

*St. Augustine's
Family Service*

30 March 2003

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Please stand for the opening processional hymn

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart

During this hymn, everyone is welcome to join in the procession

**I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter His courts with praise;
I will say, "This is the day that the Lord has made !";
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad, He has made me glad;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad !
He has made me glad, He has made me glad;
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.**

Please sit.

Welcome

Thank You, God, for Your creation

Please sit or kneel for the prayers

Leader We thank You for the sun so bright,
The starry skies and moon at night.

People **Thank You, God, for Your creation.**
 Leader We thank You for the things that fly –
 Insects, birds that soar so high.

People **Thank You, God, for Your creation.**
 Leader We thank You for the mountains tall,
 For river, stream, and waterfall.

People **Thank You, God, for Your creation.**
 Leader We thank You for fields where we can run free,
 The flowers, and fruit that grows on the tree.

People **Thank You, God, for Your creation.**
 Leader We thank You for animals wild and tame –
 The sheep, cat and lion with glorious mane.

People **Thank You, God, for Your creation.**
 Leader We thank You for whales that swim in the sea,
 The eels and the fishes and things we can't see.

People **Thank You, God, for Your creation.**
 Leader We thank You for people wherever they are,
 for friends who are dear, and for all spread afar.

People **Thank You, God, for Your creation.**

Please stand for the hymn

Chorus
All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,
 Each little bird that sings,
 He made their glowing colours,
 He made their tiny wings.

Chorus

2. The purple-headed mountain,
 The river running by,
 The sunset, and the morning
 That brightens up the sky :

Chorus

Please sit

All things bright and beautiful

3. The cold wind in the winter,
 The pleasant summer sun,
 The ripe fruits in the garden,
 He made them every one.

Chorus

4. The tall trees in the greenwood,
 The meadows where we play,
 The rushes by the water
 We gather every day

Chorus

5. He gave us eyes to see them,
 And lips that we might tell
 How great is God Almighty,
 Who has made all things well.

Chorus

Thank You, God, for Your provision

The Harvest offering

“God provides food for all who honour Him” :*Psalm* 111 verse 5.

Thanksgiving for the earth's produce, and for those who work with it :

Thank You for the sun and the rain that helps our food to grow.
 Thank You for farmers and vegetable growers who help our food
 to grow.
 Thank You for shepherds and stockmen who look after the
 animals.
 Thank You for fruit trees and the harvesters who pick the fruit.
 Thank You for all who work in factories and bakeries where food
 is produced.
 Thank You for truck drivers who transport supplies from place
 to place.
 Thank You for those who work in shops and supermarkets
 which sell the food.
 Thank You for all who prepare our food

People **Thank You, God, for Your wonderful provision.**

Those who wish to add their own offerings may bring them forward now.

Thank You, God, for people who serve us

Thank You, God, for Your blessings

Please remain seated for the play :

Grandma's visit.

Please stand for the hymn

Thank You, Lord

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Jesus heals the ten lepers.

Luke Chapter 17 verses 11-19

Thank You for Your healing power, thank You for the love, joy and peace that flows from You to Your followers. Teach us how to receive these blessings from You.

People **Thank You, God, for the wonderful blessings You give to Your people.**

Please stand for the hymn

If I were a butterfly

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Please sit or kneel for the prayers

Thank You, Lord, for everyone who works so hard to provide food and clothing for us.
Thank You, Lord, for our homes and families.
Thank You, Lord, for pets. Thank You, Lord, for school. Thank You, Lord, for doctors, nurses and hospitals and all who look after us when we are ill.
Thank You, Lord, for friends.

People **Thank You, God, for people who serve us.**

Please sit.

Please sit

Thank You, God, for making me 'me'

Blessing of lavender.

Testimony

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Following the testimony, there will be a time during which those who wish can offer a lavender sprig as a token of thanks to anyone (including God) whom they would like to acknowledge.

Please sit or kneel during this time if you are not making an offering.

Please stand for the hymn

Give thanks

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Please sit or kneel for the prayer of Thanksgiving from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Eternal God, compassionate and merciful, we Your unworthy servants give You humble thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all people.

We bless You for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life : but above all for Your boundless love in the redemption of the world by our Saviour Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful, and that we praise You, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days;

through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to Whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

Amen

Please stand for the hymn

Now thank we all our God.

There will be a voluntary collection during this hymn.

- 1. Now thank we all our God,
With hearts, and hands, and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us,
And keep us in His grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

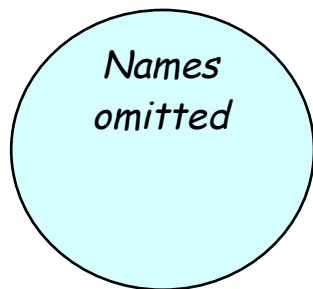
- 3. All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With Them in highest heaven;
The one, eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

Please remain standing for the Blessing

Blessing



Those taking part :



Child, leper
Reader
Overheads
Child, 'tenth' leper
Child, leper
Jesus
Organist, Grandma
Child, leper
Organist, leper.

We invite you to join us for a cuppa in the Hall (behind the church) at the end of this service.

Family Service dates for this year, all at 10am :

April 27th (The Easter Story), June 29th, August 31st, October 26th.

Christmas Services :

Carol Service and Barbecue December 14th at 5pm

Christingle Service December 24th at 7pm.

If anyone would like to take part in any of these services please 'phone
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Kids' Club for Primary School children meets in the Hall 3:15pm –
4:15pm each Tuesday during term time. All children are welcome.