

Harvest **Thanksgiving**



WELCOME

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

HYMN

THE GREETING

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

The world belongs to God, **the earth and all its people.**
How good it is, how wonderful, **to live together in unity.**
Love and faith come together, **justice & peace join hands.**
If Christ's disciples keep silent, **stones would shout aloud.**
Open our lips, O God, **And out mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Holy God, maker of all:	have mercy on us.
Jesus Christ, servant of the poor:	have mercy on us.
Holy Spirit, breath of life:	have mercy on us.

Our Lord Jesus is compassionate and merciful towards us
because he understands the frailty and brokenness of the world,
our relationships and ourselves.
So let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Before God, with the people of God,
I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life,
the lives of others, and the life of the world.

**May God forgive you, Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love. Amen**

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PERUVIAN GLORIA

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father!

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To God be glory forever! **To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia, Amen! **Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen! Alleluia, Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to Christ Jesus...

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit...

THE COLLECT

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

HYMN

READINGS AND ADDRESS

Psalm 114

*When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of
strange language, Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.*

**Praise, O praise our God and King;
hymns of adoration sing:**

Refrain: For his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.

Leviticus 23:39-44

*So, summing up: On the fifteenth day of the seventh month,
after you have brought your crops in from your fields,
celebrate the Feast of God for seven days.*

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

Refrain:

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

Refrain:

*The first day is a complete rest
and the eighth day is a complete rest.*

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

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

On the first day, pick the best fruit from the best trees; take fronds of palm trees and branches of leafy trees and from willows by the brook and celebrate in the presence of your God for seven days - yes, for seven full days celebrate it as a festival to God. Every year from now on, celebrate it in the seventh month.

**Praise him for our harvest-store;
he hath filled the garner-floor: *Refrain:***

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

Live in booths for seven days - every son and daughter of Israel is to move into booths so that your descendants will know that I made the people of Israel live in booths when I brought them out of the land of Egypt. I am God, your God.

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

**This is your garden, Creator God, a thing of beauty
Beyond understanding, a poem that is being written,
Not in words, but in colours,
Wind's whisper, soaring bird, snowdrop's petal,
Gentle rain, sunlight's warmth.
This is your garden, Creator God, this thing of beauty
Beyond understanding - drawing praise and thanks.**

[INTERCESSIONS](#)

[AFFIRMATIONS OF FAITH](#)

With the whole church

**We affirm that we are in God's image
Befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.**

With people everywhere

**We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
Planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

With all creation

**We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,
The unfolding purposes of God,
Forever at work in ourselves and the world.**

THE PEACE

Lord God, through your Holy Spirit, perfect in us that which is lacking in your gifts, of faith, to increase it, of hope, to establish it, of love, to kindle it, that we may live in the light of your grace & peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you - **and also with you.**

HYMN

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

Worship and praise belong to you, Father,
in every place and at all times.

**We give you thanks that You made us,
we are a part of your creation.**

You give us the daylight and other gifts of the harvest.

We give you thanks as Your Word lights up our minds.
For Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.

**We give you thanks that Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world with your eyes.**

We recall with thanks that:

On the night Jesus was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks,
and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness
of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this
sacrifice of praise: giving thanks as by faith we believe that
one day we will be with you in heaven, but already we rejoice
with the saints and angels, and sing their joyful song:

**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.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The disciple asked Jesus how to pray
so let us proclaim the words that Jesus taught

**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.**

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.**

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us. (REPEAT)
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us, peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

We bring the harvest of our lives in all glory and frailty.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays:

May we see the creators hand and give thanks.

In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss:

May we see the creators hand and give thanks.

In bread and wine,
In communion with each other and Jesus.
In the call to imitate, to follow:

May we see the creators hand and give thanks.

HYMN

BLESSING

May God's joy be in our hearts (place hand on heart)

May God's peace be in our world

(sweep hand out in front)

May God's love be known between us (touch palms)

and the blessing of God **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord of creation.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

For the Harvest Week

<u>Day of the Week</u>	<u>Prayer Activity</u>
Monday	Find a fruit or vegetable that you like and one that either you don't like or have never tried. As you look at them, give thanks for the variety of God's provision and pray for those who have limited choices
Tuesday	Stand in the front doorway of your home looking around your neighbourhood. Pray for the people who live nearby and give thanks for your home.
Wednesday	Take a walk or drive to four key places in your daily life e.g. school, church, office, and football club. Stop at each one and remember that God is with us at every point in the journey we make through life.
Thursday	Make a pile of receipts from shopping or a pile of toy money. Pray for those who are struggling with money and ask God to help you be generous.
Friday	Place birthday candles in a cake to represent ten people who matter to you (or imagine them!) As you light the candles pray for each person. As you blow them out pray that God's light will continue to shine in their lives.
Saturday	Make a visit to a local park or play area. Sit on a bench (or swing) and give thanks for green spaces. Pray for all who work to take care of creation and all who long for freedom in their lives.
Sunday	As you journey to church today, take time to jump for joy at least 3 times! (or imagine doing so!) Each time you jump give thanks to God or all his blessings OR Choose 3 people to pray for, and if you meet them give them a high five (or a smile) or send a card to those you don't meet. Praise God!