



Christ Church, Rawdon

Located in the traditional territories of the Haudenosaunee and the Huron-Wendat people.

Harvest Thanksgiving The Holy Eucharist for October 10, 2021

This service will be held in Christ Church on Sunday, at 10am, and, barring technical problems, live-streamed on <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/789373873?pwd=cG94T3Z2MHQwTkRwZTJhVWRpL0kwZz09> and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pg/christchurchrawdon/posts/. You can also hear the audio by telephone at 438 809-7799 (when prompted, enter the meeting ID: 789 373 873). Evening Prayer (from the Laurentian Regional Ministry) is offered daily except for Sundays and holidays, 5pm, online at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88673295619> or by phone at 438 809-7799, meeting ID: 886 7329 5619.

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Welcome...

Hymn CP 262 - Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
Response: And also with you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

(A short period of silent reflection is kept.)

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy: **forgive us and help us.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The 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. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading: Joel 2:21-27

Read by Marion Loffelmann

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God!**

Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us.

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy. **R**

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed. **R**

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses of the Negev. **R**

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Read by Kirsten Damas

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all Godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all - this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

Response: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "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? 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? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. 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? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Read by John Clague

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation. Lord of creation, we see that the fields are ripe for harvesting: we pray for your Church, that it may be ready to gather fruit for eternal life. Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

We pray for all who are in positions of authority in the Church, especially for Mary, our Bishop, David our Metropolitan, and Linda, our Primate. Within our diocese, we pray this week for the Archdeacons Emeriti. In the wider Anglican Communion, we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa, and for the dioceses of Georgia (USA), Gippsland, (Australia), Gitega (Burundi), Glasgow & Galloway (Scotland), Gloucester

(England), and Gogrial (South Sudan). We pray also today for the bishops, clergy and people of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria. We give thanks for the religious witness in all its forms in the Church, praying today especially for the Community of Celebration *in the USA*, and the Community of St John the Evangelist *in the Republic of Ireland*. We pray for our partners in the Territory of the People (Central BC) and the Diocese of Masasi and our companions in the Diocese of Jerusalem. We pray for The Reverend Rodney Clark, for his family, and for all the members of this parish, especially, this week, for Brian Eddington. We pray for those who are not part of any church family but are privately faithful and for those who are spiritually uncertain, that they may know Christ's love and make him known in their lives. Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in giving us dominion over the earth: we pray for the world, that we may honour and share its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another. Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Your Son has promised that the Spirit will lead us into all truth: we pray for the community in which you have set us, for one another and for ourselves, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

We pray for this community, our country, and the world. We pray for those who govern and hold authority in the nations of the earth, and especially in our own country for Elizabeth, our Queen, Mary Simon, our Governor General and Justin Trudeau, our Prime Minister, for J. Michel Doyon, our Lieutenant Governor, and François Legault, our Premier; for Bruno Guilbault, our Mayor, for all MPs, MNAs, and Councillors. And for all those in the municipal election coming in November. We pray that they may govern wisely and for the good of all.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

You have given your people a rich land, yet by sin we have made a world of suffering and sorrow: we pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty. Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

We pray for all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially for Shea Kerin, Danny Fogarty, Glenn Cartwright, Viola Wilde, Muriel Fleming, Debbie Sweeney, Bob Ranger, Gilbert Gauthier, Pearl Rourke, Linda Birmingham, Lillis Tinkler, Ian, The Rev'd David Hart, Archdeacon Peter Hannen, Canon Lettie James, Shirley Tinkler Moore, James Fogarty, Ian Curtis, Graham Christopher and also for their families. We pray for all refugees, prisoners and captives and all who suffer from isolation. We pray for nurses, doctors and other medical workers and for all who minister to the sick, the friendless, and needy.

Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Your Son Jesus Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection and will reap the harvest of the dead at the end of time: we pray that he will gather us all together with those who have gone before in the banquet of the age to come. Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

We pray for those who have died in the peace of Christ, and for those whose faith is known to you. Lord, alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. We pray for all whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially this week, from our Book of Remembrance, for Lorraine Marfoglia (née Worton). Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. Lord of the harvest, **in your mercy hear us.**

Remembering Blessed Mary, Edward the Confessor, Teresa of Avila, John of the Cross, and all the Saints and Holy Men and Women of God, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God. **To you, O Lord.**

Officiant: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn CP 399 – Now Thank We All Our God

Prayer over the Gifts: Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Eucharistic Prayer 1:

It is indeed right that we should praise you ...to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

The celebrant continues with the Eucharistic Prayer until “Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.”
All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. At the end of the prayer, all say, Amen.

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Priest: “I am the bread of life,” says the Lord. “...whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!

Communion – Please remain in your seats; the priest will bring the sacrament to you.

Prayer after Communion: 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.**

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Final Blessing

Hymn CP 415 – All Things Bright and Beautiful

Dismissal: Tend the earth, care for God’s good creation and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Closing Music

*This marks the end of the service. Those at the church are invited to have conversation outside while those online or on the phone are invited to unmute their microphones (*6 on the phone) and join in conversation with one another.*

ECOL –Tuesday, October 12th: How to Recognize and Protect Yourself from Illegal Business Practices. The mission of this organization is to help consumers and defend their rights. This conference will cover many fraudulent practices and help you recognize and prevent them. You will be able to ask questions to the presenter, who is also a lawyer and a budget and legal counsellor.

ECOL is organizing a special Halloween activity with storyteller John David Hickey in Mascouche on October 28th. Tickets are limited in order to respect the COVID distancing measures. We hope that you will join us for a spooky evening of stories and music! Tickets are available through Eventbrite (link below), but if you cannot pay online, please contact Rosa at 450-834-2268 extension 1 and they will make other arrangements for you.

[An Evening Among the Dead Tickets, Thu, 28 Oct 2021 at 7:30 PM | Eventbrite](#)

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

Monday	<i>Feria</i>
Tuesday	<i>Feria</i>
Wednesday	Edward the Confessor
Thursday	<i>Feria</i>
Friday	Teresa of Avila, <i>Spiritual Teacher and Reformer, 1582</i> , John of the Cross, <i>Priest, Spiritual Teacher, 1591, Day of discipline and self-denial</i>
Saturday	<i>Feria</i>
Sunday	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 29)

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