

# St. Mary's All Age Harvest Festival 3 October 2021

## ***WELCOME***

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

## ***INTRODUCTION***

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**

## ***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.

We thank You, 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 your love imparts,  
We come now Lord to give you,  
Our humble, thankful hearts.

## ***THE CONFSSION:***

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 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.**

**ABSOLUTION:** *God's forgiveness*

**HARVEST COLLECT:**

O eternal God, who crowns the year with your goodness and gives us the fruits of the earth in their season; give us grace to use them for your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well being; through Jesus Christ your son our Lord.

**Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Gives 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.**

**SONG:**

***My lips shall praise you***  
***My great redeemer.***

**PSALM 104:**

Praise the LORD, my soul.  
LORD my God, you are very great;

you are clothed with splendour and majesty.

**2 The LORD wraps himself in light as with a garment;  
he stretches out the heavens like a tent**

**3 and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.  
He makes the clouds his chariot  
and rides on the wings of the wind.**

**4 He makes winds his messengers,  
flames of fire his servants.**

**5 He set the earth on its foundations;  
it can never be moved.**

**6 You covered it with the watery depths as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.**

**7 But at your rebuke the waters fled,  
at the sound of your thunder they took to flight;  
8 they flowed over the**

**mountains,  
they went down into the  
valleys,  
to the place you  
assigned for them.**

**9** You set a boundary they cannot cross;  
never again will they cover the earth.

**10 He makes springs pour  
water into the ravines;  
it flows between the  
mountains.**

**11** They give water to all the beasts of the field;  
the wild donkeys quench their thirst.

**12 The birds of the sky nest  
by the waters;  
they sing among the  
branches.**

**13** He waters the mountains from his upper chambers;  
the land is satisfied by the fruit of his work.

**14 He makes grass grow for  
the cattle,  
and plants for people to  
cultivate—  
bringing forth food from the  
earth:**

**15** wine that gladdens human hearts,  
oil to make their faces shine,  
and bread that sustains their

hearts.

**16 The trees of the LORD are  
well watered,  
the cedars of Lebanon that  
he planted.**

**17** There the birds make their nests;  
the stork has its home in the junipers.

**18 The high mountains belong  
to the wild goats;  
the crags are a refuge for  
the hyrax.**

**19** He made the moon to mark the seasons,  
and the sun knows when to go down.

**20 You bring darkness, it  
becomes night,  
and all the beasts of the  
forest prowl.**

**21** The lions roar for their prey  
and seek their food from God.

**22 The sun rises, and they  
steal away;  
they return and lie down in  
their dens.**

**23** Then people go out to their work,  
to their labour until evening.

**TEARFUND VIDEO**

**HYMN**

Think of a world without any flowers,

**ADDRESS: Julie Allday****SONG:**

Seek ye the Lord all ye people

**TEARFUND PRAYER:**

**God of justice,  
We lift up people around the world who are suffering the effects of the climate crisis. We think of those in Bangladesh, the Philippines, Mozambique and Central America who have recently faced deadly cyclones and floods. We think of those in Burkina Faso, Brazil, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe who are facing prolonged droughts. Lord, it is not fair that those who have done the least to cause this crisis are suffering.**

**Lord, please provide for them, protect them and give them hope for the future. Lord, we ask that you bless churches and charities who are responding to this crisis;**

equip them and give them wisdom.

**And Lord, please shake us out of ourselves: when the issue feels too big or overwhelming, keep our eyes fixed on you who can do more than we can ask or imagine.**

**In Jesus' name we pray,  
Amen**

**FURTHER PRAYERS:****NOTICES****HYMN:**

**Come, you thankful people, come,**

Raise the song of harvest home!  
Fruit and crops are gathered in  
Safe before the storms begin;  
God, our Maker, will provide  
For our needs to be supplied;  
Come with all his people come  
Raise the song of harvest-home.

All the world is God's own field,  
Harvest for His praise to yield;  
Wheat & weeds together sown,  
Here for 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 & pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come  
And shall bring His harvest  
home,  
He himself on that great day  
Worthless things shall take  
away,  
Give His angels charge at last  
In the fire the weeds to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In His care for evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
Bring your final harvest home;  
Gather all your people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There, forever purified,  
Ever thankful at your side-  
Come, with all your angels,  
come, Bring that the glorious  
harvest home.

## ***BLESSING***

*Please take this home with you.*

*You can leave Harvest goods in  
the porch or at the Village  
Florist.*

*There should be a giving bowl  
for Tearfund and Farm Africa as  
you leave. Please be generous.*

You may like to sign online  
declaration with Tearfund  
Christian Aid, Cafod, The

Salvation army and the National  
Trust etc

## **CLIMATE COLATION declaration**

Dear Prime Minister,

The time is now to lead the UK  
towards a healthier, greener,  
fairer future. Ahead of hosting  
the United Nations climate  
summit in Glasgow in 2021, we  
can build back better together  
if we:

- **Leave no one behind** by increasing support to those most vulnerable to the impacts of climate change, and by scaling up investment in renewable energy in developing countries
- **Unleash a clean energy revolution** that boosts jobs across the UK, making our transport, power and housing fit for the future
- **Protect, restore and expand our green and**

**wild spaces**, allowing nature to thrive, taking carbon from the air and boosting health

The UK must lead the world by ensuring our recovery gets us on track to net-zero emissions and limits the rise in global temperature to 1.5°C. Our best chance of building a resilient economy goes hand in hand with tackling climate change.

We are ready to play our part, and we call on you to join us.

To sign the declaration, go to

**<https://www.tearfund.org/forms/reboot-declaration>**



