2 It's a world of plenty, a world of need;  
it's a world of love, and a world of greed;  
it's a world we must share, where we must  
learn to care, for the world belongs to God.

3 It's a world of water, a world of drought;  
it's a world of faith, and a world of doubt;  
it's a world we must share, where we must  
learn to care, for the world belongs to God.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Confession (Sharon Malone)

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest,  
We thank you that you sustain your planet and your people with good things.  
We thank you that you give us food to keep us healthy and happy.  
We thank you particularly for:  
(Space to list a few favourites – e.g. Potatoes, Rice, Meat, Baked Beans, Bacon, Eggs, etc)

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest,  
Thank you that you sustain your planet and your people with good things.  
We thank you that you give us food to keep us healthy and happy.  
We thank you for such an abundance of delicious, life-giving food...

Heavenly Father, Lord of the harvest  
We confess that we do not always know or even care where our food comes from.  
We confess that we do not always care for our neighbours or the planet as you taught us to.  
We confess that we do not always care for the welfare of those who produce our food, as we ought to.  
Help us to take small steps in changing how we shop for our food.  
Help us to see that how we shop is still part of our worship of you.  
Help us to worship you with our life choices.  
Amen.

## Lord's Prayer (Bella)

## Introduction to Harvest (Kevin)

## Reading Mark 8:1-8 (Hugh Ainsley)

### *Feeding the Four Thousand*

In those days, when again a great crowd had gathered, and they had nothing to eat, he called his disciples to him, and said to them, "I have compassion on the crowd, because they have been with me now three days, and have nothing to eat; and if I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way; and some of them have come a long way." And his disciples answered him, "How can one feed these men with bread here in the desert?" And he asked them, "How many loaves have you?" They said, "Seven." And he commanded the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to set before the people; and they set them before the crowd. And they had a few small fish; and having blessed them, he commanded that these also should be set before them. And they ate and were satisfied; and they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full.

## Choir Anthem – Look at the World (Rutter)

look at the world: Everything all around us  
look at the world: and marvel everyday  
look at the world: So many joys and wonders  
So many miracles along our way

*Praise to thee o lord for all creation  
give us thankful hearts that we may see  
all the gifts we share and every blessing  
all things come of thee*

Look at the earth: Bringing forth fruit and flower  
look at the sky: The sunshine and the rain  
Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river field and plain.

Think of the spring, Think of the warmth of  
summer  
Bringing the harvest before the winters cold  
Everything grows, everything has a season  
Til' it is gathered to the fathers fold

Every good gift, all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the lord in token of his love  
We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty  
His is the earth and his the heavens above

*Praise to thee, o lord for all creation.  
Give us thankful hearts that we may see  
All the gifts we share, and every blessing,  
All things come of thee  
All things come of thee*

## **Kevin – Psalm 148**

### **Sung Praise – Now we sing a harvest song (St George’s Windsor)**

1 Now we sing a harvest song,  
clear and joyful, loud and strong;  
think of bread and think of meat,  
think of all we have to eat;  
all God's gifts to us in love,  
earth and rain and sun above,  
thank you, God, for all you give,  
thank you, God, by whom we live.

2 Now we sing a sadder song  
of injustice, hunger, wrong;  
those with not enough to eat,  
suffering every sort of need.  
they've no home, no work, no pay,  
scraping through from day to day.  
Do they thank you that they live?  
Thank you, God, that we can give.

3 As we sing our harvest song,  
clear and joyful, loud and strong,  
help us, Father, now to see  
how to set those people free;  
how to share the gifts you give  
so that they may also live,  
so the harvest song may sound  
to your praise the earth around.

## **Thankfulness Videos**

### **Kevin – Now thank we all our God**

### **Harvest Prayers (Lesley Marshall)**

We praise you, O God, for the gifts of the harvest.  
You are the creator of the world!  
Everything we see causes us to praise you.

We praise you for our food:  
the crunch of an apple and the juice of an orange;  
the taste of meat and varieties of fish;  
the goodness of vegetables and the luxury of fruit;  
the sweetness of sugar and the sharpness of salt;  
for milk and tea, and fresh water to quench our thirst.

We praise you for the harvest of industry:  
the products of factory and mill;  
for clothes and cars, for tables and televisions;  
for iron and steel, plastic and petrol  
and for the skill to fashion the materials you created on earth.

This harvest day,  
reminds us afresh that you love us and care for us.  
Call us again to share your tasks of caring for this world.  
Whisper anew that you created us in your image.

Then we will unite to praise you for the harvest,  
to join you in partnership  
and offer you these gifts as a thanksgiving  
for everything you give us the whole year through.

### **Sung Praise – Now thank we all our God**

1 Now thank we all our God  
with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom his world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms  
has 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 blessed peace to cheer us,  
to keep us in his grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all ills  
of this world in 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 heaven and earth adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

### **Blessing and Benediction**