

St. Mary's All Age Harvest Festival 3 October 2021

WELCOME

The Lord be with you
And also with you

INTRODUCTION

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**

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.

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.

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*

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 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.**

SONG:

***My lips shall praise you
My great redeemer.***

PSALM 104:

Praise the LORD, my soul.
LORD my God, you are very great;

you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

**² The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment;
he stretches out the heavens like a tent**

³ and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters. He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

**⁴ He makes winds his messengers,
flames of fire his servants.**

⁵ He set the earth on its foundations;

it can never be moved.

**⁶ You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;
the waters stood above the mountains.**

⁷ But at your rebuke the waters fled,

at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;

⁸ they flowed over the

**mountains,
they went down into the
valleys,
to the place you
assigned for them.**

⁹ You set a boundary they cannot cross;
never again will they cover the earth.

¹⁰ **He makes springs pour
water into the ravines;
it flows between the
mountains.**

¹¹ They give water to all the beasts of the field;
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

¹² **The birds of the sky nest
by the waters;
they sing among the
branches.**

¹³ He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

¹⁴ **He makes grass grow for
the cattle,
and plants for people to
cultivate—**

**bringing forth food from the
earth:**

¹⁵ wine that gladdens human hearts,
oil to make their faces shine,
and bread that sustains their

hearts.

¹⁶ **The trees of the LORD are
well watered,
the cedars of Lebanon that
he planted.**

¹⁷ There the birds make their nests;
the stork has its home in the junipers.

¹⁸ **The high mountains belong
to the wild goats;
the crags are a refuge for
the hyrax.**

¹⁹ He made the moon to mark the seasons,
and the sun knows when to go down.

²⁰ **You bring darkness, it
becomes night,
and all the beasts of the
forest prowl.**

²¹ The lions roar for their prey
and seek their food from God.

²² **The sun rises, and they
steal away;
they return and lie down in
their dens.**

²³ Then people go out to their work,
to their labour until evening.

TEARFUND VIDEO

HYMN

Think of a world without any flowers,

***ADDRESS:* Julie Allday**

SONG:

Seek ye the Lord all ye people

TEARFUND PRAYER:

**God of justice,
We lift up people around the world who are suffering the effects of the climate crisis. We think of those in Bangladesh, the Philippines, Mozambique and Central America who have recently faced deadly cyclones and floods. We think of those in Burkina Faso, Brazil, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe who are facing prolonged droughts. Lord, it is not fair that those who have done the least to cause this crisis are suffering. Lord, please provide for them, protect them and give them hope for the future. Lord, we ask that you bless churches and charities who are responding to this crisis;**

equip them and give them wisdom.

And Lord, please shake us out of ourselves: when the issue feels too big or overwhelming, keep our eyes fixed on you who can do more than we can ask or imagine.

**In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen**

FURTHER PRAYERS:

NOTICES

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.

BLESSING

Please take this home with you.

*You can leave Harvest goods in
the porch or at the Village
Florist.*

*There should be a giving bowl
for Tearfund and Farm Africa as
you leave. Please be generous.*

You may like to sign online
declaration with Tearfund
Christian Aid, Cafod, The

Salvation army and the National
Trust etc

CLIMATE COLATION declaration

Dear Prime Minister,

The time is now to lead the UK
towards a healthier, greener,
fairer future. Ahead of hosting
the United Nations climate
summit in Glasgow in 2021, we
can build back better together
if we:

- **Leave no one behind** by increasing support to those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and by scaling up investment in renewable energy in developing countries
- **Unleash a clean energy revolution** that boosts jobs across the UK, making our transport, power and housing fit for the future
- **Protect, restore and expand our green and**

wild spaces, allowing nature to thrive, taking carbon from the air and boosting health

The UK must lead the world by ensuring our recovery gets us on track to net-zero emissions and limits the rise in global temperature to 1.5°C. Our best chance of building a resilient economy goes hand in hand with tackling climate change.

We are ready to play our part, and we call on you to join us.

To sign the declaration, go to **<https://www.tearfund.org/forms/reboot-declaration>**



