

# HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE 2

8 OCTOBER 2023



*'The land has yielded its harvest: Our God has blessed us' (Psalm 67:6)*

**IT'S HARVEST TIME -**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-3JPZcLjVE>

**MY WORLD Out of the Ark Music -**

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**OPENING HYMN: ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING (4 VERSES)**

1. All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing  
Hallelujah hallelujah  
Thou burning sun with golden beam  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along  
O praise Him hallelujah  
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice  
Ye lights of evening find a voice  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

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

4. Let all things their Creator bless  
And worship Him in humbleness  
O praise Him hallelujah  
Praise praise the Father praise the Son  
And praise the Spirit three in One  
O praise Him O praise Him  
Hallelujah hallelujah hallelujah

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**OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: Father in heaven, all good gifts come from you. You send the sunshine and the rain and it is through your love and care that we enjoy the harvest time. Thank you for providing so richly for our needs and help us to share the good things we have with those who have little or nothing. Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer**

Leader: Let us confess our forgetfulness of God, our failure to give thanks and the ways in which we have wasted the gifts of creation. We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy**

Leader: We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly. Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Leader: We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others. Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Leader: May God show us his mercy, restore us in his likeness and give us generous hearts and lives. Amen.

**CHILDREN'S ADDRESS: H.A.R.V.E.S.T**



## HARVEST SONG -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PanaAJun2M>

**BIBLE READING: REVELATION 2:1-7; MATTHEW 6:25–33**

**SONG/OFFERING: BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uYPIIdChzC9Q>

## PRAYER FOR OFFERINGS

Leader: In your provision for our own needs

**All: We thank you**

Leader: In your desire to provide for the needs of all

**All: We honour you**

Leader: Let a full measure of your provision flow

**All: To meet the needs of all Gods people. Amen**

## PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

In the richness of our faith, we lift our prayers of intercession to you our God, sowing the seeds of our compassion, care and love. Eternal Creator, on this Harvest Sunday, we pray for our world, created in peace and abundance. We marvel at its splendour and wonder, its resources and riches. Indeed this creation is good. Yet there are many things not so good in our world.

There are people and animals lacking the food they need. Open the ears of those in power to hear the cries of the hungry and open their hearts to share from the abundance of their nations, including our own.

We lift up countries in conflict, praying for a harvest of peace. May your kingdom come on earth, and the seeds of your peace and justice be planted and grow in every land. We lift up our schools, the students and teachers, praying for a harvest of wisdom and opportunity. We lift up our hospitals, the nurses and doctors, praying for a harvest of care and healing of body and mind.

We lift up all at home and in hospital who are not well, asking you, in prayer, to meet and those who look after them at all their points of need. We lift up this congregation, asking that you grow in us a harvest for the world. Sow more seeds of hope within our souls Lord, that we might yield goodness, patience and kindness in abundance. Sow seeds of peace in our lives Lord, that we

might bear even more fruits of forgiveness, compassion and righteousness.

Come, sow seeds of love in our hearts Lord, that others would reap the blessings of family, friendship and community. May each seed of hope, peace and love grow within us into a harvest that can be feasted on by all. We pray for victims of natural disasters in many parts of the world. We also bring to you those personally to us, in need of a prayer – we name them in silence - Grant them your peace and a harvest of your grace.

God, thank you for hearing our prayers, spoken and unspoken. Thank you for sharing your harvest with us, and empowering us to share it with others through our prayers of intercession. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

## CLOSING HYMN: COME YE THANKFUL PEOPLE COME

1. 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
2. All the world is Gods own field  
Harvests for His praise to yield  
Wheat and 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 and pure may be
3. 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
4. Even so Lord quickly come

Bring Your final harvest home  
Gather all your people in  
Free from sorrow free from sin  
There together purified  
Ever thankful at Your side  
Come with all Your angels come  
Bring that glorious harvest home

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## **BENEDICTION AND AMEN**

May God the Father bless you,  
who first sowed the seed of eternal life  
in your hearts.

May God the Son bless you,  
who nurtures you with the rain  
and sunshine of love.

May God the Spirit bless you,  
who brings all things to fruition;  
and may the grace... **Amen.**

