

Care for the Earth



Harvest Mass

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School

13th October 2023

ENTRANCE HYMN — ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

**All things bright and beautiful
All creatures great and small
All things wise and wonderful
The Lord God that made them all**

Each little flower that opens
Each little bird that sings
He made their glowing colours
And made their tiny wings

The purple headed mountains
The rivers running by
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky

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

He gave us eyes to see them
And lips that we might tell
How great is the Almighty
Who has made all things well

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Welcome and introduction to the Mass by Father Joseph

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

INTRODUCTION

READ BY NED, PAIGE, NOAH,

We gather to give praise and thanks to the Lord for the gifts and the fruits of the earth.

You can look on creation in different ways. Some people use the earth's resources for good, others for selfish purposes. We can be horrified at the way forests have been cleared to make huge profits for industry and how

actions like this effect climate change and the lives of local people.

The earth has been given to us by God to be cared for, treasured, enjoyed, used for the benefit of all his people. Jesus was a lover of the earth in how he spoke of it, and saw the finger of God his father in all of creation.

At Mass today, we give thanks for the earth. We pray for God's forgiveness for the way we misuse the earth, and we pray that we may be truly grateful for it and treat it well.

We bring up some gifts that reflect our Mass theme today: (Levi and Archie to carry gifts)

We bring up a photo our Eco-Group

We bring up a copy of Pope Francis' encyclical 'Laudato Si'

We bring some of our food bank collections.

We bring fresh apples and pears from our orchard.

We bring up some bright colours- this reminds us of the importance of charity in this season and of especially the work of CAFOD.

Priest: THE LORD BE WITH YOU.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Penitential Rite

We ask God's pardon and mercy in our lives, particularly for ways in which we, his people, misuse the earth:

God of earth,

God of fire,

God of fresh waters,

God of shining stars,

Heavenly father, have mercy on us.

God who made the world,

God of many tongues,

God of the nations,

God of golden goodness,

Heavenly father, have mercy on us.

(From the Irish)

PRIEST: LORD JESUS YOU ARE SON OF GOD AND SON OF MARY.

LORD HAVE MERCY

ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY

PRIEST: LORD JESUS YOU ARE THE CHRIST. CHRIST HAVE MERCY

ALL: CHRIST HAVE MERCY

PRIEST: LORD JESUS YOU HAVE THE MESSAGE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

LORD HAVE MERCY.
ALL: LORD HAVE MERCY.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

COLLECT

(Priest) Father and Creator of all, you created everything and you saw that it was good. Help us to care for what you have made, for the earth, for our rivers, for our beaches, for all the resources of the earth, and to use them that people may live in dignity and in safety.

We thank you for the fruits of the earth, which feed us in abundance. You have said that those who feed the hungry really feed you. Bless this food that we have gathered, that it may bring comfort to those in need and that through our giving, we may receive your blessings of peace and generous spirit.

God of love, open our ears to listen to your word. Lead us to help one another and to live our lives as you ask us to.

We make our prayer through the same Jesus who lives and reigns....

LITURGY OF THE WORD

READING

Read by with Class 2 Drama

This Reading is from the book of Genesis:

Then God said, 'Let us make humankind in our image, after our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth. So God created human-kind in his own image.

And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed which is upon the face of the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food.

The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Here I Am, Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.**

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung)

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And his righteousness,
And all these things

Shall be added unto you,
Allelu, alleluia.

Man shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God
Allelu, alleluia.

Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you
Allelu, alleluia.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Priest: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

All: GLORY TO YOU, O LORD

A reading from the Gospel of St Matthew (6:25-34)

Do Not Worry

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life^{ia}?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴ Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Homily

BIDDING PRAYERS READ BY

We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest as we pray: that richer nations will have a concern for the poor and hungry of this world. Lord here us...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest as we pray: that our politicians and the Christian community would always look after the poor in our midst. Lord here us...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest as we pray: that farmers and traders throughout the world receive just payments for their labours. Lord here us...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest as we pray: that we would always have respect for the earth. Lord here us...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest as we pray: that we always have a deeper hunger for the things of God. Lord here us...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest as we pray: that those that care for your creation, people who work for the environment, people who give up their time to keeping the world somewhere beautiful to live in. Lord here us...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

We give thanks to the Lord of the Harvest as we pray: that CAFOD is well supported in its work around the world. Lord here us...

