**Holy Communion – Harvest Festival Sep 27 2020**

*Stand*

**The earth has yielded its harvest;**

**God, our God, has blessed us.**

You visit the earth and water it;

**you make it very plenteous.**

You soften the ground with showers;

**and bless the increase of it.**

You crown the year with your goodness;

**and your paths overflow with plenty.**

The meadows are clothed with sheep;

**the valleys stand so thick with corn,**

they shout for joy and sing.

**The earth has yielded its harvest;**

**God, our God, has blessed us.**

**Opening Hymn Come, you thankful people, come.**

**Prayer of Preparation**

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

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.

When we enjoy the fruits of the harvest,

but forget they come from you, then

Father in your mercy

**Forgive us and help us.**

When we are full and satisfied,

but ignore the cry of the hungry and those in need, then

Father in your mercy

**Forgive us and help us.**

When we are thoughtless and do not treat with respect or care

the wonderful world you have made, then

Father in your mercy

**Forgive us and help us.**

When we store up goods for ourselves alone,

as if there were no God and no heaven, then

Father in your mercy

**Forgive us and help us.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Stand*

**Thanksgiving**

We thank God for the world he has made,

and for all his love and care.

For the warmth of the sun,

Father in heaven

**we give you thanks and praise.**

For the rain which makes things grow,

Father in heaven

**we give you thanks and praise.**

For the woods and the fields,

Father in heaven

**we give you thanks and praise.**

For the sea and the sky,

Father in heaven

**we give you thanks and praise.**

For the flowers and the animals,

Father in heaven

**we give you thanks and praise.**

For families and holidays,

Father in heaven

**we give you thanks and praise.**

For all your gifts,

Father in heaven

**we give you thanks and praise.**

**Amen.**

**The 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,

by sharing your goodness for the well-being of all.

Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

Amen. **Amen.**

**Reading 2 Cor 9:6-end**

**6**The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. **7**Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. **8**And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. **9**As it is written,

“He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
    his righteousness[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%209&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-28950b)] endures forever.”

**10**He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.[[c](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2%20Corinthians%209&version=NRSV#fen-NRSV-28951c)] **11**You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; **12**for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. **13**Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, **14**while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. **15**Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Reading Luke 12:16-21**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**16**Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. **17**And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ **18**Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. **19**And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ **20**But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ **21**So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,**

**from whom every family**

**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**

**who lives in our hearts through faith,**

**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**

**who strengthens us**

**with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;**

**Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

*These or other words may be used.*

Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

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

**The Peace**

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,

patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**and also with you.**

**Hymn: We Eat the Plants**

**PRAYER AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

Wise and gracious God,

you spread a table before us;

nourish your people with the word of life

and the bread of heaven.

**Amen.**

**Prayer H**

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.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,

but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children**

**and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life

that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross**

**and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he 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

and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,**

**have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,**

**grant us peace.**

**Sharing Communion**

God’s holy gifts

for God’s holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,**

**Jesus Christ is Lord,**

**to the glory of God the Father.**

*When all have received communion or a blessing, we say together*

**Prayer After Communion**

**Heavenly Father,**

**we give you thanks**

**for all the blessings you have given us;**

**give us grace to love and serve you,**

**and to be mindful of sharing**

**the same blessings to all around us;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.** **Amen.**

**NOTICES**

**HYMN Praise and Thanksgiving, Father We Offer.**

**Blessing**

God the Father, who created the world,

give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,

inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,

help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty,

Father Son and Holy Spirit be among you

And remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

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.**