

Parishes of Kirkby Ireleth and Broughton & Duddon

THE SUNDAY SUPPLEMENT

27TH SEPTEMBER – HARVEST SERVICE

Holy Communion

Hymns

6 All creatures of our God and King
964 Gloria
409 Lord, for the years
511 O Lord, my God
592 See the holy table spread for our healing
719 We plough the fields and scatter

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

Old Testament – Joan

Ezekiel 17. 22 - 24

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of the cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender shoot
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will transplant it
on a high and lofty mountain.
On the mountain height of Israel
I will transplant it,
and it will produce boughs and bear fruit
and become a noble cedar.
Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.
All the trees of the field shall know

that I am the Lord.
I bring low the high tree;
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the Lord have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 78. 1 – 4, 12 – 16

¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
² I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
³ things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
⁴ We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might
and the wonders that he has done.

¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked
marvels
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.
¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass
through it
and made the waters stand like a heap.
¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud
and all night long with a fiery light.
¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness
and gave them drink abundantly as from
the deep.
¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

New Testament reading - Chris

2 Corinthians 9. 6 – 15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not regretfully or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written,

"He scatters abroad; he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us, for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry, you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your partnership with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel reading - Stuart

Matthew 13. 31 - 33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

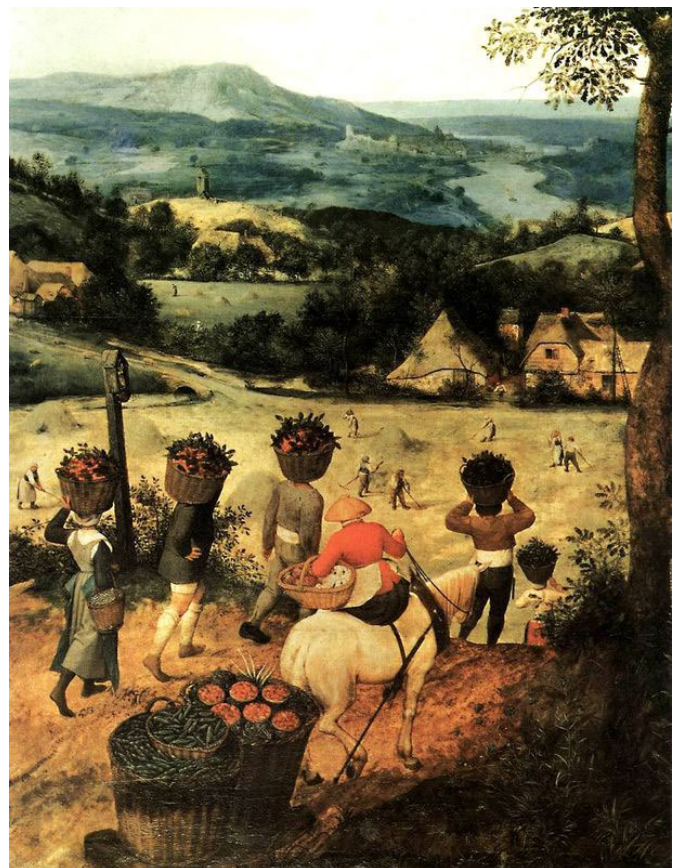
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Post communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your
love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of
the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all
that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen



Haymaking

1565

*Pieter Bruegel, approximately 1525-1569
Lobkowitz Collections, Prague*