

## INTRODUCTION

The Lord of all creation be with you.

**And also with you.**

Great is the Lord, and worthy of all praise!

**Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour,  
power and might,  
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.**

## HYMN

**Praise, O praise our God and King;  
hymns of adoration sing:  
*for his mercies still endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.***

**Praise him that he made the sun  
day by day his course to run:**

**And the silver moon by night,  
shining with her gentle light:**

**Praise him that he gave the rain  
to mature the swelling grain:**

**And has bid the fruitful field  
crops of precious increase yield:**

**Praise him for our harveststore;  
he has filled the garnerfloor:**

**And for richer food than this,  
pledge of everlasting bliss:**

**Glory to our bounteous King;  
glory let creation sing:  
glory to the Father, Son,  
and blest Spirit, Three in One.**

## 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 goods 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

#### HYMN 153

**For the fruits of his creation**

**READING: Psalm 100**

#### HYMN

**Praise God for the harvest of farm and of field,  
praise God for the people who gather their yield,  
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,  
the patience of science, the power of machine.**

**Praise God for the harvest that's sent from afar,  
from market and harbour, from tropical shore:  
foods packed and transported, and planted and  
grown  
by Godgiven neighbours, unseen and unknown.**

**Praise God for the harvest that comes from the  
ground,  
by drill or by mineshaft, by opencast mound;  
for oil and for iron, for tinplate and coal,  
praise God, who in love has provided them all.**

**Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,  
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:  
for all new inventions that promise to gain  
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.**

**Praise God for the harvest of conflict and love,  
for leaders and peoples who struggle and serve  
to conquer oppression, earth's plenty increase,  
and gather God's harvest of justice and peace.**

**READING: John 6:25-35**

## SERMON

#### HYMN 106

**Come, you thankful people, come**

## **DECLARATION OF OUR FAITH**

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

**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?

**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?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

## **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.  
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.

### **OFFERTORY HYMN 732**

**We plough the fields and scatter**

### **BLESSING**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**In the name of Christ, we will.**

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Ringmore**

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Festival  
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