

The Parish Church of St Mary's, Lutterworth

Harvest Festival

¶ *Preparation*

Minister O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Minister The earth is the Lord's and everything in it;
The world and all that lives in it.

All **Thanks be to God**

Minister All the animals of the forest are the Lord's
and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

All **Thanks be to God**

Minister The Lord makes grass to grow for the cattle
and plants for us to cultivate.

All **Thanks be to God**

Minister The Lord brings forth food from the earth,
wine that gladdens our hearts.

All **Thanks be to God**



Hymn

During this hymn, the harvest gifts are brought forward as part of our thanksgiving to God.



Prayers of Penitence

Minister Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption.

We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

cf Romans 8.22,23

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.

Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

Minister We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

All **forgive us and help us.**

Minister We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Minister Father, in your mercy:
All **forgive us and help us.**

Minister We are thoughtless, and do not care enough
for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:
All **forgive us and help us.**

Minister We store up goods for ourselves alone, as if
there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:
All **forgive us and help us.**



Hymn



The Word of God

Minister O Lord, how manifold are your works!
In wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.

Psalm 104.26

Minister Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe.
All **Your word brings on the dusk of evening.**

Minister Your wisdom creates both night and day.

All You determine the cycles of time.

Minister You arrange the succession of seasons and establish the stars in their heavenly courses.

All The Lord of hosts is your name.

Minister Living and eternal God, rule over us always.

All Blessed be the Lord, whose word makes evening fall

Bible Reading

The scripture for the day is read, ending with

Reader This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Sermon



Hymn

The Creed

Minister Let us declare our faith in God

All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen



Prayers

Intercessions

After each prayer, the leader may use the response:

Leader Lord of the harvest,
All hear our prayer.

At the end of the prayers,

Leader Merciful Father

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

The Collect

The church's special prayer for the day.

Leader God of the heavens and the earth,
You call us to share in the care of your creation
and to bring food and fruitfulness from field
and farm.

Hear our prayer for all who make their living on
the land and make us grateful for the work of
their hands and for the generosity of your
provision. We ask this in the name of Christ.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader As our Saviour taught us, so 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

On this harvest festival we collect financial gifts for the work of the Lutterworth and Villages Foodbank. All the loose cash on the collection plates will go to support this organisation that feeds local people in need.

If you are visiting please feel no awkwardness in just passing the plate along. Many members of the church give by standing order and so will do the same.

As the offering is brought forward, we pray.

Minister Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All **All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**



The Dismissal

Minister God the Father, who created the world, give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

God the Son, who redeemed the world, inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

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

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

All **Amen.**

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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