

Shotts Calderhead Erskine Parish Church

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HARVEST THANKSGIVING

3rd October 2021, 11.00am at Shotts & 12.30 at Allanton



Notices and Welcome

We acknowledge this day that the Lord has provided food for our needs – the produce of land and sea for our enjoyment. Thanks be to God for all we have received.

MP 201 Guide me O Thou great Jehovah

Prayer of Approach and Lord's Prayer

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Minister: You have blessed us in so much

All: ***Teach us to use your gifts wisely***

Psalm 8: 1-9

Comment: Stewards of Creation

All things bright & beautiful

2 Corinthians 9: 6-15

Take, O take me as I am (CH4 795)

Mark 4: 26-32

Reflection: Sowing & Sharing

We plough the fields and scatter

Prayers of Thanks & of asking for God's help for ourselves & others ending with prayer said together.

For the fruits of His creation

Blessing then Shared Blessing (MP 460
May God's blessing surround you this day)

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, (x 2)
feed me now and evermore. (x2)

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer, (x2)
be Thou still my strength & shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside:
death of death and hell's destruction
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises (x 2)
I will ever give to Thee. (x 2)

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

1. Each little bird that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.
All things bright.....

2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset and the morning,
that brightens up the sky;
All things bright...

3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.
All things bright....

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

Take, oh take me as I am;
Take, oh take me as I am;
Summon out what I shall be;
Set your seal upon my heart
And live in me.

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1. 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.

2. He only is the maker

of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
the wind and waves obey Him,
by Him the birds are fed;
much more to us to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.

All good gifts around us...

3. 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 Your love imparts;
we come now, Lord, to give You,
our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts around us...

Prayer to say together:

***Almighty God, whose generous love
supplies us with the fruits of the earth
in their seasons:***

give us grace

to be thankful for all Your gifts,

to use them wisely,

& to share our plenty with others;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

1. 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!

2. 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.

3. 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!

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**What we say with our lips
may we believe in our hearts
and practise in our lives**

**May God's blessing
surround you this day,**
as you trust Him & walk in His way.
May His presence within
guard & keep you from sin,
go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

***So let's not get tired
of doing what is good.
At just the right time, we will reap
a harvest of blessing
if we don't give up.
—Galatians 6:9***