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Harvest Eucharist 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.

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?

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

The president invites the people to receive communion.

After Communion

All **Fill us, Good Lord, with your Spirit of love; and as you have fed us with the one bread of heaven, so make us one in heart and mind, in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

Hymn

Blessing and Dismissal

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...

All **Amen**

All things come from you, O God,
All **and of your own do we give you**
Freely you have received, freely give.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **in the name of Christ. Amen.**

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be
like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day
when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.
And now with [N and] all your saints
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ,
in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

All Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

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.



Hymn

Greeting

The Lord be with you,

All And also with you

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

All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

All let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

All and we shall praise your name.

All things come from you, O God,

All and of your own do we give you

Thanksgiving and Confession

Generous God,

We thank you for the many blessings that you have
showered upon us:

enough food to eat, clean water to drink,
a roof over our heads,
safety and security on our streets,
family and friends who love us
and who we love.

In a moment of quiet, we remember
all your goodness to us and give thanks to you.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

And now we give you thanks because you make us
stewards of your creation, to praise you day by day
for the marvels of your wisdom and power.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

We thank you, loving Father, because,
when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had
fallen,

Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his
disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.

Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:
'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for
the forgiveness of sins.'

The Peace:

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you

Hymn

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you bring forth bread from the earth.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; you create the fruit of the vine.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Lord is here

All His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.

[silence]

And now we confess our forgetfulness that everything we have is from God and belongs to him

We confess to you

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

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you

All our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you

All our failure to protect resources for others.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of God's forgiveness

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.

Harvest Collect

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

Bible Reading: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-14

Hymn

Gospel Reading: Matthew 6: 25-33

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew

All Glory to you, O Lord

and at the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ

Talk

Affirmation of Faith

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.

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

All We believe and trust in him.

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.

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.**

Prayers for God's world, using the response:

Lord of the Harvest, all things come from you

All in your mercy, hear us.

and at the end:

Generous God,

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