

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2025**  
**Harvest Thanksgiving**  
**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**

**Opening Hymn**    NEH 259    Come, ye thankful people, come

**Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving**

Creator of the fruitful earth,  
you made us stewards of all things.  
Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness,  
and steadfast wills to use your bounty well,  
that the whole human family,  
today and in generations to come,  
may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen**

**First Lesson        Deuteronomy 8: 7 - 18**

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy, chapter 8, verses 7 to 18.

<sup>7</sup> For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup> a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup> a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup> You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup> Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup> When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup> and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup> Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have

gained me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

**Sun 9am** Here endeth the Lesson.

**Sun 10.45** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading                  Matthew 6: 25-33**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew, chapter 6, verses 25 to 33.

**Sun 9am** **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

**Sun 10.45** **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

[Jesus taught his disciples:] <sup>25</sup>Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

<sup>26</sup>Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they?

<sup>27</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>28</sup>And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, <sup>29</sup>yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. <sup>30</sup>But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

<sup>31</sup>Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” <sup>32</sup>For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>33</sup>But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Sun 9am** Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for this thy glorious Gospel.

**Sun 10.45** Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.  
**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

**Prayer List:**

Masami, Liz P., Joan M., Betty, Catherine, Catriona D, Bill, Delia, Nancy, Jane T., Emma A., Joseph, Johnny, Alice, Alison B.; Marian, Kathleen, and the families and friends of Donald McKean and Willie Waitt; Countries suffering war, violence or natural disaster; the people of Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Iran, Ukraine and Sudan.

**We also include in our prayers;**

Donald McKean and Willie Waitt, who both died this past week.

Those in our **Year's Mind** this week

Ian Gillespie, Mary Mowat, Bob Anderson, Nora Peters, Alan Broughton.

*The Intercessions are being led by Philip.*

**Offertory Hymn**    NEH 261    To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise

**Anthem**    Thou Visitest the Earth    Greene

**Post Communion Prayer for Harvest Thanksgiving**

God of our hope,

in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings.

Nourished in these holy mysteries,

may we with our lives give you continual thanks and praise.

This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**    NEH 262    We plough the fields, and scatter

**Readings for the day**

\*Deuteronomy 8: 7-18; Psalm 126; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; \*Matthew 6: 25-33

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