

Worship in Song

Sweet is the work my God and King

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

(Some soil and seeds are brought forward)
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 and some flowers are brought forward)
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

(A basket of apples and cobs of corn are brought forward)
For the yield of the forests the earth and the sea
we thank you O God and praise your holy name

(A wheelbarrow and gardening tools are brought forward)
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 trolley filled with tins of food is brought forward)
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 - What can I do to help save the planet?

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...

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 some-
times 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.

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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

Psalm 67 (Church Bible page 481)

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

Sermon

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Sweet is the work my God and King
To praise your name give thanks and sing
To tell your love by morning light
Your faithfulness all through the night

How good it is to join the song
Angels and saints around your throne
Lift every voice fill every lung
Come strike the strings and beat the drum

Praise him moon and stars
Praise him shining lights
Praise him in the morning
Praise him when the sun goes down

All that has breath join heaven's song
East to west old and the young
And bless his works and bless his name
Tell of his love with hearts aflame

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.

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Who has held the oceans in his hands
Who has numbered every grain of sand
Kings and nations tremble at his voice
All creation rises to rejoice

Behold our God seated on his throne
Come let us adore him
Behold our King nothing can compare
Come let us adore him

Who has given counsel to the Lord
Who can question any of his words
Who can teach the One who knows all things
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

Who has felt the nails upon his hands
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man
God eternal humbled to the grave
Jesus Saviour risen now to reign

Bridge

You will reign forever

Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness and grace, receive these gifts that we offer; and grant that our lives as well as our gifts may be used in your service; in the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but
came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live
in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and
made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with
his friends he took bread, and 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.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his
body is the bread of life.

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 for the forgiveness of sins; do this in
remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his
blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his
rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this
bread and this wine may be to us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us
one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we
offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice
to join the eternal song of heaven:

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

The Lord's Prayer

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 for 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

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our
Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his
blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in
remembrance that he died for you, and feed on
him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We receive communion

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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.
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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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.

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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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 tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear
Lord of harvest grant 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 in that day
All offenses purge away.
Give his angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In his garner evermore.

Even so Lord quickly come
To thy final harvest-home
Gather thou thy people in
Free from sorrow free from sin
There forever purified
In thy presence to abide
Come with all thine angels come
Raise the glorious harvest-home

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.