



OUR HARVEST SERVICE

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the beginning God made the world

Women: **Made it and mothered it**

Men: **Shaped it and fathered it**

Women: **Filled it with seeds and signs of fertility**

Men: **Filled it with life and endless ability**

All that is green, blue, deep and growing, all that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious, all that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless, all that speaks, sings, laughs, cries or keeps silence, all that suffers, stumbles, lacks or longs for an end.

All: **God's is the hand that created you**

The world belongs to the Lord

All: **The earth and all its people**

SONG

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION

Before the sunlight, before the mountains, before birdsong, before breath, you, God, maker of all, were there! You are the architect of the universe, the keeper of all time, the poet of creation, the sower of every seed; and we, who inhabit this world of your making; we who thrive on the harvest of the earth; we, who have also been shaped by your hand and raised by your love; we fall silent at the wonder that surrounds us. We are privileged children of a gracious God.

Silence – as we reflect on all that God has given us

TIME TO SAY SORRY

Dear Lord, you have created a beautiful world for us to live in.
You have given us everything we need.

ALL: We are sorry for when we do not give you thanks.

Sometimes we forget how much you love us because we spend
so much time thinking about what we have and what we want.

All: We are sorry for when we are selfish.

When we worry, we think about ourselves and forget about
others and you.

All: We are sorry for when we do not trust you.

So often we think we know better than you. We do what we
want instead of what you want.

All: We are sorry for not always believing in you.

Forgive us for our worry, our selfishness and for going our way
instead of your way.

All: Amen

In the beginning, God saw all that had been made and declared
it good. And in Christ, to a weary world and to guilty people,
God allowed for the recovery of our lost goodness by declaring,
'Behold, I make all things new.' So, may God forgive you and
restore you, and so fill you with love for the earth that you
yearn to care for all of creation.

All: Amen.

THE COLLECT

BIBLE READING(S)

The choir sings a song

GOSPEL READING AND TALK

SONG

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

We end with the Lord's prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.

Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done

On earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

As we forgive them that trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,

For ever and ever. Amen.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

On this day on which we celebrate the harvest of the earth, let us affirm what we believe:

All: We believe in Creator God, the beginning and source of all life; of light and dark, stars, sky and sea, plants and all creatures.

We believe in Redeemer God, Jesus Christ, the Light to live by. Born of a woman, he grew in wisdom; storyteller, teacher, and healer, a friend of the outcast. He walked the hills of Galilee, sailed the lake with fishermen, lived the Way he taught. He was betrayed, rejected and crucified by the powerful, died and was buried. On the third day, he rose again and was seen by his friends for a time. His kingdom is present on earth.

We believe in Sustainer God, the Holy Spirit of wind and fire, who moves over the waters, awakening love and faith within us.

We believe in the mystery that is God. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, and peace. If we live by the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit's peace. The peace of God's earth be always with you!

All: And also with you!

FINAL SONG

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

And the blessing.....

Amen.

We will tread the earth lightly!

All: Scattering God's blessing

Our hearts changed by love

All: The love of the Living God

Working to transform the world

All: Inspired by the Holy God, now and always. Amen