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SEASON OF CREATION

THE THANKSGIVING FOR THE HARVEST
AND CARE FOR CREATION (CLIMATE SUNDAY)
SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER 2021

ENTRANCE HYMN

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all is 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 therein are sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
ripening with a wondrous power
till the final harvest-hour:
grant, O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home:
let thy saints be gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin:
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels come,
bid us sing thy harvest-home.

Henry Alford 1810-1871
Tune: St George's Windsor

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

Amen.

Grace and peace be with you
and keep you in the love of Christ.

Sends forth your Spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth

The Priest offers words of welcome, introduces the Eucharist and calls the people to penitence

A short silence is kept

**Creator God, maker of heaven and earth,
We acknowledge our failure to live responsibly
as part of your creation.
We have taken what we want,
without considering the consequences;
we have wasted and discarded,
without thought for the future.
Open our hearts and minds to the signs of our times,
to the groaning of creation,
so that we may turn from our greed and lack of vision
and see a world being made anew in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen .**

Almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you and set you free from sin,
and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Please Remain Standing

Let us pray:

Glorious God,
The whole of creation proclaims your marvellous work:
Increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
That heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
And our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
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.**

Bless the Lord, O my Soul!

**All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting. You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

**All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

The lions roar for their prey and seek their food from God; The sun rises, and they steal away; they return and lie down in their dens. Then people go out to their work, to their labour until evening.

**All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

From your lofty abode you water the mountains; You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills, giving drink to every wild animal;

**All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the Earth, wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.

**All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.**

The Earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.

**All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time.
When you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever!**

HYMN

Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer,
For all things living thou madest good;
Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

Bless thou the labour we bring to serve thee,
That with our neighbour we may be fed.
Sowing and tilling, we would work with thee;
Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for thy children,
Thy wisdom guiding teaches us share
One with another, so that rejoicing
With us, our brother may know thy care.

Albert Frederick Bayly 1901-1984

Tune: Bunessan

THE GOSPEL

Stand

Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Pharisees came to Jesus and tried to trap him. "Tell us," they asked, "does our Law allow a man to divorce his wife?" Jesus answered with a question, "What law did Moses give you?" Their answer was, "Moses gave permission for a man to write a divorce notice and send his wife away." Jesus said to them, "Moses wrote this law for you because you are so hard to teach. But in the beginning, at the time of creation, 'God made them male and female,' as the scripture says. 'And for this reason a man will leave his father and mother and unite with his wife, and the two will become one.' So they are no longer two, but one. No human being must separate, then, what God has joined together."

When they went back into the house, the disciples asked Jesus about this matter. He said to them, "A man who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery against his wife. In the same way, a woman who divorces her husband and marries another man commits adultery."

Some people brought children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them, but the disciples scolded the people. When Jesus noticed this, he was angry and said to his disciples, "Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of

God belongs to such as these. I assure you that whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it." Then he took the children in his arms, placed his hands on each of them, and blessed them.

This is the Gospel of the Lord:
Praise to you, O Christ.

THE HOMILY

Please Sit

AN ACT OF COMMITMENT TO CARE FOR CREATION

Please Stand

Let us affirm our commitment to care actively for God's creation.

**Lord of life and giver of hope,
we pledge ourselves to care for creation,
to reduce our waste,
to live sustainably,
and to value the rich diversity of life.
May your wisdom guide us,
that life in all its forms may flourish,
and may be faithful in voicing creation's praise.**

May the commitment we have made this day be matched by our faithful living.
Amen. Amen. Amen.

THE INTERCESSIONS

Please Sit

The following response is used

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

At the end

Creator God, giver of life,
You sustain the earth and direct the nations.
In this time of climate crisis
grant us clarity to hear
the groaning of creation and the cries of the poor;
challenge us to change our lifestyles;
guide our leaders to take courageous action;
enable your church to be a beacon of hope;
and foster within us a renewed vision
of your purposes for your world;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by and for whom all things were made. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Please Stand

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

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a socially distanced and appropriate sign of peace.

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 thee 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 thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest, our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love.*

Matthias Claudius 1740-1815

Tr. Jane Montgomery Campbell 1817-1878

Tune: Wir Pflügen

THE THANKSGIVING

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.

Lord God, accept our gifts:

the fruit of the earth and work of human hands.

Teach us to be humble and grateful for the great things you do among us.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 our thanks and praise.

True and living God, the source of life for all creation,
you have made us in your own image.

Always and everywhere we give you thanks
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
because you make us stewards of your creation
to praise you day by day
for the marvels of your wisdom and power.

Therefore, with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we praise your glorious name:

**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.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on
this bread and wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be for us the body and blood of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ;
because on the night he was betrayed he took bread,
and when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples and said,

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks
he gave it to them and said,

Drink this, all of you;
this cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it
in remembrance of me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come in glory.

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now the sacrifice of Christ your Son
once for all upon the cross
and the triumph of his resurrection,
we ask you to accept this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that we may be filled with your life and goodness
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.
Unite us in Christ and give us your peace
that we may do your work and be his body in the world.

Through him, with him, in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit
all honour and glory are yours,
almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Silence is kept

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Together with all creation, which in its own way loves its Lord and Creator;
together with the whole Church celebrating the Eucharist in different places around the
world, let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

**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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body
for 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: give us your peace.**

The Invitation to Holy Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
Happy are those who are called to his supper.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

You are welcome to come to the Lord's Table.

If you are a baptized member of a Christian Church who usually receives communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive holy communion here today. (Children at the discretion of parents). If you wish just to receive a blessing, please take this leaflet with you when you go up to the altar.

The sacrament is administered with these words

The body of Christ. **Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG

Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Come to him and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup,
Trust in him and you will not thirst.

Jesus Christ, bread of life,
Those who come to you will not hunger,
Jesus Christ, risen Lord,
Those who trust in you will not thirst.

Taize Community based on John 6

Silence is kept

THE POST-COMMUNION

Give thanks to the Lord for he is gracious:
his love is everlasting.

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

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

May God the Holy Spirit, who hovered over the waters of creation and formed the world from chaos, form you in the likeness of Christ and renew the face of the earth.
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation
and bring forth the fruits of the Spirit.
And so, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

Thomas O. Chisholm 1866-1960

Tune: Faithfulness



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