



Reading Sheet

Harvest Festival.

[Year B]

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. Amen

Joel 2.21-27

I will remove the northern army far from you,
and drive it into a parched and desolate land,
its front into the eastern sea,
and its rear into the western sea;
its stench and foul smell will rise up.
Surely he has done great things!

Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!

Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no
other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame

Psalm 126

***Those who sowed with tears
Will reap with songs of joy.***

1When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter,

and our tongue with shouts of joy; *R*

Then it was said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

The Lord has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced. *R*

Restore our fortunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their
sheaves *R*

1 Timothy 2.1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for
everyone, for kings and all who are in high
positions, so that we may lead a quiet and
peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is
right and is acceptable in the sight of God our
Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to
come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one
God; there is also one mediator between God and
humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave
himself a ransom for all this was attested at the right
time. For this I was appointed a herald and an
apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a
teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Matthew 6.25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life,
what you will eat or what you will drink, or about
your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than
food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the
birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather
into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds
them. Are you not of more value than they? And can
any of you by worrying add a single hour to your
span of life? And why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they
neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in
all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if
God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive
today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he
not much more clothe you—you of little faith?
Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’
or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For
it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and
indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need
all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of
God and his righteousness, and all these things will
be given to you as well.

“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will
bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough
for today.