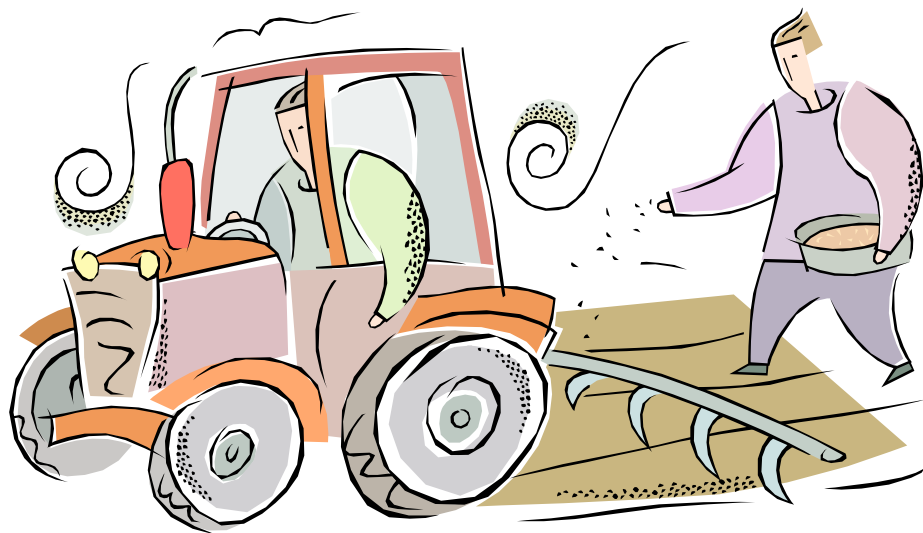


# The Benefice of Bedale



**Rogation Sunday**

## THE GATHERING

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

## HYMN

The Lord be with you      **and also with you.**  
Alleluia. Christ is risen.      **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

## OPENING PRAYER

Grant favourable weather, temperate rains,  
and fruitful seasons, that there may be food and drink for all creatures.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bestow your blessing upon the lands and waters,  
and all who work upon them to bring forth food  
and all things needful for your people. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Prosper all who care for the earth, the water, and the air,  
that the riches of your creation may abound from age to age.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

## PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work  
of our soiled hands. Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-  
sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness

Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for  
granted. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we squander its rich resources.  
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty  
with all of your children. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Our Saviour died and rose again so that for all who live  
in him there is a new creation. Therefore I declare to you:  
your sins are forgiven, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Send out your Spirit, O Lord.**  
**Renew the hearts of your people.**  
**Renew the face of the earth .**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand  
of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT

Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth  
and the sea should bear fruit in due season:  
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,  
grant us a good harvest and the grace always  
to rejoice in your fatherly care;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

## READING AND HYMN

### GOSPEL READING

Alleluia, alleluia.

‘The seed is the word of God,’ says the Lord. **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

## THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

**We believe and trust  
in his Son, Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.

Prosper the work of our hands; may all find dignity  
and just reward in their work; free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Guide us into a sustainable future,  
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.

Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,  
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.

Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;  
where war brings want, and children go hungry;  
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,  
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,  
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,  
let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which passes all understanding  
will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4.6-7*

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love  
heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

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.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
Almighty God and Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

Through him you have created us in your own image,  
and made us stewards of your good creation.

Through him you teach us to exult in the birds of the air,  
the lilies of the field, the precious and life-giving crops of the earth.

Through him you free us from the slavery of sin,  
giving him to die upon the cross, and to rise again for our salvation.

Through him, you begin your work of new creation, as we look  
for a new heaven and a new earth in which your righteousness dwells.  
Therefore, we join with angels and archangels,  
and give voice to every creature under heaven,  
for ever praising you and singing.

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

## **BREAKING OF THE 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.**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**Creator God you give seed for us to sow  
and bread for us to eat:  
make us thankful for what we receive  
and generous in supplying the needs of others  
so all the world may give you thanks and glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **HYMN**

## **BLESSING**

May God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour his blessing upon all things created,  
and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts  
to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

*The following prayers may be used for private preparation.*

## Collects for the World and our Environment

Almighty God we praise you for the wonders of your creation.  
We thank you for the beauty of the world  
and the vast resources of our planet:  
beauty that at times we fail to respect;  
resources that we wantonly exploit.  
You have entrusted us with the care of your world:  
Give us wisdom and compassion,  
and move us to change our thoughts and our actions,  
that we and all your people may value the whole of your creation,  
serve you with responsibility, reverence and joy,  
and look for that day when the whole creation  
shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

We come before you our God and Sustainer,  
remembering that you are our Creator  
and the source of all being.  
Out of your love the universe was born.  
From primordial darkness you put in place all that is needed for  
growth and saw that it was good  
You have put this world into our hands:  
may we recognize your Spirit within it,  
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation,  
for the weak and the deprived.  
Lord we remember that we are called  
by you to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,  
to share the gifts you have given,  
with one another and with the poor of the world. **Amen**

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power,  
for you created all things, and by your will they have their being.

*Revelation 4.11*