

HARVEST FESTIVAL



Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford

Part of the Chadbrook Benefice -
Long Melford, Alpheton, Shimpling & Lawshall

WELCOME & NOTICES

The Lord be with You
and also with you.



HYMN

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come;
Raise the song of harvest home!

2. We ourselves are God's own field,
Fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

3. For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take the harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offences purge away,
Giving angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In the garner evermore.

4. Then, thou Church triumphant come,
Raise the song of harvest home!
All be safely gathered in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In God's garner to abide;
Come, ten thousand angels, come,
Raise the glorious harvest home!

CONFESSION

O God our Father, we confess that we have often used your gifts carelessly,
and acted as though we were not grateful.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

When we enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but forget they come from you -
then Father in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

When we are full and satisfied, but ignore the cry of the hungry and those in
need - then Father in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

When we are thoughtless, and do not respect or care for the wonderful world
you have made - then Father in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

When we store up goods for ourselves alone, as if there were no God and no heaven - then Father in your mercy, **forgive us and help us.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live in the power of the Spirit all our days, with thankful hearts and a loving concern for all people.

Amen.

SONG

**1. Cabbages and greens, broccoli and beans,
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes, taste so good to me.
Apricots and plums, ripened in the sun,
Oranges and yellow bananas, Good for everyone.**

Chorus

***It's another Harvest festival,
when we bring our fruit and vegetables,
'cause we want to share the best of all the
good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity, to be grateful for the food we eat,
with a Samba celebration to say thank you to God the father.***

**2. Golden corn and wheat, oats and sugar beet,
fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti, wonderful to eat.
Coffee, cocoa, tea, growing naturally,
Herbs and plants and all kinds of spices, very nice indeed.**

Chorus - It's another Harvest festival ...

***Bridge: Thankyou for the harvest, thankyou for your goodness,
For all the fruit and vegetables, and the wonderful things that grow.
Thankyou for the harvest, thankyou for your goodness
For all the fruit and vegetables, and the wonderful things that grow.***

Bridge and v1 together ...

Chorus - It's another Harvest festival ...

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THINKING ABOUT SHARING

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PRAYERS



AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

THE PEACE

**Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of God be always with you.
And also with you**



HYMN

**1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

Chorus
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our sacrifice of praise.

**2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:**

**3. For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:**

**4. For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given
graces human and divine,
flower of earth and buds of heaven:**

**5. For thy Church which evermore,
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love:**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.



It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

(the bell is rung)

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

(the bell is rung)

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**



(sung)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

THE INVITATION

Draw near with faith, receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**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**



FINAL HYMN

1. 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.

Chorus:

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heav'n above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.*

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

3. We thank you, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food;
no gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but that which you desire now:
our humble, thankful hearts!

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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