



**UNITED BENEFICE OF ST MICHAEL,
BETCHWORTH AND ST MARY THE
VIRGIN, BUCKLAND**



**SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
FAMILY COMMUNION (HARVEST)**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 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.

Hymn: *All things bright and beautiful*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IPMA5I3-0Jw>

(Songs of Praise)

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
God made them, every one:

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895)

Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

Gospel: Luke 16.19-31 - *Jesus the bread of life*

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 is the Gospel of the Lord'
Praise to you O Christ.

Offertory

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Prayers of Intercession

Praying for the people of Ukraine

*The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
(Psalm 29.10)*

God of strength and peace,
send your blessing on the people of Ukraine.
Sustain them in their struggles,
hold them in their fear,
protect them from all danger
and be for them the hope they desire;
for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.



Keep us, good Lord, under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful, and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

We pray for those in most need in our own families and neighbourhood, thinking of the elderly, the housebound and those in hospital or hospice. We pray for all carers and visitors whether family members, volunteers or health care professionals and especially for those who minister to people near the end of life's journey through the hospice movement – for they do your work and so we ask for them your gifts of patience, compassion and understanding.

We pray for those that we know who are sick, lonely or in some special need at this time as we share a brief moment of silence together as we name them in our hearts.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer

We also remember those we have loved but see no more and pray for those left behind to grieve. Let them know that nothing is more dependable in times of sorrow than your encircling love

Jesus Christ is the Light of the World, a light which no darkness can quench. We remember before God those we love but no longer see, in the silence we lift them before you... may the light of Christ which eternally shines bring hope for you turn our darkness into light; in your light shall we see light.

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

Post Communion

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.

Hymn: *We plough the fields and scatter*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQ8dEkjmEMg>

(The Scottish Festival Singers)

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 you the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Words: Matthew Claudius (2740-1815) translated by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)

Music: 'Wir Pflügen' Melody by Johann Schulz (1747-1800) harmonised by J B Dykes (1823-1876)

Blessing

The Lord bless us and watch over us;
The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us;
The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace.

Amen

Our worship has now ended, and our service now begins.....

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Organ Voluntary

'Nun danket alle Gott' - Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7diuV7X8QT4>

(Jeremy Cole on the Harrison & Harrison organ of Wells Cathedral)

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