

# Harvest Communion



## The Gathering

*Remain standing to sing*

## Hymn

*During this hymn harvest gifts may be brought forward.*

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction are said.*

## Opening Prayer

We come before you our God and Sustainer,  
remembering that you are our  
Creator and the source of all being.

Out of your love the universe was born.

From primordial darkness you put in  
place all that is needed for growth  
and saw that it was good...

You have put this world into our hands:  
may we recognise your Spirit within it,  
disturbing and challenging us to care for  
creation, for the weak and the deprived.

Lord we remember that we are called by  
you to nourish the earth and its diversity  
of life, to share the gifts you have given,  
with one another and with the poor of  
the world.

**Amen**

*Sit or kneel in prayer*

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the  
needs of the poor, and repent of the  
ways in which we waste the resources  
of the world.

## Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven. Father, in your mercy:  
**forgive us and help us.**

The Lord enrich you with his grace, and nourish you with his blessing; the Lord defend you in trouble and adversity, the Lord accept your prayers and forgive you your sins, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour.  
**Amen.**

## Gloria in Excelsis *Stand to sing*

### The Collect

Let us pray.  
*Remain standing.*  
Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you 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 your Son  
our Lord who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **The First Reading**

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields  
are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

**Alleluia.**

The reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus

Christ according to N.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Let us offer our prayers to God for the  
life of the world and for all God's  
people in their daily life and work.

God, the beginning and end of all things,  
in your providence and care

you watch unceasingly over all creation;

we offer our prayers

that in us and in all your people your

will may be done,

according to your wise and loving

purpose in Christ our Lord.

Lord of all life:

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all through whom we

receive sustenance and life;

for farmers and agricultural workers,

for packers, distributors and company

boards; as you have so ordered our life  
that we depend upon each other,  
enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own.

Lord of all creation:

**hear our prayer**

We pray for all engaged in research to  
safeguard crops against disease, and to  
produce abundant life among those who  
hunger and whose lives are at risk.

Prosper the work of their hands and the  
searching of their minds, that their  
labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom:

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for governments and aid  
agencies, and those areas of the world  
where there is disaster, drought and  
starvation. By the grace of your Spirit,  
touch our hearts and the hearts of all  
who live in comfortable plenty,  
and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice:

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who are ill,  
remembering those in hospital and  
nursing homes and all who are known to  
us. We pray for all who care for them.  
Give skill and understanding to all who  
work for their well-being.

Lord of all compassion:

**hear our prayer.**

We remember those who have died,  
whom we entrust to your eternal love  
in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Lord of all peace:

**hear our prayer.**

We offer ourselves to your service,  
asking that by the Spirit at work in us  
others may receive a rich harvest of love  
and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness:

**hear our prayer.**

God of grace, as you are ever at work in  
your creation, so fulfil your wise and  
loving purpose in us and in all for whom

we pray, that with them and in all that  
you have made, your glory may be  
revealed and the whole earth give praise  
to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy,  
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.  
The peace of the Lord be always with  
you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **The Bringing Forward of Symbols of the Harvest**

Let us bring forward symbols of the  
harvest, gifts that God has created and  
his sun and rain have nurtured.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of the  
cornfields, the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of roots,  
the swedes and parsnips, turnips and carrots.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for  
next year's crops, for clover, for hay and for corn.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables,  
peas, potatoes, beans and cauliflowers.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of pears and  
apples, berries and herbs.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the harvest of flowers,  
the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

**Thanks be to God.**

Bring forward the grain and the grape,  
for our Saviour took bread and wine  
to feed us with his body and his blood,

given and shed for the life of the world.

Let us feed on him by faith with  
thanksgiving.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.**

## **Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine**

### **Hymn**

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented.*

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

### **Prayers at the preparation of the table**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all  
creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### **The Eucharistic Prayer**

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.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
Almighty God and Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field, the precious and  
life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross,

and to rise again for our salvation.  
Through him, you begin your work of new creation,  
as we look for a new heaven and a new  
earth in which your righteousness dwells.

Therefore, we join with angels and  
archangels, and give voice to every  
creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and singing  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and God of might.  
Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*Sit or kneel*

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of  
your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had  
supper with his friends and, taking  
bread, he praised you. He broke the  
bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for  
the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in  
remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus  
did, in him we plead with confidence his  
sacrifice made once for all upon the  
cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and  
cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all  
the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Helen and all the  
saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in  
Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving  
Father, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's creation,  
Let us pray as our Father has taught us  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be 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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

Creator of all, we have gathered many  
grains and made them into this one bread.  
**We look for your Church to be  
gathered from the ends of the  
earth into the kingdom.**

*Silence is kept*

Christ is the bread which has come  
down from heaven  
**Lord, give us this bread for ever.**



## **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*Silence is kept*

**We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.**

**We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the  
crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have  
mercy.**

**Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made  
clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his  
most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in  
him and he in us.  
Amen.**

## **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

**Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered  
thanksgiving for your love in  
creation and have shared in the  
bread and wine of the kingdom;  
by your grace plant within us a  
reverence for all that you give us  
and make us generous and wise  
stewards of the good things we  
enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

## **Notices**

## **Hymn**

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

**Amen.**

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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ**

**Amen.**

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