

**Worship in Song**

Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair

**Welcome**

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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 wind and waves obey him,  
By him the birds are fed;  
Much more to us, his children,  
He gives our daily bread.

We thank you, then, O Father,  
For all things bright and good,  
The seed-time 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.

**A Thank You Prayer**

*(Bring forward some soil and seeds)*

For the rich soils of the countryside, for good seed,  
and for the green corn springing out of the earth,  
**we thank you O God and praise your holy name**

*(A watering can, a bunch of flowers)*

For the warm sweetness of the fertile rain, for the  
hot days of ripening sun, and for the harvest,  
**we thank you O God and praise your holy name**

*(Basket of apples, cobs of corn)*

For the yield of the forests the earth and the sea  
**we thank you O God and praise your holy name**

*(A wheelbarrow full of gardening tools)*

For all who work on the land, in the mines, or  
on the waters, and for their courage in days of  
difficulty and disappointment,  
**we thank you O God and praise your holy name**

*(A supermarket trolley filled with tins of food)*

For those who work in office, shop, factory and  
in transport, to meet our needs,  
**we thank you O God and praise your holy name**

For these and all your blessings we make our harvest  
thanksgiving and give you all the glory. **Amen.**

**Talk - Harvest Gifts**

**Worship in Song** *Bring forward harvest gifts*

Eggs and apples in my trolley *(repeat)*  
Every time I shop  
I should thank God for the 'crop' of  
Eggs and apples in my trolley

Milk and carrots in my trolley ...

Fish and ice cream in my trolley ...

Meat and biscuits in my trolley ...

Sweets and lettuce in my trolley...

All the food that's in my trolley...

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Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans,  
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes, taste so good to me  
Apricots and plums, ripened in the sun,  
Oranges and yellow bananas, good for everyone

It's another harvest festival

When we bring our fruit and vegetables,  
Cause we want to share the best of all  
The good things that we've been given.

It's another opportunity  
to be grateful for the food we eat  
With a Samba celebration  
To say thank you to God the Father.

### ***Bible Reading***

Matthew 22.34–46 (*Church Bible page 828*)

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

### ***Sermon***

#### ***Worship in Song***

Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be 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 together sown  
Unto joy or sorrow grown:  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear  
Grant O harvest Lord that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come  
And shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall purge away  
All that doth offend that day.  
Give his angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In his garner evermore.

Then, thou Church Triumphant, come  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
All be safely gathered in  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There for ever to purified,  
In God's garner to abide  
Come, ten thousand angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

### ***An Affirmation of Faith***

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see, and all we don't see; who is ruler of the universe and source of all creation.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, truly God and truly human. He is one with the Father; the Word made flesh, our Messiah and saviour of all creation.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, breath of God moving among us; who is one with the Father and one with the Son; our comforter and our guide and teacher of all creation. Amen.**

### ***Prayers***

*At the end:* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### ***Notices***

#### ***The Peace***

Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

### ***Confession***

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation.

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

Grant us thankful hearts and a loving concern for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ***Ministry of the Sacrament***

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most high. Amen.**

### ***Prayer of Humble Access***

**We do not presume to come to this thy table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

### ***Prayer of Consecration***

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood:

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread; and, when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, take, eat; this is my body which is given for you: do this in remembrance of me.

Likewise after supper he took the cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of this; for this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you and for many for the remission of sins: do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

*We receive communion*

### ***Worship in Song***

Your grace that leads this sinner home  
From death to life forever  
And sings the song of righteousness  
By blood and not by merit

Your grace that reaches far and wide  
To every tribe and nation  
Has called my heart to enter in  
The joy of Your salvation

By grace I am redeemed  
By grace I am restored  
And now I freely walk  
Into the arms of Christ my Lord

Your grace that I cannot explain  
Not by my earthly wisdom  
The prince of life, without a stain  
Was traded for this sinner

Let praise rise up and overflow  
My song resound forever  
For grace will see me welcomed home  
To walk beside my Saviour

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Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
Give thanks to the Holy One,  
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ, his Son  
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And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
Let the poor say 'I am rich',  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.  
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Let the poor say 'I am rich',  
Because of what the Lord has done for us.

### ***Worship in Song***

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who bore my pain  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
And gave me life again  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
And clothed me with his light  
And wrote his law of righteousness  
With power upon my heart

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who walks beside  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength  
And causes fears to fly  
Whose every promise is enough  
For every step I take  
Sustaining me with arms of love  
And crowning me with grace

My heart is filled with thankfulness  
To him who reigns above  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace  
Whose every thought is love  
For every day I have on earth  
Is given by the King  
So I will give my life my all  
To love and follow him.

### ***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 those who 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.**

### ***Prayer 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. **Amen.**

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Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,  
Lord in your suff'ring world, this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,  
Sunrise to sunset, your kingdom increase.

Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,  
Work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,  
Voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

God of the poor, friend of the weak,  
Give us compassion we pray,  
Melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.  
Come change our love from a spark to a flame

Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,  
Cities for sanctu'ry, freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields scorched earth to green  
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,  
Plundered and poisoned our future, our dreams  
Lord end our madness, carelessness, greed,  
Make us content with the things that we need.

Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,  
Until your justice burns brightly again;  
Until the nations learn of your ways,  
Seek your salvation and bring you their praise.

### ***Blessing***

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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