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Holy Communion with prayers for Harvest



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Gracious God, we give you thanks
because in Christ Jesus, our risen Lord,
the new creation is being brought to perfection,
a broken world is being renewed,
and creation itself will share
in the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Alleluia

THE GATHERING

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious,
for his steadfast love endures for ever. *Psalm 107.1*

Music

*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 needs 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:
Lord of harvest, grant 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 in that day
All offences purge away,
Give His 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, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest-home.*

The Greeting

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

Prayer of Preparation

**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

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.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

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

All Christ, have mercy.

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

All Lord, have mercy.

The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Gloria (*instrumental*)

The Collect *There is a time of silent prayer*

Creator God,
you made the goodness of this land,
the riches of the sea,
and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect
this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 65: 4b, 7-13

O God of our salvation, ♦
O hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas.

**7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
tremble at your marvels; ♦
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.**

**8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦
you make it very plenteous.**

9 The river of God is full of water; ♦

**you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.**

10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦
you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

**11 You crown the year with your goodness, ♦
and your paths overflow with plenty.**

12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦
and the hills be girded with joy.

**13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦
and the valleys stand so thick with corn
that they shall laugh and sing.**

**All 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.**

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-end

6 The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written,

*'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures for ever.'*

¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your

sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Gospel Reading: Luke 17: 11-19

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord

11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' ¹⁹Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ

The Sermon:

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.

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

Prayers of Intercession

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:
we pray for your Church,
that it may be ready to gather fruit for eternal life.
Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word,
and have blessed humankind in giving us dominion over the
earth:
we pray for the world,
that we may honour and share its resources,
and live in reverence for the creation
and in harmony with one another.
Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

Your Son has promised that the Spirit will lead us into all truth:
we pray for the community 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.
Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

You have given your people a rich land,
yet by sin we have made a world of suffering and sorrow:
we pray for those who bear the weight of affliction,
that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty.
Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

Your Son Jesus Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection
and will reap the harvest of the dead at the end of time:
we pray that he will gather us all together
with those who have gone before
in the banquet of the age to come.
Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

Source of all life
and giver of all that is good,
hear our prayers and grant us
all that is in accordance with your will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy,
that you may be kept safe and blameless
in spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ

The Peace of the Lord be always with you
All and also with you

Song: God whose farm is all Creation

*God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that men may live.*

*Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.*

*All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care,
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.*

Preparation of the table

*There is a time of silence during which we offer ourselves and our
lives to God*

**We offer these gifts, O Lord,
as a sign of thankfulness
and a pledge of our love.
Everything we possess comes from you.
Take all that we are,
and show us how to give with joy
and share without fear.
Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer E

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 thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord

**All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.**

You are the Saviour of the world.

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 has taught us

**All 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.
Amen.**

The sharing of Communion

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

The president offers the bread and wine.

God's Holy gifts
For God's holy people
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father**

The president and people receive communion

Anthem: For the beauty of the earth: Rutter

Prayer after Communion

O God, your Son made himself known to
his disciples in the breaking of bread:
open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see him in his redeeming work,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
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,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you, now and always
Amen

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,

and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Music:

*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.*





The Cornfield by John Nash (1918)

*Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground;
for it is time to seek the Lord,
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.*

Hosea 10.12