

## Welcome to our Harvest Celebrations



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### Greeting:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**



### Peace:

We meet in Christ's name.

**All: Let us share his peace.**

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### Hymn:

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
 raise the song of harvest home;  
 all is safely gathered in,  
 ere the winter storms begin.  
 God our Maker doth provide  
 for our wants to be supplied;  
 come to God's own temple, come,  
 raise the song of harvest home.



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All the world is God's own field,  
 fruit as praise to God we yield;  
 wheat and tares together sown  
 are to joy or sorrow grown;  
 first the blade and then the ear,  
 then the full corn shall appear;  
 Lord of harvest, grant that we  
 wholesome grain and pure may be.



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Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;  
gather thou thy people in,  
free from sorrow, free from sin,  
there, forever purified,  
in thy presence to abide;  
come, with all thine angels, come,  
raise the glorious harvest home.



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### Gathering Prayer:

**All:** Father God, we come together to praise you and to renew our promises to you. We come to remember again the full and generous bounty of your provision to us and your love for us.

We thank you for sending the rain to make the land rich and fertile. Thank you for filling the streams with water. Thank you for providing the earth with crops; for making the young plants grow. Thank you for the livestock in the fields. For all those who work the land, Lord thank you for the harvest. Amen.



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### Confession:

Lord God, sometimes we are selfish, we are greedy, wasteful of all that you have given us. Sometimes we forget to say thank you. Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord have mercy**

Sometimes we ignore the needs of others. Too busy with our own lives we don't want to obey your call to love our neighbour as ourselves. Christ have mercy

**All: Christ have mercy**

Sometimes we ignore your call for us to be good stewards of your creation, spoiling the earth; for ourselves and for others. Lord have mercy

**All: Lord have mercy**



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Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will, and give us the joy of His kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**



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**First Reading:***(At the end the reader says)*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God****Psalm:****Second Reading:***(At the end the reader says)*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

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**Hymn:**

We plough the fields and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand.  
He sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine,  
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

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He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the wind and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

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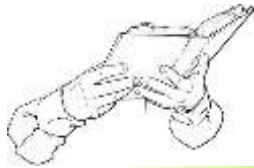
We thank you, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good:  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
no gifts have we to offer  
for all your love imparts,  
but that which you desire now:  
our humble, thankful hearts!

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

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**Gospel reading:***(When the Gospel is announced we say together)***All: Glory to Christ our Saviour***At the end*

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel

**All: Praise to Christ our Lord****Address:**

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**Affirmation of Faith:**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God:

**All: Though he was in very nature divine, yet he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself as nothing.****Taking the very nature of a servant, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even death on a cross.****Therefore God has exalted him to the highest place and given him the name that is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.***(Taken from Philippians 2: 5-11)*

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**Prayers & Intercessions:**

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**Communion:**

The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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Worship and praise belong to you, Father, in every place and at all times. You made us, all the people of the world, and everything that is.

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds. Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness. Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven, but already we laugh with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:



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**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**



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Father, you never forget us or turn away from us, even when we fail you. You sent your Son Jesus who gave his life for us. He healed those who were sick, cared for those who were poor, and cried with those who were sad.

He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive. For all your love we give you thanks in the way that Jesus showed us.



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On the night before he died, while he was having supper with his friends, he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."



After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

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**All:** So, as we do what he told us, we open our hearts to him; we remember how he died and rose again to live now in us.

**Together with him we offer you these gifts: in them we give you ourselves. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on this bread and this wine, that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ, and that, sharing your life, we may travel in your company to our journey's end.**

**With all your people we give you thanks and praise through the Son and in the Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

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The Living bread is broken for the life of the world

**All:** Lord, unite us in this sign

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray...



**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Do not bring us to the time of trial, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever, Amen.

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We share in Communion:

*The Body of Christ given for us all.*

*The Blood of Christ shed for each one of us.*

A short time of Silence



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious

**All:** And his mercy endures for ever.

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Prayer after Communion:

In this meal shared; a piece of bread, a sip of wine, we remember again that Christ offered himself that we might know eternal life.

As we remember, so help us, as we offer our harvest gifts, to offer our very selves to you;

and we ask, that, as your Holy Spirit works in and through our offered lives, so others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace. Amen

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**Hymn:** All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,  
*O praise him, O praise him,  
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Dear mother earth, who day by day  
Unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
Let them His glory also show.  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness,  
O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
*O praise Him! O praise Him!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*



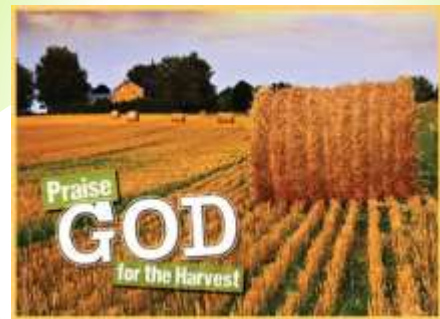
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**Blessing:**  
May God, who has created us and loves us and who  
is the source of all goodness and grace, pour his  
blessing upon all things created, and upon you his  
children, that you may use his gifts to his glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God Almighty father, Son and  
Holy Spirit rest upon you, this day and for evermore.  
**All: Amen**

Go into the world to walk in God's light; to rejoice  
in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

**All: In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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