

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind**  
**Sunday 10th October, 2021**  
**Harvest Festival**

**In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for:** Catherine Coster, Alison Gemmell

**We also give special prayers for:** Ian G. & family, Nancy, Roddy, Jane T., Pam B., Claire A. & family, and Jenny, Colin & family.

*Intercessions by Janet Young*

**The Collect for Harvest is:**

God, in whom all things are possible,  
you crown the year with your goodness  
and give us the fruits of the earth in their season:  
grant that we may use them to your glory,  
so that none may hunger,  
none may thirst,  
and all may cherish the gifts of your creation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading is Deuteronomy 8: 7-18**

The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today

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

## **Psalm 65**

You crown the year with goodness.

1. You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
2. To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.
3. Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.
4. Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
5. Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
6. You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.
7. You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the peoples.
8. Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvellous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
9. You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
10. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.
11. You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
12. You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
13. May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
14. May the meadows cover themselves with flocks and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### **The New Testament Reading is 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15** (Read by Rupert Forbes)

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!

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**Thanks be to God.**

## **The Gospel Reading is Luke 12: 16-30**

### **Glory to Christ our Saviour.**

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.'

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

### **Praise to Christ our Lord.**

### **Post-Communion Prayer**

God, the source of all that is,  
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.

**Amen.**

### **Blessing**

God give you grace to be faithful stewards of Creation,  
rejoicing that you are made in God's image,  
and seeking justice for those who do not share in the earth's bounty,  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you, and remain with you always.

**Amen.**