

Harvest Thanksgiving

INTRODUCTION

INTROIT HYMN— **414**

Hymns Old & New

In the name of the Father,
and of ✠ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All respond: Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The PRAYERS OF PENITENCE are introduced.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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.**

KYRIE ELEÏSON is sung.

**Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS is sung.

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to
his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God
and Father, we worship you, we give you
thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

**Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the
sin of the world: have mercy on us; you
are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you
alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most
High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in
the glory ✠ of God the Father. Amen.**

All remain standing for 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.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Readings for Year B

FIRST READING

Joel 2.21–27

A reading from the prophet Joel.

Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the
Lord has done great things! Fear not, you
beasts of the field, for the pastures of the
wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit;
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in
the Lord your God, for he has given the early
rain for your vindication; he has poured down
for you abundant rain, the early and the latter
rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain;
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will
restore to you the years that the swarming
locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer,
and the cutter, my great army, which I sent
among you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you. And my
people shall never again be put to shame. You

shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *from Ps 65*
℟. Some seed fell in rich soil and blossomed with abundance. (*All repeat*)

You visit the earth and water it;
you make it very plenteous.
The river of God is full of water;
and so you provide for the earth. ℟.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with showers you soften the ground and bless its increase.

You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty. ℟.

The pasture of the wilderness flows with goodness
and the hills are clothed with joy;
the meadows are decked with flocks of sheep,
the valleys so thick with corn that they laugh and sing. ℟.

SECOND READING *1 Tim 6.6–10*
A reading from the first letter of Paul to Timothy.

Now there is great gain in godliness with contentment, for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *cf Jn 4.35.36*
Alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting;
gather the fruit for eternal life.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING *Mt 6.25–33*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples:
“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

All stand to recite the NICENE CREED.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (*all bow*) was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. (*all rise*) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

The INTERCESSIONS are introduced, and all kneel. One of these responses may be used:

∨. Lord, hear us. R. Lord, graciously hear us. or ∨. Lord, in your mercy, R. Hear our prayer.

At the Commemoration of the Departed:

∨. Rest eternal ✠ grant unto them, O Lord; R. And let light perpetual shine upon them.

The Intercessions end:

*Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.*

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

All stand as the priest introduces the PEACE.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN— **95**

The people unite their prayers with the priest, who says the PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS.

Pray, my brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands, for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his Church.

Lord, make holy the gifts we offer with gratitude from the produce of the earth, and as you have made our land bear a rich harvest, make our hearts fruitful with your life and love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The PREFACE follows.

All respond with the SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS.

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.

All kneel. After the Consecration, all acclaim:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues, and ends:

... for ever and ever. **Amen.**

RITE OF COMMUNION

The priest introduces the LORD'S PRAYER.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

The priest breaks the Host; AGNUS DEI is sung.

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
grant us peace.**

The priest gives the COMMUNION INVITATION.

Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but
only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Holy Communion is distributed.

COMMUNION HYMN—**129**

The priest says the POST-COMMUNION prayer.

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

CONCLUSION

The priest gives the BLESSING and DISMISSAL.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing.

God the Father, who created the world, give
you grace to be wise stewards of his crea-
tion. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world, in-
spire you to go out as labourers into his
harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the
whole of creation, help you to bear his
fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit, be among
you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN—**564**

The service may be followed by the ANGELUS.

∨. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

℞. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

**Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now,
and at the hour of our death. Amen.**

∨. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

℞. **Be it unto me according to thy word.**

Hail Mary ...

∨. And the Word was made flesh:

℞. **And dwelt among us.**

Hail Mary ...

∨. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God:

℞. **That we may be made worthy of the
promises of Christ.**

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech you, O
Lord, your grace into our hearts; that we to
whom the Incarnation of Christ, your Son,
was made known by the message of an angel,
may by his Passion and Cross ✠ be brought
to the glory of his Resurrection; through the
same Christ our Lord. **Amen.**