

All Age Communion Service 4 October – 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.