



Harvest Praise

An informal service of the Word

for the Diocese of York

**“All things come from
you and of your own
do we give you”**

A Message from the Archbishop

In our western culture where bananas, strawberries and carrots are always in season in our supermarkets, our sense of thankfulness for a harvest safely gathered in has been dulled. We can drift into taking our daily bread for granted, since we don't really seem to need to pray for it in anything other than a figurative sense. Of all the times in the Church's year, Harvest reminds us to give thanks for what we so often take for granted, and to respond in worship to the God who has provided us with all that we need to flourish.

Blessing and Dismissal

Leader 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 *us* his children, that we may use his gifts to his glory and for the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with *us* and with all the peoples of the earth, today tomorrow and forever.

All Amen

Leader All things come from you, O God,
All and of your own do we give you

Leader Let us bless the Lord:
All thanks be to God.

**Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever.
Amen.**



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For David and the people of Israel, their occasion for celebration was the offerings of gifts for the building of the Temple. In recognition of all that God had given them, the people responded with awe-inspiring generosity acknowledging that **'all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.'** These are words that are repeated every Sunday at Holy Communion services all over the Diocese, and Harvest invites us again to revisit these words that have, maybe, become rubbed smooth by familiarity.

In acknowledging that all things come from God, we are then challenged to consider carefully how we use all the good things that have been entrusted to us. What does it look like for us to be generous in offering back to God all that He has given us, so that He might use it to bring transformation and hope to our local communities? How will that affect your own giving to God and the giving of the whole Church community through the Freewill Offering?

I, therefore, invite you to look around and to look up. Firstly, to look around and see afresh all that God has given us, and to delight in His generosity to us in His Son Jesus Christ. Secondly I invite you to look up and, like David, to come before God in worship and thanksgiving so that we, like David and the people of Israel with him, might respond extravagantly in an outpouring of praise and generosity that is transforming for us and for our communities.

Harvest Collect

Leader Eternal God,

All 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

The Lord's Prayer

Leader Jesus taught us to call God our Father, so in faith
and trust we pray:

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

Hymn

All We believe and trust in him.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

Leader This is the faith of the Church.

All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn

Prayers for God's world, using the response:

Leader Lord of the Harvest,

All in your mercy, hear us.

and at the end:

Leader Generous God,

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

Greeting

Leader Let everything be said and done in the name of
the Lord Jesus,

All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Leader Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:
All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Leader Open our lips, Lord:
All and we shall praise your name.

Leader All things come from you, O God,
All and of your own do we give you

Hymn

Harvest Praise – Phil 4:4 and Psalm 67

Leader Rejoice in the Lord always
All and again I say, 'Rejoice'

Leader Let the praises of God ring out.
All He is the source of our life.

L May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

R that his ways may be known on earth,
his salvation among all nations.

L May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.

R May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples justly
and guide the nations of the earth.

L May the peoples praise you, O God;
may all the peoples praise you.

R Then the land will yield its harvest,
and God, our God, will bless us.

L God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Leader Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit.

All **Let the praises of God ring out.
He is the source of our life.**

Hymn

Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-14

Talk

Confession

Leader Let us confess our forgetfulness that everything
we have is from God and belongs to him

Leader We confess to you

All **our lack of care for the world
you have given us.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Leader We confess to you
All **our selfishness in not sharing
the earth's bounty fairly.**

Leader Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Leader We confess to you
All **our failure to protect resources for others.**

Leader Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Declaration of God's forgiveness

Leader The almighty and merciful Lord
grant *us* pardon and forgiveness of all *our* sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Affirmation of Faith

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All **We believe and trust in him.**

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?