

# ST NICHOLAS' ANGLICAN CHURCH, HELSINKI

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## Harvest Festival

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## Welcome

We warmly welcome you to our Sunday Eucharist! We hope you will stay for a chat and refreshments after the service.

## Staying Safe

You will be asked for a contact number when you arrive at Church for the purposes of Contact Tracing. Please sanitise your hands as you enter Church and wear a face mask. The Verger will guide you to your seat to ensure social distancing is maintained.

## Participating in the Service

The order of service indicates whether to sit or stand, however please feel free to adopt the posture that you feel most comfortable with. If you have difficulty coming up for communion then please let the Verger know and we will bring Communion to you.

## Music

Music notation for the Kyrie & Gloria, Sanctus & Benedictus, and Agnus Dei are available on a separate sheet.

## Children

Children are always welcome at our services. Sunday School takes place during school term-time, on Sundays at 10am in the Church crypt. We also have a Youth Group for ages 11 plus. To find out more please speak to one of our Sunday School teachers on the contact list.

## Giving to St Nicholas

The Chaplaincy does not benefit from 'Church tax.' We have a contactless payment option and a collection basket at the back of Church. Please consider regular via our website or using the Chaplaincy Bank Details: Suomen Anglikaaninen Kirkko (The Anglican Church in Finland), IBAN: F173 3131 1000 3282 07Ref:1009

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If you would like to receive our weekly newsletter then please visit the 'Contact Us' page on our website

## Video & Photography

We kindly ask that no photos are taken during the service to protect the privacy of fellow worshippers. Our services are streamed online and every care is taken to ensure that members of the congregation are not visible, but if you have any questions then please speak with the Verger.

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*Please stand as the clergy enter*

**Entrance Hymn 25: All things Bright & Beautiful**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

The Spirit of God hovered over the water  
**And brought life to all creation**

Come Holy Spirit  
**And renew the face of the earth**

**THE WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

As we prepare to celebrate, let us call to mind our sins and the sins of our society in the misuse of God's creation.

God has blessed us, but still God's children go hungry  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

God has blessed us, but still the poor cry out for justice  
Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

God has blessed us, but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth  
Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

*The Minister declares God's forgiveness*  
May the God of Love bring us back to  
himself, forgive us our sins, and assure us  
of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

*The Special Prayer for the Day*  
Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,  
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;  
as we thank you for the harvest,  
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### A Short Drama: 'The tin of sweets'

St Paul wrote a letter to Timothy and in it he said: "Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share." (1Tim 6:17-18)

Forgive us Lord where we haven't shared what you have given us with others. Help us to become grateful and generous people as we put our hope in you. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Gradual Hymn 474: Now thank we all our God** *please stand*

**Gospel Reading: Matthew 6:25-33** (International Children's Bible) *please remain standing*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

"So I tell you, don't worry about the food you need to live. And don't worry about the clothes you need for your body. Life is more important than food. And the body is more important than clothes. Look at the birds in the air. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns. But your heavenly Father feeds the birds. And you know that you are worth much more than the birds. You cannot add any time to your life by worrying about it. "And why do you worry about clothes? Look at the flowers in the field. See how they grow. They don't work or make clothes for themselves. But I tell you that even Solomon with his riches was not dressed as beautifully as one of these flowers. God clothes the grass in the field like that. The grass is living today, but tomorrow it is thrown into the fire to be burned. So you can be even more sure that God will clothe you. Don't have so little faith! Don't worry and say, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' All the people who don't know God keep trying to get these things. And your Father in heaven knows that you need them. The thing you should want most is God's kingdom and doing what God wants. Then all these other things you need will be given to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit for the **HARVEST TALK**

We stand to affirm our faith together:

**We believe and trust  
in God the Father  
Who made the world.**

**We believe and trust  
in his Son, Jesus Christ,  
who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust  
In the Holy Spirit  
Who gives life  
To the people of God. Amen**

### **Prayers of Intercession** *please sit or stand*

*The response to the petition:*  
Lord of creation  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*  
Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace** *please stand*

You shall go out with joy and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**



*Please wave or use a 'Namaste' greeting.*

### **Preparation of the Table**

#### **Offertory Hymn 332: Here I am Lord**

*If you would like to make a donation to support the continuing mission of the Chaplaincy then please do so after the service as you exit the Church – we have a contactless payment option or offerings can be made in the basket provided. Thank you! Please stand whilst the table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it. One or more prayers may be said.*

## The Eucharistic prayer

Lord of the harvest,  
as we share in the bread and the wine of the kingdom  
we offer thanksgiving for your love in creation:  
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.**

