

Lancaster Christ Church C of E Primary School
Welcome to our service of Harvest Thanksgiving



Welcome (Rev'd Carol)



Opening Prayer (Year 3):

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of Gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of Lords.

His love endures forever.

To him alone who does great wonders.

His love endures forever.

Amen

Talk Part 1 (Rev'd Carol)

“Whose world is it?” **“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.”**



Oh Lord all the world belongs to you



Reading (Year 5):

A reading from Genesis 1.27 – 31:

“So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God he created them. He created them male and female. God blessed them and said, “Have many children and grow in number. Fill the earth and be its master. Rule over the fish in the sea and over the birds in the sky. Rule over every living thing that moves on the earth.

God said, “Look, I have given you all the plants that have grain for seeds. And I have given you all the trees whose fruits have seeds in them. They will be food for you. I have given all the green plants to all the animals to eat. They will be food for every

wild animal, every bird of the air and every small crawling animal.” And it happened. God looked at everything he had made, and it was very good. Evening passed, and morning came. This was the sixth day.”

Talk Part 2 (Rev'd Carol / Year 6)

*“Whose world is it?” **“The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it.”***

Use your eyes to see the animals and birds that God has made and the amazing variety that there is.

Use your eyes to see the beauty of flowers, of trees and what that says to us of God’s love for beauty.

Use your eyes to see the mountains and the hills that speak of the changeless nature of God

But also use your eyes and see the animals that have been hunted by man almost to extinction.

Use your eyes and see the sea that has been littered by man, causing all sorts of problems for the wildlife.

Use your eyes and see the scorched land that no longer gets enough rain because man has plundered the earth so that the whole climate is changing.

Use your eyes and see the people who don’t have enough to eat, even though God has provided more than enough food to go around everyone.

Use your eyes and see God’s world; beautiful and amazing, yet destroyed in all sorts of ways, because we have failed to look after it properly.



Music for reflection: Lord I’m Sorry.

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Talk Part 3 (Rev'd Carol / Year 6)

795 million people around the world will go hungry today.

Many people around the world are living on less than £1 a day and may only eat once if they are lucky.

When they do eat, it won't be fish and chips or chicken nuggets or sausages or pizza. It may be a small bowl of rice, or beans or some grain mixed up with dirty water.



Prayer of Confession (Year 5):

*Forgive us Lord where we have been greedy;
eating more than we need and
taking more things than we need,
while many people around the world go hungry.*

*Forgive us Lord where we have been selfish;
just thinking about what we want
and how we feel,
while many people around the world are living in despair.*

*Forgive us Lord where we have failed to love;
not sharing what you have given us,
nor caring about the needs of others,
while many people around the world are suffering greatly.*

**Help us Lord to change and to make a difference in your world,
by the choices we make each day.**

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Talk part 4 (Rev'd Carol)

"Whose world is it?" "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it."



Readings (Year 4):

A reading from Proverbs chapter 19 verse 17:

*"Being kind to the poor is like lending to the Lord.
The Lord will reward you for what you have done."*

A reading from Matthew chapter 25 verse 35:

"I was hungry, and you gave me food. I was thirsty, and you gave me something to drink. I was alone and away from home, and you invited me into your house."

A reading from 1 John chapter 3 verses 17 – 18:

"Suppose a believer is rich enough to have all that he needs. He sees his brother in Christ who is poor and does not have what he needs. What if the believer does not help the poor brother? Then the believer does not have God's love in his heart. My children, our love should not be only words and talk. Our love must be true love. And we should show that love by what we do."

Talk part 5 (Rev'd Carol)



Thank you, Lord

Children to come out class by class to give Harvest gifts.

"Whose world is it?" "The earth is the Lord's and everything in it"



Prayer (Year 3):

Pray that we will use our eyes and see God's world as God sees it;

Pray that we will weep over the injustice of poverty, as God does;

Pray that we will all turn away from greed and selfishness and be united in our desire to do something about the injustice of poverty;

Pray that we will listen and hear what God is saying to us;

Pray that we will lend a hand and do something to make a difference.

Amen



Reflection (Rev'd Carol):

God has called us to look after His world.

The potato reminds us to “Use our eyes - look and see”

The onion shows us that “When God looks upon all of His hungry precious children,
He weeps.”

The peas in the pod remind us that “We are all like peas in a pod....we all sin.”

The ear of corn reminds us to “Use our ears - listen to what God is saying to us”

And the hand of bananas encourages us to “Lend a hand.....do something!”



Harvest Samba