

A Service of the Word Harvest Thanksgiving

INTRODUCTION

HYMN

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

This is the day that the Lord has made.
All **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

We have come together in the name of Christ to
offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and
receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs
of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our
sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Prayers of Penitence

Invitation to Confession

God's whole creation groans. The land produces
thorns and thistles and is ready for burning. Our
sin affects all around us. We confess our sin in
penitence and faith.

Confession

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when
we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted
ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but
sometimes forget that you have given them to
us.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and
satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for
the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if
there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

+*The president gives the absolution*
*All***Amen.**

THE WORD

Psalm 100

ALL

- 1 O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a
song.**
- 2 Know that the Lord is God; *
it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his
pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and bless his name.**
- 4 For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast
love is everlasting, *
and his faithfulness endures from
generation to generation.**

First Reading

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Second Reading

TALK OR ADDRESS

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our
Lord. He was conceived by the power of the
Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the
universe!

**Your word brings on the dawn of the Day.
Your wisdom creates both day and night.
You determine the cycles of time.**

You arrange the succession of seasons
and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.

Lord of the starry hosts is your name.

Living and eternal God, rule over us always.

**Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes light
to shine in the darkness.**

PRAYERS

(We pray to the Lord, saying:
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.)

That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful
and full of your presence;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That our work and the people we meet may
bring us closer to you;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That we may be forgiven our sins and failures;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That we may hear and respond to your call to
peace and justice;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

That you will sustain the faith and hope
of those who are lonely, oppressed and anxious;
in faith we pray:

we pray to you our God.

That you will strengthen us in your service,
and fill our hearts with longing for your
kingdom;
in faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

God of mercy:
**you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship
of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

ENDING

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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 them to his glory and the
welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

PEACE

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest
of righteousness.

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

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We exchange sign of Peace