Let us pray (*please sit or kneel*)

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe,  
where all living things reflect your glory.  
You give us this great and beautiful earth,  
to discover and to cherish.  
You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air,  
and every plant and tree;  
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,  
and awakens again in the spring.  
You made us all, each wonderfully different,  
to join with the angels and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father,  
because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son.  
He gave his life for us on the cross  
and shows us the way to live.  
Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts  
of bread and wine may be for us  
Christ's body and his blood.  
On the night before he died,  
when darkness had fallen,  
Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,  
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.  
Do this to remember me.'  
After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,  
for the forgiveness of sins.'  
So Father, with this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.  
As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit,  
and change us more and more  
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,  
as we look forward to that day when suffering is  
ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.  
And now with St Francis and all your saints we give you  
glory, through Jesus Christ,  
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.  
**Amen.**

We say together the Lord's Prayer

**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 Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*The president says the invitation to communion:*

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

**Music During Communion** *the Choir sing or instrumental music is played*

*PLEASE WAIT TO BE INVITED BY THE VERGER TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION.*

*We kindly ask that you extend your hands, with your face covering in place. You may lower or unloop your face mask to consume the consecrated bread and then replace the face mask before moving back to your place in the congregation.*

*The president and people receive communion. The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity, and who are in good standing in their own Church. Those who are prevented by conscience or the rules of their own Churches from receiving the Blessed Sacrament are invited to receive a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available upon request.*

**Post-Communion Hymn 719: We plough the fields and scatter** *please sit*

## **Post-Communion Prayers**

Blessed Francis,

Your example shows us how we should live in respectful solidarity with our sisters and brothers who lack the good things of the earth. Your actions are an example of how we should care for creation, how to be joyful and generous in our service of our loving God, and how to open our eyes to the presence of God in everyone. Help us to be like you, sharing the joy and compassion of God with all whom we meet, and treating everyone and the whole of creation with reverence and respect. Amen.

CAFOD Prayer for St Francis

*Please stand*

## **THE DISMISSAL**

The Minister, introducing the Act of Commitment for the Care of Creation, says

As the whole of creation looks with eager longing for the redemption of humankind, let us pledge ourselves anew to serve our Creator God, the Father who is the maker of all things, the Son through whom all things are made, and the Holy Spirit, the giver of life, who renews the face of the earth.

Let us affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

**Lord of life and giver of hope, we pledge ourselves to care for creation, to reduce our waste, to live sustainably, and to value the rich diversity of life. May your wisdom guide us, that life in all its forms may flourish, and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.**

May the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living. **Amen**

## THE BLESSING

May God, who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,  
Who leads lambs to pasture and the deer to water,  
Who multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine,  
Lead us and feed us,  
And change us to reflect the glory of our Creator  
Now and through all eternity,  
And the blessing of God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be with you now and for ever.  
**Amen**

*Some brief announcements may be made by the president*

Freely you have received, so freely give.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn 184: For the Beauty of the Earth** *please stand*

*The ministers and people depart.*

**PLEASE WAIT TO BE GUIDED OUT SAFELY BY THE VERGER**

Thank you for joining us in worship today, we hope to welcome you again soon!

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**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October**

**Service of Confirmation**

President: The Right Revd David Hamid

(Suffragen Bishop in Europe)

Please join us for this special service next Sunday.

We will be having a Pot-Luck lunch afterwards,  
*please bring a dish to share*



## Deck the Halls...its time to prepare for the Christmas Bazaar!

Preparations have begun for the Annual Christmas Bazaar, which takes place in the crypt on December 4th! We are organising the online shop (selling popular British goods), which we hope to have up and running mid October! The Bazaar is our most important fundraiser but also a chance to share community spirit - so please spread the word far and wide to your friends, colleagues and neighbours!

We need....

- Volunteers to cook and bake - quiches, chocolate brownies, carrot cake, and scones sell very well!
- People to help run the Cafe
- Help running stalls for the sale of food and Christmas cards
- Helpers to set up before the Bazaar and helpers to clean up afterwards
- Tombola Prizes\*

\*This year we are trying a tombola instead of a raffle! Please help us collect some great prizes - donations to the tombola can include anything from bottles of wine and chocolates to freebies, kitchenware (unused/new), tickets to the theatre or cinema, trial gym membership, ferry tickets...the more prizes we have the better! Please contact Sarah or one of the Churchwardens if you have a prize to donate.

# Nine lessons & Carols



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