

Shelswell Benefice



Harvest Festival with Communion



The Greeting

We gather in praise of the God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hymn

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
all is safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin:
God our maker doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and weeds therein are sown
unto joy or sorrow grown:
ripening with a wondrous power
til the final harvest hour:
grant, O Lord of life, that we
holy grain and pure may be.

Come then, Lord of mercy, come-
bid us sing thy harvest home!
let thy saints be gathered in,
all upon the golden floor
praising thee for evermore:
come, with all thine angels, come,
bid us sing thy harvest home.

Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God,
the God of all peoples of the earth.

For the colour and forms of your creation
and our place within it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food,
and for those whose work and skill
bring your good gifts to us,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts;
for insights and imagination,
for the skills of research
which bring healing and fulfilment to the loves of many;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,
and their variety and dependability.

for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay;
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see
goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility,
and all the fruits of the Spirit,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given,
and for all those whom you have given us to share it,
we bring our thanks, good Lord:
your mercy endures for ever.

Glorious God,
the whole creation proclaims your marvellous work:
increase in us a capacity to wonder and delight in it,
that heaven's praise may echo in our hearts
and our lives be spent as good stewards of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take creation and God's gifts for
granted.

Lord, you give us seedtime and harvest,
forgive us for those times when we waste our food.

Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy.**

Lord, you make us one bread, one body,
we are sorry that we fail to share the good things you give us.

Christ have mercy: **Christ have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth.
we are sorry for the ways that we fail to look after it.

Lord have mercy: **Lord have mercy.**

Collect

God our Father,
you never cease the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing all human labour:
make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts
that we may serve the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice where all may share
 the good things you pour upon us;
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.**

Hymn

For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labour,
 God's will is done;
 in the help we give our neighbour,
 God's will is done;
 in our world-wide task of caring
 for the hungry and despairing,
 in the harvests we are sharing,
 God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Readings

Please sit for the first reading
At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Hymn

We eat the plants that grow from the seed,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
Cures can be made from herbs and from weeds,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
Ev'rything beneath the sun,
All the things we claim we've done,

all are part of God's creation:
we can meet people's needs
with things we grow from seed,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
We find the iron and turn it to steel,
but it's God who gives the harvest.

We pull the levers, we turn the wheels,
but it's God who gives the harvest.
Ev'rything we say we've made,
paper bags to metal spades,
all are part of God's creation:
we can make lots of things
from microchips to springs,
but it's God who gives the harvest

The Bringing Forward of the Symbols of the Harvest

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,
gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields,
the oat and the wheat, the rye and the barley.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of roots,
the swedes and mangolds, turnips and sugar beet.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next year's crops,
for clover, for hay and for corn.
Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables,

peas, potatoes, beans and hops.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of pears and apples, berries and herbs.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of flowers,
the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the produce of our shops,
wholesome food for a hungry world.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward bread and wine,
for our Saviour took these
to feed us with his body and his blood,
given and shed for the life of the world.
Let us feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

Thanks be to God.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, hear us: **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The Peace

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
Might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
Knows and names them as they shine
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Sing and praise your God and mine!

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
Spring to melt the snows of winter
Till the waters flow again;
Grass upon the mountain pastures,
Golden valleys thick with grain.
Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
Cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!
Love his laws, declare his judgements,
Walk in all his words and ways;
He the Lord and we his children,
Praise the Lord, all people, praise!
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
Peace and plenty crown your days!

The Eucharistic Prayer

Please remain standing

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.
Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.

It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever!

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord!
As a mother tenderly gathers her children
you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends,
and taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us into the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with St Peter and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by him, with him, and in him,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and every.**

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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 those who trespass against us.
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Prayer after Communion

We all join together to say:

**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, Amen.**

Hymn

We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey him,
By him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, his children,
He gives our daily bread.
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

We thank thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good;
The seedtime and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all thy love imparts,
And, what thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.
*All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all his love.*

Please remain standing for the Blessing and Dismissal

May God who clothes the lilies of the field and feeds the birds of the air,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes, and changed water into wine,
lead us and feed us, and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;

and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God

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