

Harvest Service 2020

Welcome and Notices

The Greeting

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God,
the God of all peoples of the earth.

For the colour and forms of your creation
and our place within it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food,
and for those whose work and skill
bring your good gifts to us,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human
minds and hearts;
for insight and imagination,
for the skills of research
which bring healing and fulfilment to the
lives of many;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing
seasons,
and their variety and dependability;
for new life and growth out of barrenness
and decay;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our
communities, especially in your Church
and among all you call to serve you,
we bring our thanks, good Lord;
your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see
goodness, kindness, gentleness,
patience and humility,
and all the fruit of the Spirit,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given,
and for all those whom you have given
us to share it with,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

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 heaven 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 winds 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 seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.

No gifts have we to offer
For all Thy love imparts,
But that which Thou desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

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.

Hive share with us about food poverty

**Zita shares with us about Good
Neighbours**

Keith shares with us about CAP

**Peter and Greg introduce a video from
Tearfund**

Bible Reading – Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last
you renewed your concern for me.
Indeed, you were concerned, but you
had no opportunity to show it. I am not
saying this because I am in need, for I
have learned to be content whatever the
circumstances. I know what it is to be in
need, and I know what it is to have
plenty. I have learned the secret of being
content in any and every situation,
whether well fed or hungry, whether
living in plenty or in want. I can do all
this through him who gives me strength.

Yet it was good of you to share in my
troubles. Moreover, as you Philippians
know, in the early days of your
acquaintance with the gospel, when I set
out from Macedonia, not one church
shared with me in the matter of giving
and receiving, except you only; for even
when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me
aid more than once when I was in
need. Not that I desire your gifts; what I
desire is that more be credited to your
account. I have received full payment
and have more than enough. I am amply
supplied, now that I have received from
Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They
are a fragrant offering, an acceptable
sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God
will meet all your needs according to the
riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.

To our God and Father be glory for ever
and ever. Amen.

Talk

SONG

God is good, we sing and shout it.
God is good, we celebrate.
God is good, no more we doubt it.
God is good, we know it's true.

And when I think of His love for me,
My heart fills with praise
And I feel like dancing.
For in His heart there is room for me,
And I run with arms open wide.

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Prayers led by the Manning family

Introduction to 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

Prayer 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 service continues with the Eucharistic
Prayer on our normal communion sheets*

Final 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.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.