

Harvest Thanksgiving

Leader: For the earth which God has entrusted to our care,

All: We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader: For farmers, farm workers and all who work
to produce our food,

All: We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader: For those who work in shops, markets, transport,
food production and distribution,

All: We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader: For our gardens, allotments and the food we grow ourselves,

All: We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader: For the animals and birds, the hedgerows and trees,
the rivers and streams,

All: We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader: For our families, our neighbours and our rural communities,

All: We give you thanks, Lord.

Leader: For the food before us today and for all who have shared it with us,

All: We give you thanks, Lord.

Hymn:

Blessing

Leader: May the God of harvest bless us.

May the God of wilderness strengthen us.

May the God of creation help us to care for the earth.

May the God of community help us to care for one another.

And may Christ walk with us

through every season of our lives.

All: Amen.

Leader: Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Morning Praise – Harvest



Welcome and Notices

Gathering Prayer

Leader: Let us be still for a moment and remember that we are in the
presence of God.

**All: God of the seasons, God of the earth, God of the harvest,
be with us now. Open our eyes to your goodness,
our hearts to your love, and our hands to your service.**

Amen.

Opening Responses

Leader: We bless you, O God, and give you thanks for all your gifts to us.

All: We bless you for your creation, which is alive with your glory.

Leader: We bless you, Lord,

**All: for the twinkling of the stars, for the softness of the grass,
and the power of the sun.**

Leader: We bless you, Lord

**All: for the harvest from the fields, for the sheep along the hills,
and our rest when day is done.**

Leader: We give thanks for your moments of grace,

**All: in the life of the cosmos, in the explosion of a star,
and in the birth of our planet.**

Leader: We give thanks for your moments of grace,

**All: in the life of a person, in the power of attraction
and in the wonder of a birth.**

Leader: Heavenly Creator, we thank you for your generosity,
spilling over into all Creation.

You made order out of chaos,
and all life and fruitfulness flows from you.

**All: We thank you for the daytime and the night-time
We thank you for the sun and rain;
the ebb and flow of the sea and the seasons of the year,
We thank you, today, for the season of autumn,
this beautiful season of mist and mellow fruitfulness. Amen**

Hymn:

Collect

All: *(Please sit or kneel in prayer as we say together)*
**Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts
of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen**

Confession

Leader: Let us hear the words of St Paul: "I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do. But the evil that I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. In my mind I am a slave to God's Law, but in my sinful nature I am a slave to the law of sin".
Romans 7 vv18-19,25.

All: **Have mercy on me now as I say sorry,
for my selfish deeds, for the words I should not have said.
for the hurts I have done to others, and to your creation
Forgive me for my false desires,
for any anger and selfishness,
and for what I have left untended.
Help me to walk humbly with you our Lord.
Amen.**

Leader: May the God of love and power,
forgive us, and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First reading:

followed by, 'This is the word of the Lord'. 'Thanks be to God'

Second reading:

followed by, 'This is the word of the Lord'. 'Thanks be to God'

Reflection on the Readings

Hymn

Creed (from Iona service book) *please stand*

**We believe in the Lord above us, the maker and
sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and
earth, of male and female.**

**We believe in the Lord beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a cross.**

**A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended into the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
And his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in the Spirit within us,
The Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
Life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
Source of resurrection and of eternal life.**

Amen.

Prayers *(Please sit or kneel in prayer)*

Response - Lord, in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

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

Amen.

Leader: Let us pray as our saviour has taught us

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