

## **Harvest Programme**

Prelude
Call to Worship

Hymn: # 637 — Praise, O Praise Our God and King

Praise, O praise our God and King;
Hymns of adoration sing:
For his mercies still endure
Ever faithful, ever sure.

- 2 Praise him that he made the sun Day by day his course to run:
  - 3 And the silver moon by night, Shining with her gentle light.
- 4 Praise him that he gave the rainTo mature the swelling grain:
  - 5 And hath bid the fruitful field Crops of precious increase yield:
- 6 Praise him for our harvest-store,

He hath filled the garner-floor:

- 7 And for richer food than this,Pledge of everlasting bliss:
- 8 Glory to our bounteous King; Glory let creation sing: Glory to the Father, Son, And blest Spirit, Three in One.

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## Litany for THANKSGIVING

ALL —

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
Ye people of his choice;
Stand up, and bless the Lord your God
With heart, and soul, and voice.

God is our strength and song,
And his salvation ours;
Then be his love in Christ proclaimed
With all our ransomed powers.

LEADER: Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his

courts with praise: be thankful unto him and bless his name.

ALL — For the Lord is good: his mercy is everlasting: and his truth endures to all generations.

LEADER: All your works shall praise you, O Lord, and your saints shall bless you.

ALL — They shall abundantly utter the memory of your great goodness, and sing of your righteousness.

LEADER: Let the people praise you, O God; let all the people praise you.

ALL — Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

¶ Sitting

ALL —

To You, O God, we raise
Our voice, in choral singing;
We come, with prayer and praise,
Our hearts' oblations bringing.
Thou art our fathers' God,
And ever shalt be ours:
Our lips and lives shall laud
Your name, with all our powers.

LEADER: The Lord said in his heart: While the earth remains, seed-time and harvest, and cold and heat, and

summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease.

ALL — Has he said, and shall he not do it? Or has he spoken, and shall he not make it good?

LEADER: He prepares rain for the earth, and makes it soft with showers, and blesses the springing thereof.

ALL — He causes the grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs for the service of man, that he may bring forth food out of the earth.

LEADER: Let us fear the Lord our God, who gives us the former and latter rain in its season, and reserves unto us the appointed weeks of harvest.

ALL — O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all: the earth is full of your riches.

**TUNE: Nottingham (77.77)** 

Praise to God, immortal praise,
For the love that crowns our days,
Bounteous source of every joy,
Let your praise our tongues employ.

All the blessings of the fields,
All the stores the garden yields,
All to you, our God we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow.

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

ALL — Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

LEADER: He redeems your life from destruction, and crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies;

ALL — He has not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

LEADER: As the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

ALL — As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

LEADER: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him; and his righteousness unto children's children.

ALL — To such as keep his covenant, and to those who remember his commandments to do them.

TUNE: Almsgiving (888.4.)

O LORD of heaven, and earth and sea,

To you all praise and glory be;

How shall we show our love to you,

Who givest all?

For peaceful homes, and healthful days,

For all the blessings earth displays,
We owe you thankfulness and praise,
Who givest all.

LEADER: Blessed be God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.

ALL — He has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love.

LEADER: Labour not for the meat that perishes, but for that which endures unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you. For he has said: *I am the Bread of Life. He that comes unto me shall never hunger, and he that believeth in me shall never thirst.* 

¶ Standing

ALL —

**TUNE:** Surrey (88.88.88)

Daily, O Lord, our prayers be said,
As Thou hast taught, for daily bread;
But not alone our bodies feed;
Supply our fainting spirits' need!

O Bread of Life! from day to day, Be thou our Comfort, Food, and Stay.

LEADER: Ho, everyone that thirsts, come to the waters, and he that has no money; come, buy and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk with-out money and without price. The spirit and the Bride say, 'Come'.

ALL — And let him that hears say, 'Come,'

LEADER: And let him that is athirst, come.

ALL — And whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely.

TUNE: Regent Square (87.87.447)

CHOIR—Thanks we give and adoration
For the gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation
In our hearts and lives abound:

ALL — King of glory, King of glory,
Sway your sceptre all around.
Glory be to God, the Father!
Glory be to God, the Son!
Glory be to God, the Spirit!
Great Jehovah, Three in One:

CHOIR—Glory, glory,

ALL — Glory, glory,
While eternal ages run. Amen.

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Welcome & Introductions — Rev Ezra Parris
Selection: Lord Behold Our Glad Rejoicing

Sharon Board of Elders

Recitation: Harvest Day - Kaleb Blackman-Gibbons

Selection: Look To The Skies — Sharon Choir

Recitation: I'll Count to Three — Madison Browne

Solo: Great Is Thy Faithfulness — Rhys Hoyte

Recitation: If God Had Not Been Good — Ahmír Worrell

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9: 6-15 — Congregation

- 6 But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
- 7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.
- 8 And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

- 9 As it is written: "He has dispersed abroad, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever."
- 10 Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,
- 11 while you are enriched in everything for all liberality, which causes thanksgiving through us to God.
- 12 For the administration of this service not only supplies the needs of the saints, but also is abounding through many thanksgivings to God,
- 13 while, through the proof of this ministry, they glorify God for the obedience of your confession to the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal sharing with them and all men,
- 14 and by their prayer for you, who long for you because of the exceeding grace of God in you.
- 15 Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

Offertory Hymn: # 666 — All Things Bright and Beautiful

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small, All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.

**2** Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,

He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

- The purple-headed mountain,
  The river running by,
  The sunset and the morning,
  That brightens up the sky;
- 4 The beaches and the hillside,
  The warm inviting seas,
  The cool refreshing mornings,
  And sunsets, hearts to please.
- 5 The rains our crops to water, And sunshine through the year, The luscious fruits we gather, He made for us to share.
- 6 Majestic trees with flowers; Bright yellow, red and gold: The lovely plants and gardens, Enjoyed by young and old.
- 7 He gave us eyes to see them And lips that we might tell

## How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

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**Prayer of Dedication of Offerings** 

Poem — Cora Cumberbatch

Selection: Seeds of Promise — Sharon Women's Fellowship

Recitation: Oh Harvest Beautiful — Davian Newsam

Selection: We Plough the Fields and Scatter

— Adult Sunday School Class

Recitation: I am Thankful For You — Jemaria Ollivierre

Selection: Look At The World — Sharon Choir

The Vote of Thanks

Closing Hymn: # 492 — For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth,

For the glory of the skies,

For the love which from our birth

Over and around us lies,

Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our grateful hymn of praise.

2 For the wonder 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 ear and eye,
For the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight,

4 For the joy human love
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
Pleasures pure and undefiled,

5 For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,

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**Prayer & Benediction** 

