



Harvest worship Sunday 18th October 2020

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our Harvest festival service. It is lovely to welcome you whether you are joining us in the Church, on Zoom or following the worship at home, it is wonderful to have you with us. As we prepare for our service this morning let us take a moment to be still in the presence of our generous God, so we are ready for worship this morning.

Call to worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you and **also with you.**

Praise the name of the Lord; **ascribe greatness to our God.**
Lord, open our lips **and we shall praise your name.**

Hymn: Come ye faithful people come

We give thanks for our gifts

We take a moment to give thanks for all the that have been given this harvest to support the work of the Foodbank.

Thank you, God, for your goodness that blesses us and the earth. You are generous: **Thank you God.**

Thank you, God, for the people who made the food we have given this harvest and those who will share in it. You are generous. **Thank you God.**

Thank you, God, for this place, our villages, our churches and for your faithful love over many generations. You are generous: **Thank you God.**

Prayer of penitence

Harvest makes us aware of how much we have to enjoy, but it also makes us of how often we fail to take care of the world and those around us. Let us be still for a moment and say sorry to God for our sins.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully. Father 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 the 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**

May the God of love and power, forgive us and free you from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for Harvest

Let us pray that we will use well the gifts that God has given us. *Silence.* 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 all our own well-being; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Reading: Deuteronomy 8: 7-18

Prayers of thanksgiving

After each line section there is a moment of silence for you to add in something that you are thankful for this day.

We thank God for the world he has made, and for all his love and care.

For the warmth of the sun. *Silence to add your thanksgiving,* Father in heaven, **we give you thanks and praise.**

For the rain which makes things grow. *Silence to add your thanksgiving,* Father in heaven, **we give you thanks and praise.**

For the woods and the fields. *Silence to add your thanksgiving,* Father in heaven, **we give you thanks and praise.**

For the sea and sky. *Silence to add your thanksgiving,* Father in heaven, **we give you thanks and praise.**

For the flowers and animals. *Silence to add your thanksgiving,* Father in heaven, **we give you thanks and praise.**

For families and friends. *Silence to add your thanksgiving,* Father in heaven, **we give you thanks and praise.**

For all your gifts. *Silence to add your thanksgiving,* Father in heaven, **we give you thanks and praise. Amen**

Hymn: For the fruits of his creation

Reading: Luke 12: 16-20

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Creed

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen

Hymn: For the beauty of the earth

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Let us offer our prayers to God for 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 in your mercy: **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 in your mercy: **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 in your mercy: **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 in your mercy: **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 in your mercy: **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 in your mercy: **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 in your mercy: **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 Lord's Prayer

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 God's peace.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you

Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter

We go out

We have celebrated Harvest, brought our gifts, sung our hymns and remembered God.

As we go into the world, may God help us to live our lives as people of the harvest, to share and to give, to bless and to love, through Jesus, our Friend and Saviour. **Amen**

May God's joy be in our hearts. May God's peace be in our world. May God's love be known between us. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you, this day and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen**

Festivals together: Creating all-age worship through the year by Sandra Millar SPCK 2012, Common Worship: Times and Seasons, Church House Publishing 2006 and New Patterns for Worship, Church House Publishing 2002.