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Harvest Thanksgiving*

*Welcome to our online service. Below you will find readings, prayers and links to music for this Sunday. There is also a reflection by The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, published separately on the website, the text of which is included in the service.*

**The Gathering**

*The minister says*

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

*All*    **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

*All*    **and also with you.**

**Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t3n7IUCdqAM>

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!

All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall purge away  
All that doth offend, that day;  
Giving angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
Bring thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There for ever purified  
In thy garner to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest-home!

*Words: Henry Alford (1810-1871)*

*Tune: St George's Windsor – George Job Elvey (1816-1893)*

## Prayer of Preparation

*All* **Almighty God,**  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*The minister says*

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.

God has blessed us,  
but still God's children go hungry.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

God has blessed us,  
but still the poor cry out for justice.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

God has blessed us,  
but still we see inequality and oppression in the earth.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All:* **Amen.**

## **The Gloria**

*All say:*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The minister says*

Let us pray.

*Silence is kept.*

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 well-being;  
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 for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

Joel 2.21-27

Do not fear, O soil;  
be glad and rejoice,  
for the Lord has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals of the field,  
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;  
the tree bears its fruit,  
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.  
O children of Zion, be glad  
and rejoice in the Lord your God;  
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,  
he has poured down for you abundant rain,  
the early and the later rain, as before.  
The threshing-floors shall be full of grain,  
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.  
I will repay you for the years  
that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against you.  
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,  
and praise the name of the Lord your God,  
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.  
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,  
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.  
And my people shall never again  
be put to shame.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter \*  
and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, \*  
'The Lord has done great things for them.'

- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, \*  
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears \*  
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, \*  
will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **New Testament Reading**

### **1 Timothy 6.6-10**

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IBXHDbesb7k>

For the fruits of his creation,  
Thanks be to God!  
For his gifts to ev'ry nation,  
Thanks be to God;  
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
Thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
In the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
In our world-wide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvest we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvest of his Spirit,  
Thanks be to God;  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God;  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.

*Words: Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000)*  
*Tune: Ar Hyd Y Nos - Welsh folk melody*

## **Gospel Reading**

## **Matthew 6.25-33**

*The minister says*

Alleluia, alleluia.  
Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.  
Gather the fruit for eternal life.

*Cf John 4.35,36*

*All* **Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet

I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*    **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

“Be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things!” The words of the prophet Joel could well serve as a motto for Harvest Festivals - celebrations of crops having been safely gathered from the fields, and of the earth’s bounty.

In 2024, we still sing hymns about ploughing fields and scattering seeds, though the Harvest Festival may not no longer hold the same significance it once did, especially for us in the cities, far removed from the rhythms of the agricultural world. Yet, we find pleasure in decorating the church with fruits, vegetables and autumnal flowers, and delight in their colours and savour the promise of the flavours they bring.

Perhaps part of Harvest Festival’s appeal lies in its ability to transport us to an earlier time, when life was harder, yet people lived more closely attuned to the natural rhythms of the seasons. Yet let’s be honest: in our modern, urban, Western world, with its constant abundance and variety of food, we have largely lost touch with the cycles of the earth and the fruits of each season. What was once an integral part of life—the knowledge of when fruits and vegetables came into season, how to preserve them, and which crops thrived locally—is now a distant memory for many. While our grandparents instinctively understood these things, how many of our children could answer even the simplest questions about seasonal produce? Moreover, the stakes of the harvest have diminished. In our part of the world, even a complete crop failure is unlikely to lead to empty tables, as supermarkets remain stocked with goods imported from far-flung corners of the globe. One might ask: has Harvest Festival lost its relevance?

Even if we are not directly engaged in the work of the harvest, its fruits fill our homes. Our cupboards and fridges overflow with an abundance of food, and we are never short of quantity or choice. But does this abundance insulate us from Jesus’ call: “Do not worry about your life, what you will eat and what you will drink?”



