



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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We warmly welcome you to our congregation and extend Christian greetings to you. You enter this church, not as a stranger but as a guest of God and as a friend of those who have gathered here today. So come with joy in your heart and thanks on your lips into God's presence, offering God your love and service and, as you do so, may you experience God's loving presence, peace and hope.

Prayer of Preparation

Creator and loving God, you placed us on this earth with flowers and fruits, minerals and waters, living creatures of grace and beauty. Give us a clearer picture of your greatness and power, your love and mercy, your purpose for us and for all. Broaden our vision and help us to catch a glimpse of you in all your glory filling us with joy, faith, hope and love, now and always. Amen

Welcome & Church Family News

Call to Worship

Psalm 96: 1, 12



Hymn 233

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, will provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home.

2. All this world is God's own field,
bearing fruit his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
are to 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 and pure may be.

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

4. Even so, Lord, quickly, come;
bring your final harvest home:
gather all your people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin;
there, for ever purified,
in your presence to abide:
come, with all your angels come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Prayer

Bible Reading

Psalm 104: 1-23



Harvest: 'God's Love for His Creation'



Hymn 137 [Tune: 'Royal Oak']

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

1. Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings:

2. The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:

3. The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one:

4. He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.

Harvest: 'Taking Care of God's Creation'

Christian Aid & Tearfund



Hymn 231 [Tune: 'Ar Hyd Y Nos' - No 562]

For the fruits of all creation,

thanks be to God;
for these 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.

2. 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 harvest we are sharing,
God's will is done.

3. 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.

Bible Reading

John 6: 24-35

Harvest: 'What harvest is God looking for in us?'

Prayers for Others

Hymn 229

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.

2. 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.

3. We thank you then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all your love imparts,
with what we know you long for:
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.*

Closing Prayer and Blessing



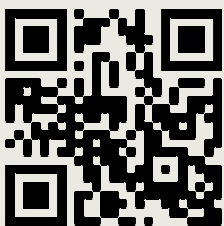
PRAYER FOCUS FOR THE WEEK - FEEDING THE WORLD

Jesus, Bread of Life, we ask that Your Church would continue to be mobilised to share physical food and other vital provision with those who are in need alongside Your gracious message of love and truth to satisfy their spiritual hunger. Please grant this in Your name. Amen.

Lord, please help governments, producers and all involved in the journey 'from farm to table,' to ensure that all food is safe and nutritious. Grant help to protect it from physical, chemical or biological contamination, in Your mercy. Amen.

Father, we pray that as a result of the Government's National Food Strategy there will be better access to healthy, affordable food for everyone; produced, transported and distributed in sustainable and ethical ways, both within the UK and from abroad. Grant Your wisdom. Amen.

Lord our Provider, thank You for the 2,500 food banks distributing supplies to hundreds or thousands of families and the many schools, universities, hospitals and churches doing the same. May positive changes come in our nation that will make such aid redundant. By Christ's mercy, Amen.



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