



Exodus Liturgical Resources

Harvest Festival

Leviticus 22:33-43

Opening Sentence

On the last and great day of the festival Jesus was standing there and cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and those who believe in me, let them drink."

Jn 7:37-38

Acclamation

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord and be glad;

Come to him with joyful songs.

The Lord is good;

His love goes on for ever

His faithful love never fails.

(Adapted from Psalm 100:1,5)

Penitence

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

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people, who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.
Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

(From Common Worship)

A form of absolution

The Lord is merciful and loving,
slow to become angry and full of constant love.

He does not keep on rebuking;

he is not angry for ever.

He does not punish us as we deserve

or repay us according to our sins and wrongs.

As high as the sky is above the earth,

so great is his love for those who honour him.

As far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our sins from us.

(Psalm 103:8-12, GNB)

Collect

Lord God,

you called your people from slavery in Egypt

led them through the desert

and brought them to your land of promise:

Grant that we, called to new life in Christ, may

rejoice in all your gifts to us,

remember the grace that saves us and

rely on you for all that we need and all that we hope to be,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life,

the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature,

died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Intercessions

We pray to the Lord, saying

May your peace be in our land; **your presence in our hearts**

At this Harvest Festival we rejoice in your goodness to us. We pray for those for whom waiting for harvest is a time of tension and anxiety in case the rains don't come; for those whose land is stolen or exploited for the profits of a few or ripped apart by war.

As you provided for your wandering people in the desert, so meet the needs of the hungry.

May your peace be in our land; **your presence in our hearts**

At this Harvest Festival your people of Israel build shelters to remember your salvation from Egypt and the hope that is still to



come. Grant that both our homes and in our church may be places where we remember your salvation in Jesus and grow to be all that you want us to be. We pray for those at this time whose homes know hurt, sadness, poverty or betrayal
May your peace be in our land; **your presence in our hearts**

At this Harvest Festival we know that we rely on you for all that we have and all that we will be. Teach us never to take your gifts for granted nor to turn those gifts into possessions. Grant us the grace to be generous with all you have given to us: our time, talents and our treasure. We pray for those who are finding it hard to trust at this time or are in difficult circumstances. Especially we pray for the sick.... We pray also for those who have lost a loved one at this time, remembering especially

Offertory

O Lord our God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer ourselves to your service
and dedicate our lives
to the care and redemption of all that you have made,
for the sake of him who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Post communion prayer

Loving Father God,
you have given us the richness of the earth to enjoy as your children, to tend as good stewards and to share as those who know you are the giver of good things.
Through these signs of bread and wine you recall to us and renew in us the gift of grace in Jesus.
Grant that we who have celebrated this Harvest and broken this bread together may live out the life we have been given in love and service and open handed generosity.

Blessing

May Christ who for our sake became poor
make you rich in everything –
in faith, speech, knowledge and love.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
And the blessing of God Almighty

