

Prayers

Lord of the harvest: **Hear our Prayer**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven:

Hallowed by 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

Hymn 47 - We plough the fields and scatter the good seed on the ground

Blessing

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. Amen

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing...

Dismissal

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

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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**St. Matthew's Church,
Irishtown, Dublin 4**



**Harvest Festival Service
24th October 2021 at 10.30am**



Welcome from the parish of St Matthew's Irishtown, Dublin 4 to our Harvest Festival. We have indeed much to celebrate and for which we are and must be thankful.

This is the day the Lord has made: **We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Scripture; *“As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night shall not cease.” Genesis 8.22*

Hymn 37 - Come, ye thankful people, come

Invitation to Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God’s redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Consider the birds of the air;
they do not sow or gather into barns,
yet our heavenly Father feeds them.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they do not toil nor spin,
yet even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

How little faith we have.
Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May God our Heavenly Father, who has promised to forgive all those who sincerely turn to him, have mercy on each one of us. May he deliver us from our sins, selfishness and greed and strengthen us for his service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and 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 wellbeing, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 43 - Holy is the seed time, when the buried grain

FIRST READING: JOEL 2 v 21 -27

Psalm 104 v 24-30

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

²⁵ **Yonder is the sea, great and wide,
creeping things innumerable are there,
living things both small and great.**

²⁶ There go the ships,
and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

²⁷ These all look to you
to give them their food in due season;

²⁸ when you give to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

²⁹ **When you hide your face, they are dismayed;
when you take away their breath, they die
and return to their dust.**

³⁰ When you send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the ground.

SECOND READING: MATTHEW 6 v 25-33

Hymn 50 – Think of a world without any flowers

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Affirmation of Faith

**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