

Graffoe Parish



Harvest Festival

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

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 *you* his children,
that *you* may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peo-
ples;
and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy
Spirit, be among *you* and remain with *you* always. Amen

Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation and bring forth the
fruits of righteousness. Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Prayers - *This form or another may be used*

Let us pray to God, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation. Father, Lord of creation,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have created the universe by your eternal Word, and have blessed humankind in making us stewards of the earth. We pray for your world, that we may share and conserve its resources, and live in reverence for the creation and in harmony with one another. Father, Lord of creation,
in your mercy, hear us.

You have given the human race a rich land, a land of streams and springs, wheat and barley, vines and oil and honey. We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow. We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction, that they may come to share the life of wholeness and plenty. Father, Lord of creation,
in your mercy, hear us.

In Christ you call us to a new way of life, loving our neighbours before ourselves. Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is, as we live in hope and anticipation of the world as it will be when your kingdom comes and your will is done.

Thank you for those, living and departed, who have shown a true respect for your creation ... Help us to follow in their footsteps, until, with them, we see you face to face, where all is made new in Christ our Lord.

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

Welcome

O God, you summon the day to dawn,
You teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy,
The trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the kings of the earth shall bow,
The poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever,
Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

Confession

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

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

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive *you your* sins
and make *you* holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Collect

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth;
**serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.**

Know that the Lord is God; •
**it is he that has made us and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting,
and his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it
was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Reading

Address

The Bringing Forward of the Symbols of Harvest

Let us bring forward symbols of the harvest,
gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of the cornfields,
the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of roots,
the swedes and mangolds, turnips and sugar beet.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of seeds for next year's crops,
for clover, for hay and for corn.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of vegetables,
peas, potatoes, beans and hops.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of fruit,
pears and apples, berries and herbs.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the harvest of flowers,
the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

Thanks be to God.

Bring forward the grain and the grape,
for our Saviour took bread and wine
to feed us with his body and his blood,
given and shed for the life of the world.
Let us feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

Thanks be to God.

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
praise him, all creatures here below,
praise him above, ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**