“All good gifts around us Are sent from heaven above,

Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord For all His love”

Welcome to our act of Worship for Harvest

**GOSPEL John 2:1-11**

Call to worship

Creator God,

**You made the world and everything in it.**

You mapped out the stars and the sands, the trees and

the lakes. **There is nothing that was not the work of your hands, or blessed by your love.**

**You made the world and everything in it.**

You designed the seas and the fish, the birds and the fruit. **There is nothing that was not the work of your hands, or blessed by your love.**

**You made the world and everything in it**.

You are our life and soul. **We are nothing but the work of your hands, and blessed by your love.**

**You made the world and everything in it.**

And came among us in word and flesh.

**In you all things live and move and have their being, in you all things reflect your beauty and grace. We are a community of creation and we sing your praise. Alleluia! Amen.**

HYMN

**Come, ye thankful people, come,**   
raise the song of harvest home;   
all is safely gathered in,   
ere the winter storms begin.   
God our Maker doth provide   
for our wants to be supplied;   
come to God's own temple, come,   
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,   
fruit as praise to God we yield;   
wheat and tares together sown   
are to joy or sorrow grown;   
first the blade and then the ear,   
then the full corn shall appear;   
Lord of harvest, grant that we   
wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
and shall take the harvest home;   
from the field shall in that day   
all offenses purge away,   
giving angels charge at last   
in the fire the tares to cast;   
but the fruitful ears to store   
in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
bring thy final harvest home;   
gather thou thy people in,   
free from sorrow, free from sin,   
there, forever purified,   
in thy presence to abide;   
come, with all thine angels, come,   
raise the glorious harvest home.

HP355, MP STF

*Prayers of Praise*

Glory and honour are yours by right, Lord our God, for you created all things, and by your will they exist.

We praise you, mighty creator, whose glory is reflected in what you have made.

How perfect you are in power, in majesty, in wisdom!

How marvellous, how beautiful, how good is your creation!

Still more we praise you, gracious God, because you have revealed yourself to us, not only in what you have made, but in the person of your Son, Jesus Christ.

In him we see the majesty and splendour of your redeeming love.

Mighty creator, most merciful God, we worship and adore you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Confession*

**Loving God, forgive us:**

**when we do not notice this wonderful world in which we live,**

**when we do not think about the impact of the things we do,**

**when we deliberately contribute to the destruction of your world.**

**Let us remember**

**that the ground we stand upon is holy ground,**

**let us keep it, guard it, care for it,**

**for it keeps us, guards us, and cares for us. Amen**

HYMN

**Praise and thanksgiving**,  
Father, we offer,  
For all things living  
You have made good;  
Harvest of sown fields,  
Fruits of the orchard,  
Hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.  
  
Lord, bless the labour  
We bring to serve you,  
That with our neighbour  
we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling,  
We would work with you;  
Harvesting, milling,  
For daily bread.  
  
Father, providing  
Food for your children,  
Your wisdom guiding  
Teaches us share  
One with another,  
So that, rejoicing  
With us, our brother  
May know your care.  
  
Then will your blessing  
Reach every people;  
Each one confessing  
Your gracious hand.  
When you are reigning  
No one will hunger:  
Your love sustaining  
Fruitful the land.

HP350, MP-, STF

Ministry of the Word of God

**John 2:1-11**

**The Wedding at Cana**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. 2Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. 3When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, ‘They have no wine.’ 4And Jesus said to her, ‘Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.’ 5His mother said to the servants, ‘Do whatever he tells you.’ 6Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. 7Jesus said to them, ‘Fill the jars with water.’ And they filled them up to the brim. 8He said to them, ‘Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.’ So they took it. 9When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom 10and said to him, ‘Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.’ 11Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to Christ our Lord.**

Reflection

CD: Look At The World, John Rutter

Our Prayers

Creator God, the whole earth proclaims your glory. Field and forest, farm and garden all sing your praise! As we gaze at the world around us we see your handiwork; your fingerprint is everywhere. This is your world; help us to enjoy it gently and respectfully. In Jesus’ name. **Amen**

Sustaining God, we give thanks for those who produce our food: for farmers and fishermen, factory and shop workers. We pray for those for whom this has been a difficult year: farmers who have battled the weather to grow food, delivery drivers and shop workers who kept working despite the pandemic. Help us to value and support each other. In Jesus’ name. **Amen.**

Loving God, we remember those whose harvest plans are overtaken by disaster, where seeds are sown but rains are inadequate, where a rift in the rock causes an earthquake, where livestock fail to thrive, where land is flooded and disease rife, where relationships fail and people are forced to move. May your presence and our commitment to share bring hope and light, joy and healing to all in need. In Jesus’ name. **Amen**

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.**

*An Act of Holy Communion*

The earth is the Lord’s and everything in it,

**And the Lord’s glory covers the earth as the waters over the sea.**

The trees of the field clap their hands, the birds of the air sing songs of praise.

**And if we should fail to express our worship, even the rocks and stones would cry out!**

And so, we lift up our hearts, and we lift up our voices.

**And we offer thanksgiving and adoration to the Lord the Creator of all.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe, for from seeds sown into the earth you have given us the gift of bread to feed and nourish us. And at Jesus’ last meal with his friends, before facing the cross, our Lord took bread, blessed it and broke it. Then he passed it among them saying:

**This is my body, broken for you.**

**Take and eat, and do this to remember me.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign of the Universe, for from grapes which grow ripe and sweet on the vine, you have given us the fruits of the vine to refresh and restore us. And at Jesus’ last meal with his friends before facing the cross, our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it. Then he passed it among them saying:

**This is my blood shed for you.**

**Take and drink, and do this to remember me.**

(Pause)

**And now we come to your table again Jesus, mindful of how you laid your life down, so that we and creation could be born anew; mindful of how you took your life up again, so that we and creation could be filled with the life abundant; mindful that we cannot earn or purchase this privilege, but that it is your grace which beckons us, and your grace which ensures that all creation may be one and whole.**

May your Spirit work in these fruits of earth’s harvest, so that they may become for us a sharing in Christ’s body and blood. May your Spirit work in us, who are children of earth, so that we may be transformed into Christ’s body, carrying his life, his care, and his salvation to all creation. **Amen.**

*We receive Holy Communion*

In this moment and in this act of Holy Communion, we have remembered the whole of creation. And that the whole of creation is filled with God’s grace. And that the whole of creation has been renewed in God’s love. And that the whole of creation reflects the glory of God.

**So we go now, in peace and hope, to share this saving message in word and action, in risk and compassion, with all of creation. Amen**

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Our final hymn is really the Harvest Festival National Anthem,– it first appeared in a German novel and was the peasants’ song as they gathered for a harvest party – every line is about thanksgiving to God for a wonderful creation.

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 heaven above,  
 Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
 For all his love.*

He only is the Maker  
Of all things near and far,  
He paints the wayside flower,  
He lights the evening star.  
The winds and waves obey him,  
By him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, his children,  
He gives our daily bread:

We thank thee 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 thy love imparts,  
But that which thou desirest,  
Our humble, thankful hearts:

HP352, MP

Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon us his children, that we may use them 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 us and remain with us this harvest time and always. **Amen.**

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*This is service is offered to any and all, with love and prayers.*

Through the Week: A HARVEST GRACE

Creator God, thank you for this food. Bless those who have produced and prepared it. Help us to enjoy it and learn to share it. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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