



The FCN Devon Lammas-tide Service
at
St Andrew's Church, Cullompton
on
Sunday, July 26th 2020
At
3pm via YouTube

Speaker: Mr Mike Britton

Lammas or 'Loaf-mass' (derived from the Anglo-Saxon 'Hlafmaesse') is an English feast in origin, held on 1 August as a thanksgiving for the first-fruits of the wheat harvest. Traditionally, a newly-baked loaf from the wheat harvest was presented before God within the mass of that day. While the ceremony ceased at the Reformation, reference to Lammas Day continued in the Prayer Book calendar, and the practice has been revived in some places in more recent years.

Welcome and Introduction : by John Wibberley, Chairman of Devon FCN

Opening Hymn: How Great Thou Art - Stuart Hine

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder

Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,

I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,

Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou Art!

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God , to Thee:

How great Thou Art, how great Thou Art!

When through the woods & forest glades I wander,

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur

And hear the brook & feel the gentle breeze

Then sings my soul

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,

Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in

That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,

He bled & died to take away my sin!

Then sings my soul

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation

And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration

And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul

Confession and Forgiveness : (Led by JW)

For our foolish or careless use of the gifts of Your creation,
Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

For our indifference to the needs of others, our brothers and sisters for whom You died,
Christ have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

For our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace in worship and private prayer,
Lord have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

God proves His love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.
Hear then Christ's word of grace to us as we confess our sins to Him, :
Our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

Update on the work of FCN: Assistant Co-ordinator Jo Jones

2nd Hymn: The Lord's My Shepherd/I will Trust in You alone – Stuart Townend

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll not want
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

**And I will trust in You alone,
And I will trust in You alone;
For your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.**

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil;
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.
And I will trust in You alone

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one;
For You are with me, & Your rod & staff
Are the comfort I need to know.
And I will trust in You alone

- PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING :

1st Speaker: Let us praise God:
for the rich soil of the countryside,
and drills drawn straight across the field;
for the green corn springing out of the earth,
and the warm sweetness of the rain:
Let us praise God.

For the power of tractors

and for all the machines that ease our labour;
and for the skill of those who gather the harvest:
Let us praise God.

2nd Speaker: Let us praise God:
for all who work on the farm and in the field;
for their hope and courage
in days of difficulty and disappointment:
Let us praise God.

For those who, often unnoticed and unsung,
provide their fellow citizens with the means of life,
for the feeding of town and country:
Let us praise God.

3rd Speaker: For all who take the true craftsman's pride
in the work they do,
and know the satisfaction that comes
from a hard day's work well done:
Let us praise God.

For the bread given us as our daily food,
and for that Bread of Life
which we receive at the Lord's table:
Let us praise God.

OFFERING OF GRAIN AND BREAD :

Farmer: In the name of the farmers and farm workers of our community, I bring this grain, the first-fruits of our harvest. We offer it to Almighty God and pray for His blessing on the ingathering of all our crops.

The farmer presents the grain at the altar table.

Baker's Wife: In the name of the people of our community, I bring this loaf made from the grain of the ripe corn. We offer it to God, and pray for His blessing on our homes and our families, on the food we eat and the work we do, and on all the daily life of our community.

The Baker's wife presents it at the communion table

All: All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

Leader: The Lord be with you. (JW)

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord

Leader: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Leader: It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places,
give You thanks and praise,
eternal God, through Jesus Christ Your Son.
We thank You because You have set us
in the midst of Your bounteous creation
and called us to be fellow-workers with You;

we thank You because You have ripened our first-fruits
with the rain of heaven, and the warmth of the sun.

All: Glory be to You, O Lord most high. Amen.

3rd Hymn: In Heavenly Love Abiding – Anna Waring

In heavenly love abiding,
No change my heart shall fear.
And safe is such confiding,
For nothing changes here.
The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid,
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed?

Wherever He may guide me,
No want shall turn me back.
My Shepherd is beside me,
And nothing can I lack.
His wisdom ever waking,
His sight is never dim.
He knows the way He's taking,
And I will walk with Him.

Green pastures are before me,
Which yet I have not seen;
Bright skies will soon be o'er me,
Where dark the clouds have been.
My hope I cannot measure,
My path to life is free,
My Saviour has my treasure,
And He will walk with me.

Prayers of Intercession : (JW)

Let us Pray.

ALL: Our Father in heaven

Through our love of the countryside,
Through our care for animals,
Through our respect for property and tools,

ALL: Hallowed be Your name

On our farms and in our homes,
In our training colleges and schools,
Where machinery is made, and where policy is planned,

ALL: Your kingdom come

By our seeking Your guidance,
By our keeping Your commandments,
By our living true to our consciences,

ALL: Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

For the millions who live in poverty and hunger,
For our own needs, and the requirements of our neighbours,
By co-operation, sympathy, and generosity,
ALL: Give us today our daily bread

Because we have broken Your commandments,
Doing what we ought not to do, and neglecting what we ought to do,
And where any have injured us by injustice, double dealing or exploitation,
ALL: Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us

When we consider doing to others what we would dislike done to us,
When prosperity lulls us to false security, or adversity prompts us to despair,
When success makes us boastful, or failure makes us bitter,
ALL: Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil

In the assurance of faith, In the confidence of hope, In the will to serve,
Help us to love Christ as Lord, and our neighbours as ourselves.
**ALL: For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Bible Reading: Psalm 139

We know what real love is because Jesus gave up His life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions.

Talk: Mr M Britton

4th Hymn: In Christ Alone – Getty & Townend

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song,
This Corner Stone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, My All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! - Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus; died.
The wrath of God was satisfied –
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me:
From life's first cry to final breath.
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man.
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home.
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand !

The Dismissal & Blessing – C Smallacombe

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God Who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
Who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
Who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
lead us, feed us, multiply us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;

And the blessing of God Almighty
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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especially those who have helped put the service together online.

Thank you also to you, for joining with us today and sharing in this service.