

Rogation 2021

Sunday May 9th 10.00am at Condicote

Preparation

Grace, mercy and peace from God
our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you
and also with you.

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn

All Creatures of our God and King

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Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them His glory also show.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,

Praise God and on Him cast your care!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And thou most kind and gentle Death,
Waiting to hush our latest breath,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Thou leadest home the child of God,
And Christ our Lord the way hath trod.
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship Him in humbleness,
O praise Him! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
O praise Him! O praise Him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Invitation to Confession

Let us ask God to have mercy
on our tired land, and to prosper the work
of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion
of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him
for his provision and goodness.

Kyrie Confession

Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty with all of
your children.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect

Almighty God,
whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear fruit in due season:
bless the labours of those
who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice
in your fatherly care;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Reading: Matthew 6.1-15

Beware of practising your piety before others
in order to be seen by them; for then you
have no reward from your Father in heaven.

‘So whenever you give alms, do not sound a
trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in
the synagogues and in the streets, so that they
may be praised by others. Truly I tell you,
they have received their reward. But when
you give alms, do not let your left hand know
what your right hand is doing, so that your
alms may be done in secret; and your Father
who sees in secret will reward you.

‘And whenever you pray, do not be like the
hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in
the synagogues and at the street corners, so
that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell
you, they have received their reward. But
whenever you pray, go into your room and
shut the door and pray to your Father who is
in secret; and your Father who sees in secret
will reward you.

‘When you are praying, do not heap up empty
phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that
they will be heard because of their many
words. Do not be like them, for your Father
knows what you need before you ask him.

‘Pray then in this way: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come.
Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our debts, as we also have forgiven our
debtors. And do not bring us to the time of
trial, but rescue us from the evil one.

For if you forgive others their trespasses,
your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but
if you do not forgive others, neither will your
Father forgive your trespasses.

Thinking of the animals

Hymn

All things bright and beautiful

*All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, .
'The Lord God that made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing color,
He made their tiny wings.
Refrain

The purple headed mountains,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.
Refrain

The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.
Refrain

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is the Almighty,
Who has made all things well.
Refrain

Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.6 -13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from
believers who are living in idleness and not
according to the tradition that they received
from us. For you yourselves know how you
ought to imitate us; we were not idle when
we were with you, and we did not eat
anyone's bread without paying for it; but with
toil and labour we worked night and day, so
that we might not burden any of you.

This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Prayer is offered concluding with:

**God our Father, you never cease
the work you have begun
and prosper with your blessing
all human labour:
make us wise and faithful
stewards of your gifts
that we may serve
the common good,
maintain the fabric of our world
and seek that justice
where all may share
the good things you pour upon us;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.**

Thinking of the fields

Hymn

We plough the fields and scatter – verses 1 and 2

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.
All good gifts...

Reading: Psalm 104.21-30

Prayer

For a blessing on our land we pray.
Hear us, good Lord.

For healthy crops and abundant harvests we
pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For the care and welfare of animals
and for the veterinary profession we pray.
Hear us, good Lord.

For the harvest of the soil
and for the fruits of the earth in their seasons
we pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For seasonable weather we pray.
Hear us, good Lord.

For protection from blight, pestilence and
disease we pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For those engaged in agricultural research
we pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For the service industries that support rural
life we pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For the ministry of your Church in rural areas
we pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For parts of the world where the harvests
have failed we pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

For charities, aid agencies and overseas
development we pray. **Hear us, good Lord.**

Thinking of the gift of water

Reading John 4: 7 – 15

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and
Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink'. (His
disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)

The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink", you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Prayer

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us and all God's people.
Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Let the earth be fruitful
and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity
and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide us into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share
the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters
send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.
Where the earth is parched
and the well has run dry;
where war brings want,
and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out
for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal,
and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

We ask you to hear us, good Lord.
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

We plough the fields and scatter – verse 3

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 your love imparts;
and that which you most welcome,
our humble, thankful hearts.
*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*

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 them 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.

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God