



## Harvest Holy Communion

### We gather to worship God

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

**And also with you.**

### We Say Sorry to God

*We share a moment of quiet to recall our need for forgiveness.*

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the  
poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the re-  
sources of the world.

We confess to you  
our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord,  
have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you  
our failure to protect resources for others.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days.  
**Amen.**

*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 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;**

### **We Ask For God's Blessing**

The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
the LORD turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.  
And the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.  
**Amen**

### **We Go In God's Strength**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

*Anthem* THOU VISITEST THE EARTH AND BLESSETH IT  
And crownest the year with thy goodness.

***Prayer After Communion***

Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son  
and brought us home.  
Dying and living,  
he declared your love,  
gave us grace,  
and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body  
live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup  
bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights  
give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope  
you have set before us,  
so we and all your children  
shall be free, and the whole earth  
live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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 around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord  
for all his love.*

We thank you, then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good:  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food;  
no gifts have we to offer  
for all your love imparts,  
but what thou most desirest:  
our humble, thankful hearts!

***We Listen to God's Word***

**The Collect**

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.  
Amen.

**Reading** (Colin Burnie)

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

**Talk** (Eve Lockett)

**We Bring Our Prayers to God**

**Intercessions** (Roger Long)

**We Share God's 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**

***Breaking of the Bread***

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

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

**Most merciful Lord,  
your love compels us to come in.  
Our hands were unclean,  
our hearts were unprepared;  
we were not fit  
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.  
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,  
and share your bread with sinners.  
So cleanse and feed us  
with the precious body and blood of your Son,  
that he may live in us and we in him;  
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,  
may sit and eat in your kingdom.  
Amen.**

***Giving of Communion***

Receive by faith  
the spiritual food of the body of Christ  
which was broken for you  
and the blood of Christ  
which was shed for you.

**Amen.**

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour. Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.  
**Amen.**

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

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen**

*Song*    **FOR THE FRUITS OF HIS CREATION,  
thanks be to God.  
For his gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.**

**For the harvests of the 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.**

### **We Celebrate Holy Communion**

#### ***The Eucharistic Prayer***

The Lord is here

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

We thank you, loving Father because, when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'