



# Matthew Liturgical Resources

(Year A Proper 24)

Matthew 22:15-22. Render to Caesar

## LITURGY

### Sentence

I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.

*Deuteronomy 26:10a*

### Penitence

When we have sown sparingly;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

When we have given reluctantly;  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

That we may know the joy of cheerful giving;  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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### Collect

Living Christ,  
you have known insecurity and poverty:  
free us from the need to seek  
the security of easy wealth.  
Give us generous hearts,  
that we may know the richness of your grace.  
For your holy name's sake.

*Lambeth Prayers (adapted) (ACC/SPCK, 1998)*

### Intercessions

Use one of the outlines in Common Worship pages 281-287 and include the following:

Sparse sowing, meagre reaping;  
but if we are generous, bountiful will be the harvest.  
So let us give what we can,  
not with regret, nor from a sense of duty.  
God loves a cheerful giver.

And when we help others, we will not just meet their needs,  
we will unleash a flood of gratitude to God.  
Many will give glory to God

for our loyalty to the gospel and for our generosity.  
God loves a cheerful giver.

*A New Zealand Prayer Book  
Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia*

### Offertory

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation;  
through your goodness we have our money to offer.  
Fruit of our labours, symbol of our commitment.  
It will become a tool to be used for your glory.  
Blessed be God for ever.

### Thanksgiving after Communion

Dear Father God, your love is constant.  
We rejoice in the gift of your Son,  
who became poor that we might become rich.  
Thank you for giving us the rich food  
of his body and blood.  
By your Spirit enable us to respond cheerfully,  
by giving ourselves generously to you and to others,  
all our days.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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### Blessing

May God who loves a cheerful giver,  
and gives us all things in Christ,  
swell the harvest of your benevolence.

**Amen.**

May Christ who for our sake became poor  
make you rich in everything –  
in faith, speech, knowledge and love.

**Amen.**

May the Holy Spirit who gives gifts to all people,  
flood your hearts with thanksgiving to God.

**Amen.**

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

**Amen.**

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