



Order of Spiritual Communion Sunday 10th October Harvest

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The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be 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 this world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

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

Then, thou church triumphant, come.
 raise the song of harvest-home:
 all be safely gathered in,
 free from sorrow, free from sin,
 there for ever purified
 in God's garner to abide:
 come, ten thousand angels, come,
 raise the glorious harvest-home.

Henry Alford (1810-1871) and others T. ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
 to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven,
 and to bring us to eternal life.
 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.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of Absolution

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Glory to God, in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of

God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy (6:6-10)

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the good we all inherit,
 thanks be to God;
 for the wonders that astound us,
 for the truths that still confound us,
 most of all that love has found us,
 thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) T. AR HYD Y NOS
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Alleluia, alleluia. Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields
 are ripe for harvesting. Gather the fruit for eternal life.
cf John 4.35,36

Alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
 Matthew(6:25-33)

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not worry about your life, what
 you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what
 you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more
 than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor
 reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds
 them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of
 you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And
 why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the
 field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you,
 even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.
 But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today
 and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more
 clothe you – you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying,
 "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we
 wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and
 indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these
 things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his
 righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Address

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth. For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you, we bring our thanks, good Lord;

your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

Intercessions

Let us pray to God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation. Lord of creation,

we see that the fields are ripe for harvesting: we pray for your Church, that it may be ready to gather fruit for eternal life. Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in giving us dominion over the earth: we pray for the world, that we may honour and share its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another. Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

Your Son has promised that the Spirit will lead us into all truth: we pray for the community in which you have set us, for one another and for ourselves, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace. Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

You have given your people a rich land, yet by sin we have made a world of suffering and sorrow: we pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty. Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

Your Son Jesus Christ is the first-fruits of the resurrection and will reap the harvest of the dead at the end of time: we pray that he will gather us all together with those who have gone before in the banquet of the age to come. Lord of the harvest,
in your mercy hear us.

Source of all life and giver of all that is good, hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
cf Galatians 5.22,23

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Hymn

All creatures of our God and King
 lift up your voice and with us sing
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise him, O praise him,
 alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
 O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
 ye lights of evening, find a voice;
Chorus

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
 make music for thy Lord to hear,
 Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
 that givest hearts both warmth and light:
Chorus

Dear mother earth, who day by day
 unfoldest blessings on our way,
 O praise him, alleluia.
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
 let them his glory also show:

Chorus

Let all things their Creator bless,
 and worship him in humbleness;
 O praise him, alleluia.
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit, Three in One;
Chorus

William Henry Draper (1855-1933) T. LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image.

In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation.

You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made,
and sing the eternal hymn of praise,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

*We recall the Last Supper,
and acclaim the mystery of our faith.*

Great is the mystery of faith,
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again:

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology,
to which we respond, **Amen***

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits
you have given me, for all the pains and insults you have
borne for me. Since I cannot now receive you
sacramentally, I ask you to come spiritually into my
heart. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly, day by day.
Amen.**



Open to God's loving presence around us and within us we keep silence for our own act of spiritual communion.

**Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples,
'I am with you always'.
Be with me today, as I offer myself to you.
Hear my prayers for others and for myself,
and keep me in your care. Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**Eternal Father, we thank you for nourishing us,
may our communion strengthen us in faith,
build us up in hope, and make us grow in love;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.

Chorus

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.

Chorus

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) T. Wir pflügen und wir streuen

The Dismissal

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and
of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and
remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen

Common Worship: Holy Communion Order One

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