Perhaps the last time we truly worried about our food was during the pandemic, when shelves were suddenly empty of favourite items. Or more recently, on several occasions, when wars and adverse weather have brought sporadic shortages of essentials like flour or cooking oil, rice or orange juice. Yet, for most of us, genuine food insecurity, being at risk of starvation or having to queue for basic necessities are distant fears, and perhaps because of this, we feel little gratitude for the earth's bounty. However, our comfort does not free us from concern. We live in a world of finite resources, yet our desires seem boundless and extravagant. We are ever tempted to take more than we need, to reach beyond what is sustainable. The consequences of this are stark for the delicate interplay of land, sea, and sky and the life they sustain, and are something beyond our capacity to control through human means alone. While we may be able to stave off physical famine in some parts of the world, we run a graver risk, the one of a famine of the spirit, alienated from the natural world and its Creator.

We cannot overlook the reality of injustice and inequality, both at home and abroad. While some enjoy abundance, others are left with empty hands, relying on the charity of others to meet their basic needs. For those grappling with uncertainty over their next meal, the biblical refrain "do not worry" may seem distant, even insensitive. Would they find comfort if invited to learn from the birds of the air and the lilies of the field? We may long to contemplate the humble flowers of the field and, like the British poet William Wordsworth, feel that they "can give thoughts that do often lie too deep for tears."<sup>1</sup> Yet we are not, like the lilies, able to photosynthesise our way through life. Even the birds of the air struggle to find sustenance in a world where winters are harsh, and summers are marred by the loss of insects due to our lavish use of chemicals.

Yet Jesus' call to not worry is far from a dismissal of our genuine concerns: "your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things". Don't we have here an invitation to reorient our perspective?

Jesus seeks to transform the way we think, live and respond to the world around us, by reminding us that the source of all we need is the goodness and generosity of God. Creation itself, in its richness, in its diversity, and abundance is a visible reflection of God's loving care. By shifting the focus from ourselves and our anxieties to the Creator, Jesus does not dismiss our concerns, but invites us to respond with trust in the One who provides for all.

We might have begun with the last verse from today's Gospel: "Strive first for the kingdom of God, and all the things [you need] will be given to you," and thus shift our reading of it from concern over our anxieties to a reflection on our priorities. To seek first the kingdom of God is to seek the world as God envisions it—a world where abundance flows from divine goodness, freely given without expectation of return, and we are called to give in the same manner.

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<sup>1</sup> William Wordsworth, *Ode on Intimations of Immortality*

As we celebrate this Harvest Festival, we must ask ourselves: are our actions aligned with God's will? In a world where some have plenty while others go hungry, what are our responsibilities? Perhaps it is time to shift our focus from what we desire to what we truly need and live in the present moment with gratitude. It is time to strive for the world which God desires, setting aside our worries and working toward justice, toward feeding the hungry and clothing the naked. Hard work? The words of Jesus and the prophet Joel offer hope: God desires the flourishing of all creation. He can do "great things" for the healing and flourishing of the world and invites us to be instruments of that grace.

On this Harvest Festival, we gather to give thanks for the year's crops and for those whose labour brings food to our tables – honest work and sometimes exploited toil. As the German mediaeval mystic Meister Eckhart reputedly said, "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'thank you', it will be enough." Yet let our gratitude be more than just words. Let it stir our consciences, shape our wills, guide our actions and influence the choices we make. Let us recognise that we are not the centre of the universe. We bear responsibility towards our planet and those we share it with, especially those who have little or no harvest to celebrate.

To live more simply, more justly, more sustainably and more harmoniously with both Creator and creation is a real challenge. But we must take it to heart, so that one day, in the words of former Archbishop Rowan Williams, "we shall [all] sit and speak around the table, share one food, one earth."<sup>2</sup>

Heavenly Father, for what we have received, make us truly thankful. Amen.

*The Revd Roxana Tenea Teleman, Assistant Chaplain*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is,  
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,**

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<sup>2</sup> Rowan Williams, *Rublev*

**begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **Prayers**

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

Lord of creation, we see that the fields are ripe for harvesting: as you have blessed the Church with abundant grace, keep her faithful in the offering of word and sacrament, knowing that all things come from you and return to you. Send out your labourers to gather the harvest of the world, that all may know the riches of your love.

Lord of the harvest,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

You have set human beings on the earth to cultivate the soil and have stewardship of the creation: we give thanks today for all who work on the land. Direct and prosper their work that the fruits of the earth may be wisely cultivated and safely harvested.