All: Lord graciously hear us.

Prayer brings to light what is hidden in the heart. Close your eyes and spend a moment offering your own personal prayers to Jesus. **PAUSE.** We remember Mary our mother, 'Queen of Heaven'. We ask her to offer our prayers of intercession to her beloved son as we say. . . **Hail Mary . .**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN – ONE BREAD ONE BODY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessings which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Gentile or Jew
Servant or free
Woman or man
No more

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessings which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord

Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord
Of all

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord
We are one body in this one Lord

Priest: Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice
may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands,
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his HOLY Church.**

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: **AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God

All: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of HOSTS, heaven and earth are full of your
glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

COMMUNION RITE

Say : OUR FATHER

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

Priest: DELIVER US, LORD, WE PRAY, FROM EVERY EVIL, GRACIOUSLY
GRANT PEACE IN OUR DAYS, THAT, BY THE HELP OF YOUR
MERCY, WE MAY BE ALWAYS FREE FROM SIN AND SAFE FROM
ALL DISTRESS, AS WE AWAIT THE BLESSED HOPE AND THE
COMING OF OUR SAVIOUR, JESUS CHRIST.

All: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
Now and forever, Amen

Priest: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles:
I leave you peace, my peace I give you.
Look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and grant us the
peace and unity of your kingdom where you live for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Priest: Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Hymn- Make me a channel of your peace

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there is hatred let me bring your love
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord
And where there's doubt true faith in You

**Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul**

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope

Where there is darkness only light
And where there's sadness ever joy

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we are born to eternal life

**All: 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 peace.**

**Priest: BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, BEHOLD HIM WHO TAKES
AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD. BLESSED ARE THOSE
CALLED TO THE SUPPER OF THE LAMB.**

**All: LORD, I AM NOT WORTHY THAT YOU SHOULD ENTER UNDER MY
ROOF, BUT ONLY SAY THE WORD AND MY SOUL SHALL BE
HEALED**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Be Still

Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here
Come bow before him now
In reverence and fear
In Him no sin is found
We stand on Holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The Holy one is here.

Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with Holy fire
With splendour He is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant King of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around.

Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister His grace
No work too hard for Him
In faith receive from Him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place.

Communion Reflection: read by

God is there: in the mountains and the ocean,
In the flowers and the birds, in the tress and the fields.
Walk through green fields or a brown bog,
Walk beside the ocean, listening to every sound, aware of the beauty and, above all,
conscious of the enveloping presence that hovers over everything.
This is an exhilarating prayer.
For God is wonderfully present in all things.
We cannot see him or touch him;
But we can sometimes sense His presence.
When your mind or heart are troubled, walk and look at nature.
Feel the air and the rain washing your body and cleansing your spirit.
Eat and drink from the energising, liberating, healing, life giving table of life.
William Johnston SJ, 'Being in Love'

CONCLUDING RITE

Priest: Let us pray,

Loving God, as we go from this table of your word and the communion of your love,
may we bring with us, Lord God, an appreciation of the beauty of all you make, and
a strong faith in the unique beauty of each person who is made in your image and
likeness.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT

Priest: May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,
and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

**Priest: LET US GO IN PEACE AND JOY, GLORIFYING THE LORD BY
OUR LIVES.**

All: Thanks be to God.

BLESSING AND PRESENTATION ON BIBLES

FINAL HYMN

Everywhere Around Me

1 Tell me who made all of creation,
Who designed the wonders of nature?
Whose idea was pattern and colour?
Wonderful to see?

**Everywhere around me
I can see the hand of God,
The evidence surrounds me
In the greatness of His world.**

Tell me who made music and laughter,
Who designed our bodies to start with?
Whose idea was thinking and feeling,
Who gave life to me?

Don't stop looking, don't stop believing,
God is to be found when you seek Him.
All creation tells of His glory,
For eternity...

Everywhere around me!

