

# **HARVEST FESTIVAL - COLLECT, READINGS AND ALL HYMNS AND SONGS**

## **COLLECT**

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

## **FIRST READING Deuteronomy 8:7-18**

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

<sup>7</sup>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, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>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, <sup>15</sup>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, <sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' <sup>18</sup>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.

## **SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 9:6-15**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

<sup>6</sup>The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

### **GOSPEL Luke 12:16-30**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

<sup>16</sup>Jesus told the people a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup>And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" <sup>18</sup>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. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" <sup>20</sup>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?" <sup>21</sup>So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' <sup>22</sup>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. <sup>23</sup>For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. <sup>24</sup>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! <sup>25</sup>And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? <sup>26</sup>If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest? <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>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! <sup>29</sup>And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. <sup>30</sup>For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them.'

## All creatures of our God and King

<sup>1</sup>All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam,

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

<sup>2</sup>Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia.

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,  
ye lights of evening find a voice;

*O praise him ....*

<sup>3</sup>Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
that givest man both warmth and light:

*O praise him ....*

<sup>4</sup>And all ye men of tender heart,  
forgiving others, take your part,  
O sing ye alleluia.

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
praise God and on him cast your care:

*O praise him ....*

<sup>5</sup>Let all things their Creator bless  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia.

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One;

*O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

## **Thank You, Lord**

Thank You, Lord, for this fine day,  
Thank You, Lord, for this fine day,  
Thank You, Lord, for this fine day,  
Right where we are.

Thank You, Lord, for food and drink  
Thank You, Lord, for food and drink  
Thank You, Lord, for food and drink  
Right where we are.

Thank You, Lord, for harvest gifts  
Thank You, Lord, for harvest gifts  
Thank You, Lord, for harvest gifts  
Right where we are.

Alleluia, praise the Lord!  
Alleluia, praise the Lord!  
Alleluia, praise the Lord!  
Right where we are.

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## **God is Love**

<sup>1</sup>God is Love: let heav'n adore him;  
God is Love: let earth rejoice;  
let creation sing before him,  
and exalt him with one voice.  
He who laid the earth's foundation,  
he who spread the heav'ns above,  
he who breathes through all creation,  
he is Love, eternal Love.

<sup>2</sup>God is Love: and he enfoldeth  
all the world in one embrace;  
with unfailing grasp he holdeth  
every child of every race.  
And when human hearts are breaking  
under sorrow's iron rod,  
then they find that selfsame aching  
deep within the heart of God.

<sup>3</sup>God is Love: and though with blindness  
sin afflicts the souls of men,  
God's eternal loving-kindness  
holds and guides them even then.  
Sin and death and hell shall never  
o'er us final triumph gain;  
God is Love, so Love for ever  
o'er the universe must reign.

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## **Summer Song**

<sup>1</sup>With richest robes of verdant green  
the earth has been invested: .  
through gentle breeze and beams of light  
the world is warmed and rested:  
the dancing sun, the cresting wave,  
the song-bird's startling phrases  
proclaim their Maker's praises.

<sup>2</sup>The ceaseless change in Nature's face,  
its harmony and tension  
inspire our hearts and call our-minds  
to ponder God's intention. .  
Though flesh and flower fail and fade  
and all transforms in stages,  
God's word endures all ages.

<sup>3</sup>The season runs, the summer ends,  
the skies are over casting,  
but God's intentions, God's delight  
and love are everlasting.  
In time God harvests us like seed  
designed to be replanted: .  
In heaven that grace is granted.

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## Let us, with a gladsome mind

<sup>1</sup>Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
praise the Lord, for he is kind:

*For his mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*

<sup>2</sup>Let us blaze his name abroad,  
for of gods he is the God:

*For his mercies ....*

<sup>3</sup>He with all-commanding might  
filled the new-made world with light:

*For his mercies ....*

<sup>4</sup>He the golden-tressèd sun  
caused all day his course to run:

*For his mercies ay endure,  
ever faithful, ever sure.*

<sup>5</sup>And the hornèd moon at night;  
'mid her starry sisters bright:

*For his mercies ....*

<sup>6</sup>All things living he doth feed,  
his full hand supplies their need:

*For his mercies ....*

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