

The Collect

Eternal God,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;  
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. Amen.

*Meditation before service*

Praise him for our harvest-store;  
he hath filled the garner-floor:  
and for richer food than this,  
pledge of everlasting bliss:  
For his mercies still endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877)*

Psalm 104

(CW)

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul : O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!
- 14 You water the hills from your dwelling on high : the earth is filled with the fruit of your works.
- 15 You make grass to grow for the cattle : and plants to meet our needs.
- 16 Bringing forth food from the earth : and wine to gladden our hearts.
- 17 Oil to give us a cheerful countenance : and bread to strengthen our hearts.
- 18 The trees of the Lord are full of sap : the cedars of Lebanon which he planted.
- 19 In which the birds build their nests : while the fir trees are a dwelling for the stork.
- 20 The mountains are a refuge for the wild goats : and the stony cliffs for the conies.
- 21 You appointed the moon to mark the seasons : and the sun knows the time for its setting.
- 22 You make darkness that it may be night : in which all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
- 23 The lions roar for their prey : and seek their food from God.
- 24 The sun rises and they are gone : to lay themselves down in their dens.
- 25 People go forth to their work : and to their labour until the evening.

Mark 2.23–28

(NIV)

One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as his disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain. <sup>24</sup>The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?" <sup>25</sup>He answered, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need? <sup>26</sup>In the days of Abiathar the high priest, he entered the house of God and ate the consecrated bread, which is lawful only for priests to eat. And he also gave some to his companions." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to them, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. <sup>28</sup>So the Son of Man is Lord even of the Sabbath."

Postcommunion Collect

Lord of the harvest,  
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation  
and have shared in the bread and 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.

Silence is not the exclusive prerogative of monasteries or convents. Simple, prayerful silence is everybody's silence – or if it isn't, it should be. It belongs to every Christian who loves God, to every Jew who has heard the echoes of God's voice in his prophets, to everyone whose soul has risen in search of truth, in search of God.

*Catherine de Hueck Doherty, Poustinia*

**12 September 2021**

**Harvest Festival**

*Welcome to our Harvest Eucharist at 10.45am*

<b>Celebrant</b>	The Curate, Revd Debbie Smith-Wilds
<b>Preacher (via screen)</b>	Revd Bekkie Wright <i>A Jubilee for Creation</i>
<b>Reader</b>	John Wardle
<b>Intercessor</b>	TBA
<b>Organist</b>	John Wardle

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<b>Setting</b>	Bertalot, <i>Johannesburg Service</i>
<b>Entrance hymn</b>	<b>282</b> (omit v.4) Come, ye thankful people, come
<b>Harvest Readings</b>	Psalm 104.1, 14–25      Mark 2.23–28
<b>Gradual song</b>	<b>639</b> Give thanks with a grateful heart
<b>Offertory hymn</b>	<b>290</b> We plough the fields, and scatter
<b>Final hymn</b>	<b>484</b> You shall go out with joy <i>(this will be sung, weather permitting, outside in Market Place)</i>

**Communion anthem** Greene, *Thou visitest the earth*

Thou visitest the earth and blestest it : thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

*Ps 65.9,12*

***Please remember in our prayers***

**The sick:** Jane Downes, Sandra Kneale, Mary McWhinnie, Gail Nichols, Jilly Pearson, Heather Schlich, Elizabeth and Phil Sargent, David Price, Ian Cripps, Kathleen Watts, Pauline Simper, Adrian Simper

**The departed:** Ted Clarke, Christine Ellingworth

**Year's mind:** William Peter Bloomfield, Lynda Fricker, Clifford Marston, Angela Hillier, Winifred Edith Wallhead, Peter Betton, Eric Britnell, John Morris