

Let us pray with confidence to the Father:

**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.**

HYMN - 354 NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

During the hymn the collection is taken.

Blessing and Dismissal

May the road rise up to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And until we meet again,
may the God who loves us all,
hold you in the palm of his hand
and the blessing ...
Amen.

HYMN - 101 COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

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



St Michael's Harvest Festival Sunday 2nd October

Gathering

HYMN - 130 FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY AND GLADNESS

In the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Let the praises of God ring out.

He is the source of our life.

Let all creation rejoice in God;

sing the glory of his name.

Come and see the work of God,

how wonderful he is to all people.

He turned the sea into dry land,

so his people went through the water on foot.

There we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Spirit.

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(Psalm 66)

Confession and Absolution

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.

God has blessed us,

but still God's children go hungry.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

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

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

HYMN - 534 WE PLOUGH THE FIELDS AND SCATTER

During the hymn gifts for the food bank are brought to the front.

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 wellbeing;
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**

Readings

Isaiah 55:10-13

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Apostles Creed

We say together in faith:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

HYMN - 137 FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH

The Intercessions

The prayers may include this response:

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

The prayers may end with:

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