

## All Age Communion Service 28 September – Harvest Festival

### 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.

### First reading

#### – Psalm 100

Shout to the Lord, all the  
earth.  
Serve the Lord with joy.  
Come before him with  
singing.  
Know that the Lord is God.  
He made us,  
and we belong to him.  
We are his people,  
the sheep he tends.  
Come into his city with songs  
of thanksgiving.  
Come into his courtyards  
with songs of praise.  
Thank him, a  
nd praise his name.  
The Lord is good.  
His love continues forever.  
His loyalty continues from  
now on.

### Second reading:

#### – Philippians 4.4-9

Be full of joy in the Lord  
always. I will say again, be  
full of joy. Let all men see  
that you are gentle and kind.  
The Lord is coming soon.  
Do not worry about anything.

But pray and ask God for  
everything you need. And  
when you pray, always give  
thanks.

And God's peace will keep  
your hearts and minds in  
Christ Jesus. The peace that  
God gives is so great that we  
cannot understand it.  
Brothers, continue to think  
about the things that are  
good and worthy of praise.  
Think about the things that  
are true and honourable and  
right and pure and beautiful  
and respected. And do what  
you learned and received  
from me. Do what I told you  
and what you saw me do.  
And the God who gives peace  
will be with you.

### Gospel

#### Matthew 20:29-34

The people found Jesus on  
the other side of the lake.  
They asked him, "Teacher,  
when did you come here?"  
Jesus answered, "Are you  
looking for me because you  
saw me do miracles? No! I  
tell you the truth.  
You are looking for me  
because you ate the bread  
and were satisfied.  
Earthly food spoils and ruins.  
So don't work to get that  
kind of food.  
But work to get the food that  
stays good always  
and gives you eternal life.  
The Son of Man will give you  
that food. God the Father has  
shown that he is with the Son  
of Man."  
The people asked Jesus,  
"What are the things God  
wants us to do?"

Jesus answered, "The work  
God wants you to do is this:  
to believe in the One that  
God sent."

So the people asked, "What  
miracle will you do?  
If we can see a miracle, then  
we will believe you.

What will you do?

Our ancestors ate the manna  
in the desert.

This is written in the  
Scriptures:

'God gave them bread from  
heaven to eat.'

Jesus said, "I tell you the  
truth.

Moses was not the one who  
gave you

bread from heaven.

But my Father gives you the  
true bread from heaven.

God's bread is the One who  
comes down from heaven  
and gives life to the world."

The people said, "Sir, give us  
this bread always."

Then Jesus said, "I am the  
bread that gives life.

He who comes to me will  
never be hungry.

He who believes in me will  
never be thirsty

### After Communion

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered  
thanksgiving for your love in  
creation and have shared in  
the bread and the wine of  
the kingdom:

by your grace plant within us  
a reverence for all that you  
give us and make us  
generous and wise stewards  
of the good things we enjoy;  
through Jesus Christ our  
Lord.