

SAINT PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL DUNDEE



Harvest Thanksgiving



1st October 2006

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Sung Eucharist

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Order of Service for the Sung Eucharist is contained in this booklet.

You are invited to join in saying the words in bold type.

Directions for standing/sitting/kneeling are given, but please feel free to do what is most comfortable for you during the service.

All are invited to receive Communion at this service.

If you use a hearing aid,
switch it to the 'T' position for direct access to the sound system.

If you are new to here, or a visitor,
please introduce yourself to one of the welcomers or clergy.

Please join us for refreshments at the back of the Cathedral after the service.

Children of all ages are welcome to join the Young Church;
they meet in Castlehill House after the Collect Prayer.

The readings for today and the rest of today's notices are on the yellow sheet.

The Gathering

OPENING ACCLAMATION

stand

Come to God, giver of life and love.

Amen – we are here.

Give to God all that has been given to you.

Amen – we give as we have received.

Raise your voices to sing of God's goodness.

Amen – we sing praise for all God has done.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

text: Frank von Christierson

As those of old their first-fruits brought
of vineyard, flock and field
to God, the giver, of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today our first-fruits bring:
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.

A world in need now summons us
to labour, love and give,
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love,
all life in Christ made new.

With gratitude and humble trust
we bring our trust to you,
not just to serve your cause, but share
your love with neighbours too.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ, your son,
help us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

WELCOME

remain standing

Grace and peace to you from God our Creator
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

**Eternal God,
who knows our thoughts and desires,
and from whom nothing is hidden,
open our hearts and minds to the power of your Holy Spirit:
cause us to worship you with all our being,
that your name may be praised forever.
Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
'Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
all your soul, all your mind and all your strength.'
And, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

These words sum up all the law and the prophets.
Make this love our seal and sign.

CONFESSION

We confess the times when we fail to recognize you,
the times when we seek to limit you,
the times when we do not acknowledge you:
Lord, forgive us.

We confess that we take you for granted;
we do not see you in the harvest,
we do not see you in our work,
we do not see you in our productivity:
Lord, forgive us.

Because we do not see you,
because we limit you, we fail you
We fail you in our relationships with each other,
with creation, with yourself;
in our stewardship of time, money, creation, the Gospel;
in our response to all that you are and all that you do:
Lord, forgive us.

Refresh our souls, O God, that we may have
a new heart for you,
a new heart for each other,
a new heart for your created order:
Lord, empower us.

Teach us anew who you are that we may respond to you in generosity,
in caring for each other,
in caring for your world,
in caring for you:
Lord, empower us

May harvest be a sign for us not only that you covenant with us,
but that we covenant with you to be good, generous and faithful stewards
of all that you entrust to us:
Lord, empower us.

ABSOLUTION

Through God's Holy Spirit the face of the earth is renewed,
our sins are forgiven and we are raised to new life
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

GLORIA

music: Steven R Janco; © 2000 WLP

refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by ALL

choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

ALL: **Glory! Glory! Glory to God....**

choir: 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;

ALL: **have mercy on us;**

choir: you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

ALL: **receive our prayer.**

Glory! Glory! Glory to God....

choir: For you alone are the Holy One,

ALL: **Glory! Glory!**

choir: you alone are the Lord,

ALL: **Glory! Glory!**

choir: you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,

ALL: **Glory! Glory!**

choir: with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

ALL: **Glory! Glory! Glory to God....**

choir: Amen.

ALL: **Amen.**

COLLECT

**God of the living,
with all your creatures great and small
we sing your bounty and your goodness,
for in the harvest of land and ocean,
in the cycles of the seasons,
and the wonders of each creature,
you reveal your generosity.
Teach us the gratitude that dispels envy,
that we may honour each gift as you cherish your creation,
and praise you in all times and places.
Amen.**

sit

The Young Church move to Castlehill House.

The Liturgy of the Word

A READING FROM THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES – Joel 2: 21 – 27



PSALM 126

music: & setting: ©1994, Bernadette Farrell

remain seated

refrain sung first by choir, thereafter by ALL; verses sung by choir

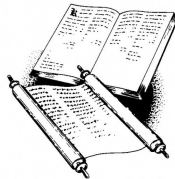
verses

When the Lord gave back freedom to Zion it seemed like a dream,
and our mouth was filled with laughter, our tongue with shouts of joy!

Then they said among the nations: 'See how the Lord sets them free.'
Oh yes, the Lord has blessed us and done great things for us.

Those who set out in tears, bearing the seed to be sown,
will come home rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Set us free, O Lord, like the water in the land that is dry!
For the ones who sow in tears will reap with shouts of joy!



A READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES – 1 Timothy 6: 6 – 10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

music: Steven R Janco; ©2000 WLP

stand

We turn to face the Gospel book as it moves to the centre of the congregation

choir: Your words, O Lord, are Spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.

ALL: **Alleluia...**

GOSPEL READING – Matthew 6: 25 – 33

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St Matthew,
the 6th chapter, beginning at the 25th verse.

Glorify Christ our Saviour.

at the end of the reading:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

then ALL sing:

Alleluia....