Lord of the harvest,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

Your Son has promised that the Spirit will lead us into all truth: we pray for the communities in which you have set us, for one another and for ourselves, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. As we thank you for our food, we remember all those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day. Help us to share the harvest of the world more fairly. Above all, help us to set our hearts on your kingdom of love and justice, and to seek to do your will here on earth.

Lord of the harvest,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

Look with compassion on the places where harvest is poor, and famine threatens. May those who bear the weight of affliction come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.

We lift up to you all those whose lives are torn by war, who cannot reap the fruits of their hard work or enjoy the simple blessings of peace. Protect them from harm and grant them hope in the midst of despair. May justice and peace bloom where conflict has sown only pain.

Lord of the harvest,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

All healing is with you: we bring to you all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, that they may receive comfort, hope and recovery of health. Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being.

We pray especially for Malcolm, Peter, Gerline, Gabrielle, Effie and Jill, and for the continued recovery of King Charles. And in a moment of silence, we bring before you those whom we know who need your healing touch and comfort.

Lord of the harvest,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

We give thanks for the departed who have been gathered into your care. Grant them the joy of faith brought to fruition in your heavenly Kingdom. We pray that your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, will gather us all together in the banquet of the age to come.

Lord of the harvest,  
*All* **in your mercy, hear us.**

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.

Merciful Father,  
*All:* **accept these prayers,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## **The Peace**

*The minister says*

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

*cf Galatians 5.22,23*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
*All* **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **Hymn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YQ8dEkjmEMg>

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.*

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.

We thank thee, then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good:  
The seed-time and the harvest,  
Our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
For all thy love imparts,  
But what thou most desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts.

*Words: Matthias Claudius (1740-1815), transl. Jane M. Campbell (1817-1878)  
Tune: Wir pflügen – Johann A. P. Schulz (1747-1800)*

## **Preparation of the Table**

*The celebrant says*

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

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

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

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord is here.

*All* **His Spirit is with us.**

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 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 saying:

*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.**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

*All* **Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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 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.

*All* **Amen.**

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

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.**

**Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
que ton règne vienne,  
que ta volonté soit faite,  
sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses,  
comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés;  
et ne nous laisse pas entrer en tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal.  
Car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne, la puissance et la gloire,  
pour les siècles des siècles. Amen.**

*The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, saying:*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*All* **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*All* **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

*The celebrant says*

Jesus is the lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

*All* **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

## **An Act of Spiritual Communion**

*As circumstances are such that we cannot share in the Eucharist in person, we make an Act of Spiritual Communion, in which we express our faith in Christ and in his presence in the Eucharist, and we ask him to unite himself with us.*

Heavenly Father, in union with Christian people throughout the world and across the centuries gathered to make Eucharist, hearing your holy Word and receiving the precious Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, we offer you praise and thanksgiving. Even though we cannot at this time receive Communion, we pray that you will unite us with all the baptised and with your Son who gave his life for us.

Come, Lord Jesus, into our hearts, dwell in us in the fullness of your strength, and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence. Amen.

## **Music**

For the beauty of the earth

*Words: F S Pierpoint (1835-1917)*

*Music: John Rutter (b. 1945)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1bDoMfIYErE>

For the beauty of the earth  
For the beauty of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies:

*Lord of all, to thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise.*

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flower  
Sun and moon and stars of light:

For the joy of human love  
Brother, sister, parent, child  
Friends on earth and friends above  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given  
Graces human and divine  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

### Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the 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.

All **Amen.**

All **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

### Hymn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-15v9iworAU>

To God be the glory! Great things he hath done;  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son;  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice:  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give him the glory; great things he hath done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

*Words: Fanny J Crosby (1820-1915)  
Tune: William H Doane (1832-1916)*

## **Blessing**

*The celebrant says*

May God our creator,  
who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,  
bestow on you his care  
and increase the harvest of your righteousness;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*    **Amen.**

*The minister says*

The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;  
therefore ask the Lord of the harvest  
to send out labourers into his harvest.

*Matthew 9.37b,38*

Freely you have received, freely give.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## **Offertory**

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