



Harvest Festival Family Service with Uniformed Groups

Welcome and Notices

We stand

① Hymn

Uniformed Company flags are brought to the front

Invitation to Worship

Leader Thank you, God, for your goodness that blesses us
and the earth. You are generous.

All **Thank you, God.**

Leader Thank you, God, for the people who made
this food we bring and those who will share in it.
You are generous.

All **Thank you, God.**

Leader Thank you, God, for this town, this church
and for your faithful love over many generations.
You are generous.

All Thank you, God.

We sit or kneel

Saying sorry and being forgiven

The Minister introduces the Confession

Leader Made in God's image,
You have given us eyes....

All but we have not always looked at Creation's beauty.

Leader You have given us ears....

**All but we have not always listened
to nature's speaking**

Leader You have given us hands..

All but we have not always been makers and menders.

Leader You have given us freedom of choice.....

All but we have not always chosen the good

Leader You have given us minds...

All but we have not always thought beyond ourselves

Leader You have given us hearts...

All but we have not always loved without reserve.

Assurance of God's forgiveness

Leader Loving God, in whose image we are made,
 forgive us that we do not always reflect your likeness.
 Assure us of your eternal love and raise us to new life
 in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

We stand

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The Collect - Prayer for the day

Creator God, you make all things
and give us the earth and the seasons,
the rain, the sun and the wind;
make us thankful people with
generous hearts, ready to share
your goodness and love with all creation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit
The Talk

We stand
The Creed Saying what we believe

Leader: As God's family let us declare our faith:

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and 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.**

We sit
Intercessions—*Prayers for God's help for people and things we
care about*

The response may be:
God of love
All hear our prayer.

At the end:

**All God of love, hear our prayers,
 for the sake of your Son,
 our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Sharing good news

We welcome newly Baptised children into God's family, read Banns of marriage and celebrate any other good news!

We stand

Sharing the Peace

The Leader introduces the peace:

God calls us to peace:
All in God's justice is our peace.
Christ calls us to be God's people:
All in Christ is our peace.

The Peace of the Lord be with you
All and also with you.

*People may greet one another by shaking hands saying
"Peace be with you".*

We bring up our harvest gifts while the band play.

The Collection is taken as we sing

③ Hymn

Prayer as the Bread and Wine and Harvest gifts are received:

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,

**All so, Lord, we pray for the day
when we will be united in your kingdom
and the harvest will be shared in all the world.
Amen.**

We sit or kneel

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You give us the fish in the sea,
the birds of the air,
and every plant and tree;
the life that sleeps in the winter earth,
and awakens again in the spring.

You made us all,
each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels
and sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy ,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
you are holy, Lord.
In God's name is coming
the One whom we call blessed
Hosanna in the highest
Praise and thanks to God.**

We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died,
when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.
He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten,
he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you
and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered
in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints
we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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

Leader We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

As the clergy and assistants receive Communion, we sing:

Agnus Dei

**O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us,
Have mercy, have mercy, have mercy Lord**

**O Lamb of God,
you take away the sins of the world
have mercy on us,
Have mercy, have mercy and grant,
O grant us peace**

Giving of Communion

Leader God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy,
 Jesus Christ is Lord,
 to the glory of God the Father.**

*Please come to the altar to receive communion as directed. If
you do not wish to receive communion, **come for a blessing
and indicate this** by bringing your service sheet with you.
The Band will play during Communion*

Hymns ④ and ⑤

Prayer after Communion

All Loving God,
 as we have shared the joy of your harvest
 Give us also, we pray,
 loving hearts and practical minds,
 that in the world wide task of caring,
 no one may starve while we eat so well.
 In the name of Jesus,
 the bread of life, we pray.
 Amen.

We stand

⑥ Hymn

The flags are collected

We Go Out

Leader We have celebrated Harvest, brought our gifts,
 sung our hymns and remembered our God.

All As we go into the world,
 may God help us to live our lives
 as people of the harvest,
 to share and to give,
 to bless and to love,
 through Jesus,
 our Friend and Saviour.
 Amen

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing ...

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Freely you have received, freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All in the name of Christ. Amen.

Do join us for refreshments after the service
Traidcraft goods are on sale.

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