



SS Peter & Paul, Hellingly
A Service of the Word for Harvest Festival

10.45am, Sunday 27th September, 2020



Preparation

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Greeting

Holy Spirit of God,
We invite you among us.

As we come to celebrate your harvest
and to pray for your justice
We also ask you to bring your peace.

So that the quiet place inside us may speak.
In stillness may we be at one with you.
Amen

Words of introduction may be said

Opening Prayer
Penitence

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

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

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

Word

1st Reading

Sit

At the end of each the reader may say

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

Psalm

Remain seated
PSALM 65

We say the words in bold type said first by the minister:

**Happy are they whom you choose to
dwell in your courts.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and
shall be for ever. Amen.**

2nd Reading

At the end the reader will say

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

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed

Stand and face the altar

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the
Father,
and he will come to judge the living
and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Gifts 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 oats 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 grain and the grape,
for our Saviour took bread and wine
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.**

Prayer

Music

Sit

Intercessions

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.

Various prayer follow

These responses may be used

God of the harvest:
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Collect

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

Praise

Stand

Acclamation

**The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.

You soften the ground with showers;
and bless the increase of it.

You crown the year with your goodness;
and your paths overflow with plenty.

The meadows are clothed with sheep;
**the valleys stand so thick with corn,
they shout for joy and sing.**

**The earth has yielded its harvest;
God, our God, has blessed us.**

The Dismissal

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal,
invisible,
the only wise God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever.
Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

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