St. Mary's Harvest Festival 4 October 2020

WELCOME:

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

OPENING HYMN: Come, you thankful people, come,

Raise the song of harvest home! Fruit and crops are gathered in Safe before the storms begin; God, our Maker, will provide For our needs to be supplied; Come with all his people come Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field, Harvest for His praise to yield; Wheat & weeds together sown, Here for 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 & pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come

And shall bring His harvest home,

He himself on that great day Worthless things shall take away,

Give His angels charge at last In the fire the weeds to cast, But the fruitful ears to store In His care for evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, Bring your final harvest home; Gather all your people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin; There, forever purified, Ever thankful at your side-Come, with all your angels, come, Bring that the glorious harvest home.

HARVEST COLLECT: O eternal God, who crowns the year with your goodness and gives us the fruits of the earth in their season; give us grace to use them for your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord. Amen

THE CONFESSION:

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

ABSOLUTION: God's forgiveness

SONG:

My lips shall praise you

My great redeemer.

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READING: Galatians 6 v 6-10

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

OUR FAITH:

I believe in God the Father who made me & all the world.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God who came to this earth to be my Saviour. He died for my sins on the cross,

rose again from the dead, ascended to the Father in heaven

and will come again in glory as the judge of all people. I believe in the Holy Spirit whom God gives to all who trust in Christ

He makes me more like Jesus, guides & strengthens me in my daily life, and helps me to serve God in the family of the Church. SONG

I want to be a tree that's bearing fruit

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ADDRESS: Rev Tim Ward

SONG:

For the fruits of his creation

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THE LORD'S PRAYER:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Gives 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.

PRAYERS:

NOTICES

FINAL 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 You, then, O Father, For all things bright and good; The seedtime and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food. Accept the gifts we offer For all your love imparts, We come now Lord to give you, Our humble, thankful hearts.

BLESSING:

THE DISMISSAL:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ, Amen.