

## Readings, Hymns and Propers for 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Harvest Festival

### Hymn:

We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
Are sent from heaven above;  
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
For all his love.*

He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
The winds and waves obey him,  
By him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

*All good gifts..*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept these gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*All good gifts ...*

*Matthias Claudius*

### 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.

### Reading: A Reading from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.'

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

*2 Corinthians 9.6-15*

**Hymn:** For the beauty of the earth (John Rutter)

**Gospel:**

Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

*Luke 12. 16-30*

**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 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**

**Hymn:**

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| Cabbages and greens                        | Golden corn and wheat                    |
| Broccoli and beans                         | Oats and sugar beet                      |
| Cauliflower and roasted potatoes           | Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti          |
| Taste so good to me!                       | Wonderful to eat!                        |
| Apricots and plums                         | Coffee, cocoa, tea                       |
| Ripened in the sun                         | Growing nat'rally                        |
| Oranges and yellow bananas                 | Herbal plants and all kinds of spices    |
| Good for everyone                          | Very nice indeed!                        |
| It's another Harvest Festival              | It's another Harvest Festival            |
| When we bring our fruit and vegetables     | Thank you for the harvest                |
| 'Cause we want to share the best of        | Thank you for your goodness              |
| All the good things that we've been given. | For all of the fruit and vegetables      |
| It's another opportunity                   | And the wonderful things that grow. (x4) |
| To be grateful for the food we eat         |  |
| With a samba celebration                   |  |
| To say thank you to God the father.        | <i>It's another Harvest Festival...</i>  |