St. Lawrence church
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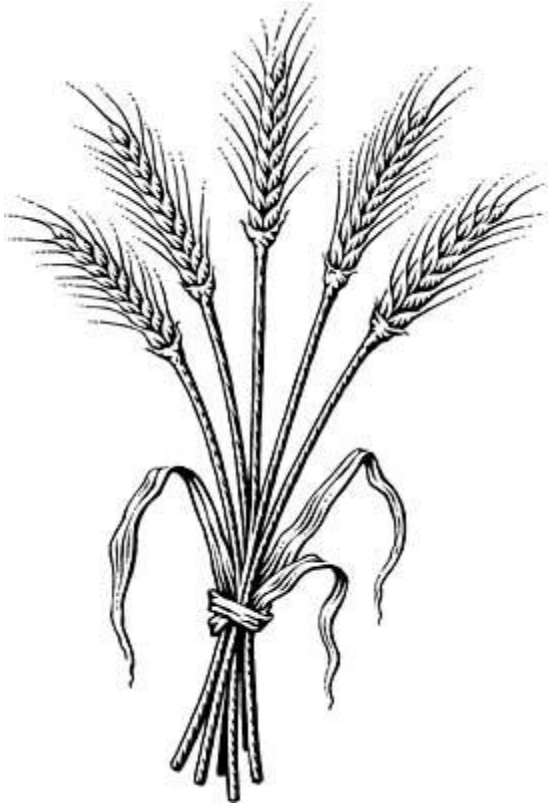
Harvest Thanksgiving



Opening hymn

Leader: this is the day that the Lord has made
All: let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Invitation to confession

Brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate our Harvest thanksgiving, let us call to mind our sins

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

The president pronounces God's forgiveness

Prayer (Collect)

Song and presentation of harvest gifts

As we sing this song our harvest gifts are brought to the altar rail and blessed.

Reading

Talk

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen. Cf Ephesians 3

Prayers of the people

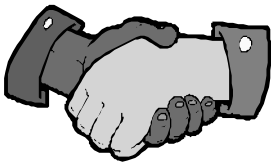
This response is used:

Jesus Lord of creation
In your mercy, hear us

Introduction to the Peace

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. *cf Galatians 5.22,23*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you



Hymn

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

Hymn

The Blessing

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.
Amen.
God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.
Amen.
God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.
Amen.
And the blessing …

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
in the name of Christ. Amen.

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