



Harvest Sunday Service 3 October 2021



Responses and Prayer of Praise

Psalm 104

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

O LORD my God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;

the earth is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

He makes grass grow for the cattle, and plants for man to cultivate-- bringing forth food from the earth:

wine that gladdens the heart of man, oil to make his face shine, and bread that sustains his heart.

Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God's Promise of Forgiveness (*stand*)

Psalm 104v30-31

When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. May the glory of the LORD endure for ever; may the LORD rejoice in his works.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Bible Reading

Luke 8v4-15

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Thanksgiving Prayer and Lord's Prayer

Lord God almighty, we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life; for health and strength, for the beauty of the world, for the kindness and love of family and friends, for opportunities of service, and for the harvest of

land and sea. Accept our praise for these your gifts, and make us ever mindful of our dependence on you; for your Son, Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

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.

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!

2. All the world is God's own field, harvests for his praise to yield;

wheat and 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 and pure may be.

3. 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.

4. Even so, Lord, quickly come- bring your final harvest home!

gather all your people in free from sorrow, free from sin,

there together purified, ever thankful at your side-

come, with all your angels, come, bring that glorious harvest home!

Blessing

Matthew 9v37-38

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**