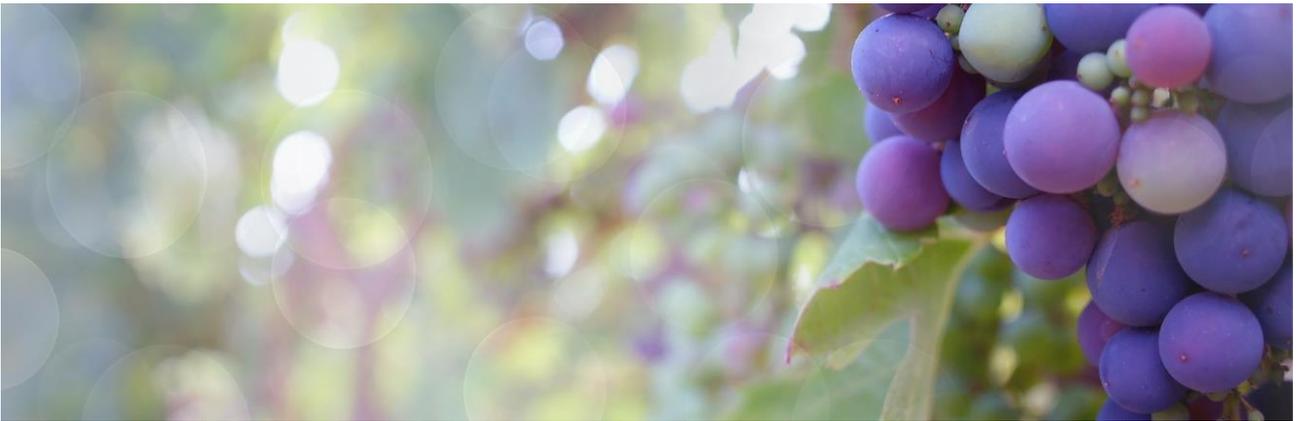


Stoke Poges Church

St Giles' and St Andrew's

Welcome to this Harvest Service

Please do join us today by responding using the words in **BOLD**



Greeting

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.
His love endures for ever.

Sing to the Lord.
We shall sing praises to the Lord our God.

Songs

“Blessed be Your Name”

Blessed Be Your Name
In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name
When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name
When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's 'all as it should be'
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name
On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll
Turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name, oh
x2

You give and take away
You give and take away
My heart will choose to say
Lord, blessed be Your name
x2

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your name
Blessed be the name of the Lord
Blessed be Your glorious name, oh
x2

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Beth Redman / Matt Redman

“Awake My Soul”

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear praises He hears faith

There is a sound I love to hear
It's the sound of the Saviour's robe
As He walks into the room where people pray
Where we hear worship He hears faith

Chorus

*Awake my soul and sing
Sing His praise aloud
Sing His praise aloud
x2*

There is a sound that changes things
The sound of His people on their knees
Oh wake up you slumbering
It's time to worship Him

Chorus

And when He moves
And when we pray
Where stood a wall now stands a way
Where every promise is amen

And when He moves
Make no mistake
The bowels of hell begin to shake
All hail the Lord all hail the King

Hey! Hoh! Oh let the King of glory enter in
Hey! oh! Fall down on your knees and worship Him
Hey! oh! Let His praise rise up don't hold it in

Chorus

Source: [LyricFind](#)
Songwriters: Brooke Ligertwood
Awake My Soul lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group

Opening Prayer

God of abundance, God of fruitfulness, God of generosity,
God of love beyond measure.

God of extravagance, God of celebration, God of goodness,
God of love beyond imagining.

**We gather bringing the best that we can offer
to give thanks for the good things you give us
to share your generosity with others
and to celebrate by feasting at your table.**

Confession

After a period of reflection

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for others.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring *you* his pardon and peace, now and for ever.
Amen.

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.
Amen

Gathering the harvest

Cereal Soup Pasta Pasta sauce
Washing powder Tinned tomatoes Rice
Lentils, beans and pulses Tinned meat
Tinned vegetables Tea/coffee Biscuits
Tinned fruit Fruit juice UHT milk



Drop any goods gathered to St Andrew's Centre, Rogers Lane, Stoke Poges, SL2 4NL by Wednesday 7th October 2020. We will then send them on to SHOC and the local food bank on your behalf.

A Reading Litany

The Bible loves honey, speaks of it often, and sees it as a picture of God's good things.

My child, eat honey, for it is good, and the drippings of the honeycomb are sweet to your taste. Know that wisdom is such to your soul; if you find it, you will find a future, and your hope will not be cut off. Prov. 24

Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the body. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold: sweeter also than honey, and the drippings of the honeycomb. How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth! Prov. 16; Ps. 19; Ps. 119

Poet and prophet both speak of it. Honey is the promise, the image of a land rich in colour and nourishment, hope and promise.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.' Ex. 3

You shall inherit their land, and I will give it to you to possess, a land flowing with milk and honey; a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity. Lev. 20; Deut. 8

And in the Book of Revelation, which offers strange words of comfort and hope to persecuted Christians in the time of the Early Church, we read of honey once more.

So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll; and he said to me, 'Take it, and eat; it will be bitter to your stomach, but sweet as honey in your mouth.' So I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it; it was sweet as honey in my mouth. Rev.

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Homily

A short talk by Natasha

What we believe

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Song

"Indescribable"

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creations revealing Your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Chorus

*Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God*

*All powerful, untameable,
Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God*

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Chorus

You are amazing God

Chorus

Indescribable, uncontainable,
You placed the stars in the sky and You know them by name.
You are amazing God
Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart and You love me the same
You are amazing God
You are amazing God

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Laura Story / Jesse Reeves

Intercessions

Response

Hear us, O God of hope ~ O God of promise, so be it.

The Lord's Prayer

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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.

“So will I (10 billion X)”

God of creation
There at the start
Before the beginning of time
With no point of reference
You spoke to the dark
And fleshed out the wonder of light

And as You speak
A hundred billion galaxies are born
In the vapor of Your breath the planets form
If the stars were made to worship so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You've made
Every burning star
A signal fire of grace
If creation sings Your praises so will I
So will I

God of Your promise
You don't speak in vain
No syllable empty or void
For once You have spoken
All nature and science
Follow the sound of Your voice

And as You speak
A hundred billion creatures catch Your breath
Evolving in pursuit of what You said
If it all reveals Your nature so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You say
Every painted sky
A canvas of Your grace
If creation still obeys You so will I

So will I
So will I

If the stars were made to worship so will I
If the mountains bow in reverence so will I
If the oceans roar Your greatness so will I
For if everything exists to lift You high so will I
If the wind goes where You send it so will I

If the rocks cry out in silence so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

God of salvation
You chased down my heart
Through all of my failure and pride
On a hill You created
The light of the world
Abandoned in darkness to die

And as You speak
A hundred billion failures disappear
Where You lost Your life so I could find it here
If You left the grave behind You so will I
I can see Your heart in everything You've done
Every part designed in a work of art called love
If You gladly chose surrender so will I

I can see Your heart
Eight billion different ways
Every precious one
A child You died to save
If You gave Your life to love them so will I
Like You would again a hundred billion times
But what measure could amount to Your desire
You're the One who never leaves the one behind

Source: [LyricFind](#)

Songwriters: Joel Houston / Benjamin Hastings / Michael Fatkin

A prayer of Blessing

May we taste justice at our tables.

May we sense hope in our land.

May we savour the sweetness of all we have been given.

May we journey towards renewal in our living and may God direct us, challenge us and be our companion on the way.

Amen.

Thank you for joining us today

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