All Hallows Church, Ringmore

Welcome and notices

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 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 ...

We thank you 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 your love imparts, and what you most desire, Lord, our humble, thankful hearts.

All good gifts ...

The children bring up their harvest gifts

Confession

O God our Father, we confess that we have often used your gifts carelessly, and acted as though we were not grateful. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy forgive us and help us:

When we enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but forget that they come from you – then, Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

When we are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry and those in need – then, Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

When we are thoughtless, and do not treat with respect or care the wonderful world you have made – then, Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

When we store up good for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven – then, Father, in your mercy, forgive us and help us.

Grant us thankful hearts, and a loving concern for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Declaration of God's forgiveness The Collect for harvest Choir item (will be announced) First Bible reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 Quiz Second Bible reading: Luke 12:16-30

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Now we sing a harvest song, clear and joyful, loud and strong; Think of bread and think of meat, Think of all we have to eat: Now we sing a sadder song of injustice, hunger, wrong; those with not enough to eat, suffering every sort of need and soft, refreshing rain.

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Now we sing a sadder song of injustice, hunger, wrong; those with not enough to eat, suffering every sort of need.
They've no home, no work, no pay, scraping through from day to day. Do they thank you that they live?
Thank you, God, that we can give.

As we sing our harvest song, Clear and joyful, loud and strong, help us, Father, now to see how to set those people free; how to share the gifts you give so that they may also live, so the harvest song may sound to your praise the earth around.

Declaration of our faith

Let us declare our faith in God:

We believe and trust in God the Father,
who made the world.

We believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed mankind.

We believe and trust in his Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God.

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

Choir item (will be announced)

Prayers

The Lord's Prayer

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. but deliver us from evil.

And lead us not into temptation;

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HYMN (the collection will be taken while this is being sung)

Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices; who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices; Who, from our mothers' arms, has blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven; the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

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