

The Parish Eucharist Harvest Festival 2017

St Matthew's, Perry Beeches

Hymn 133

Come, ye thankful people, come

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

Introduction

HON 804

**Thank you, Father, thank you Father
Thank you, Father, for your care
For you warm and loving kindness
To your people ev'rywhere**

Opening Prayer

**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**



The Word of God

A Reading from the Book called Exodus 17.1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.'

The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah,

because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?' *This is the word of the Lord* **Thanks be to God**



Hymn 817 *Water of life*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *Glory to you, O Lord* 4.5-15

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart^{*} shall flow rivers of living water." '

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

Prayers

♪ **There's water, water of life
Jesus gives us the water of life**

Offertory Song

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**Blessed be God, blessed be God
Blessed be God for ever Amen**

Hymn 719

We plough the fields and scatter

The Great Thanksgiving & Communion

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

We give thanks for God's glory and goodness

♫ **Holy, holy, holy and mighty**
Yours is the worship of heaven and earth
Blessed is he who coming God's name
Gives our hosannas meaning and mirth

We recall Jesus' Last Supper

Great is the mystery we celebrate

♫ **Alleluia, Christ is risen**
Alleluia, Christ who died
Alleluia, ris'n, ascended
Alleluia, glorified

And the prayer ends **Amen**

Our Father ...

"Echo" Agnus Dei

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people
Jesus Christ is holy
Jesus Christ is Lord
To the glory
of God the Father

After Communion **Hymn 774**

And everyone beneath the vine and fig tree

Go in the peace of Christ **Thanks be to God**

Hymn 474 *Now thank we all our God*