HOMILY – The Rev'd Canon Douglas MacKay (Vice-Provost)

sit

SILENCE – for a moment of reflection

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

stand

**We believe in God
whose goodness is more than enough for all:
filling the universe with gifts of love
and resounding through our lives in praise.
We will take hold of all that God gives
with reverence and joy;
we will make God known in the breaking of bread,
we will share the life-giving wine,
so that all may see and experience God's love.**

**We believe in Jesus the Christ,
God's greatest gift of all:
who takes the smallest of seeds,
a mere whisper of faith,
and brings forth a harvest of good things.
We will take all that Christ has given us;
our gifts, our talents, our very selves,
so that Christ can walk our streets once more.**

**We believe in God's Spirit of Truth,
bringing to fruition all that has been given:
gentle as a breeze or shocking as a storm,
we will allow God's gifts to be stirred to life in us;
breathing, laughing, living in our world,
so all may know of God's harvest of Love.**

Alleluia! Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

sit/kneel

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

stand

Those who sow in peace
shall reap a harvest of joy and love.

We are met in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

We share a sign of Peace with one another.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

OFFERTORY HYMN

text: © Fred Pratt Green

*During this hymn a collection is taken;
the collection and the bread & wine are then taken to the Altar.*

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

In the just reward for 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

remain standing

**Beloved God,
you spread before us a table of plenty,
and give us the cup of new life to drink.
Receive all we offer this day
with our grateful thanks and praise.
Amen.**



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Indeed it is right to give you thanks and praise, O God:
out of chaos and darkness you have created light and an abundance of life.
From the depths of winter, the new life of spring and the warmth of summer,
you have brought forth a harvest of bounty.
Your world is indeed good.

Through your Son,
who lived and toiled,
wept and laughed among us,
you were one with us in human flesh,

You sent your Spirit to bring new life to tired bones and souls,
causing living water to spring from dry, thirsty places
and a putting new song on our lips.

So, together with all your saints and angels,
with prophets and martyrs, the living and the departed,
we sing to you a hymn of unending praise:

music: Steven R Janco; ©2000 WLP

Glory and honour to you, God our life,
for the gift of Jesus our Lord.
Christ is the first fruit of your creation,
with you before time,
bringing all to completion through his death on a cross.
By your power you raised him:
evil can never overcome your love.
You set us free to be your body,
serving you in the world.

On the night before he died,
knowing that his time had come,
while at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread,
gave you thanks, and broke it, saying:
'Take, eat.
This is my Body, broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup,
gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying:
'Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this to remember me.'

**We do now what Christ taught us:
we remember his death and resurrection
and look forward to that day when
all will be complete in him.**

**We offer ourselves and all that we are:
our gifts and talents,
our strengths and weaknesses,
to the glory and honour of your name.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us, most loving God,
and upon this bread and wine,
so that they may become for us Christ's body and blood,
a sharing of your life in the world.

**With all people and your whole creation
we give you thanks and praise,
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and forever.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

sit/kneel

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Do not bring us to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

sung by the choir

music: Steven R Janco; ©2000 WLP

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace.

INVITATION

Come all people: this is Christ's table to which all are invited.
Come, for all is now ready.

COMMUNION

*Please come forward to the front of the Nave for Communion
— ALL are invited to receive —*

(If you would rather receive a Communion blessing, please come forward with your hands clasped.)

At the giving of the bread:
The Body of Christ given for you.
Amen.

At the giving of the cup:
The Blood of Christ shed for you.
Amen.

COMMUNION SONG

text & music Tony Alonso; ©2001 GIA Publications

refrain sung by ALL; verses sung by choir

Ev'ry hunger fed,
ev'ry thirst is quenched
in this bread of new life,
wine of our peace:
Jesus Christ is Lord!

Food from heav'n above,
living sign of love,
come fill our hearts,
come fill our minds
with faith and hope and love.

Take and eat this bread,
take and drink this cup;
all who eat this bread
and drink this cup
will never thirst or hunger.

Wake us to your call,
to seek your face in all
who come to your feast,
the greatest, the least,
the presence of your love!



ANTHEM

music: S Wallace

Cantate Domino canticum novum.
Cantate Domino omnis terra.

*Sing to the Lord a new song.
Sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

Thanksgiving and Sending Out

SENTENCE

Blessed be God:
Giver of the Bread of Life.

PRAYER

sit/kneel

**O God,
we give thanks
you call us to share the hospitality of your table;
call forth in us the same generosity,
the same grace, as we find in you.
In the power of your Spirit,
raise up in us a hunger for justice,
a commitment to kindness,
that we may show forth your love in all the world.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.**

BLESSING

God of seedtime and harvest:
Creator, Son and Holy Spirit,
bless us and strengthen us to live and blossom
and bear good fruit
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.
Amen.



RECESSIONAL HYMN

text: © Brian Wren

stand

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

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and mined,
that's sifted, and smelted, or shaped and refined;
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
for leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
with patience and kindness, that all may be led
to freedom and justice, and all may be fed.



❖ PLEASE DO STAY ❖
AS WE CONTINUE OUR CELEBRATION
WITH A
HARVEST LUNCH
HERE IN THE CATHEDRAL ❖