

Celebrating a Time of Harvest on the 18th Sunday After Pentecost St. John's Episcopal Church Powell, Wyoming

Welcome

We are so happy you are with us. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are comfortable.

Harvest

Summer has come into its ripening. Gardens are full, beans are being harvested, sugar beets, barley, oats, corn and hay will soon follow. Powell Valley agriculture depends on a unique partnership with the work of creation, the weather, government-supported irrigation and human labor.

We here in the Basin get around 7" of water a year. But snowpack from the mountains melts into the watershed and into the Buffalo Bill Dam, where water is stored and managed by The Shoshone Irrigation Project. A network of canals and laterals deliver full irrigation water supply for 93,113 acres; supplemental service is provided for 14,561 acres.

The Powell Valley is a place where generations of farm families and migrant workers have worked the land. We are grateful to the stewards and food producers who work all year round to provide food for people and animals, income, and green spaces for so many.

Prayer Texts

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Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of the Province of Central Africa Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: 56th Annual Diocesan Convention

We believe that lifting up the names of the suffering brings healing and health regardless of our knowledge of their needs.

Donna & John; Tim & Lynnae;	Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Patrick, and
Bobbi & Bentley; Mike and Michelle,	Chip who are serving in the military.
Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey;	Josephine and Dolores who reside at
Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha;	Canyon Creek Care Center.
Robin & Mark; Hunter & Charlotte;	
Bobby B., Larry, Kendall, Shea, Alex, Irene,	
Fr. John, Charlie, Nancy, Alan, Margie,	
Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron, and Marge	

Celebrations

Anniversaries: Tim & Wendy Glatzer–10th, Bob & Charlotte Grover–15th

Prelude

"Voices of Autumn," Chanticleer.

Welcome

Announcements

Opening Hymn We repeat the refrain the last time through.



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Opening

We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks, and declare all your wonderful works: **God be gracious to us and bless us.** Let the peoples praise you, O God: **God be gracious to us and bless us.** Judge the peoples righteously and govern the nations upon earth: **God be gracious to us and bless us.** Let the earth bring forth her increase: **God be gracious to us and bless us.** We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks.

Confession

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land, and to prosper the work of our soiled hands. Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

Lord, you give us this good earth, yet we take your generous gifts for granted. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we squander its rich resources.

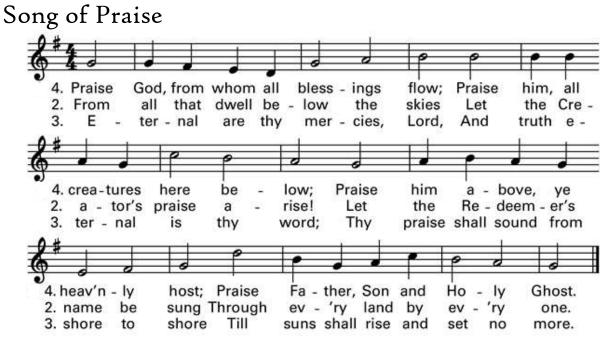
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you give us this good earth, but we fail to share your bounty with all of your children. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Text: LM; verses 1, 4, Thomas Ken, 1637–1711; verses 2, 3, Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, ca. 1510–1561, alt.

Scripture

We sit.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Hear the Word of God as it comes to us from _____.

After the reading

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Affirmation

Let us declare our faith in God. We believe in God the Creator, 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; Creator, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Offertory

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Offer your gifts to the Lord.

Music

"Harvest Hymn," The Revels Chorus.

Litany for Rural Life

For all cities, towns, and villages, and for their well-being and prosperity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the rural economy and for its regeneration, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who tend the countryside and preserve its order and beauty, for traditional rural skills and crafts and for those who exercise them, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all farms, all who work them and for the whole farming industry, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For healthy crops and abundant harvests. For protection from blight, pestilence, disease, and adverse weather we pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For the care and welfare of animals

and for the veterinary profession we pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For national and state parks, forests, and trails

and for all who govern their use.

Hear us, good Lord.

For the industries that support rural life we pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For the ministry of your Church in rural areas we pray.

Hear us, good Lord.

For parts of the world where the harvests have failed we pray. Hear us, good Lord.

Intercessions

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

God, the beginning and end of all things, in your providence and care you watch unceasingly over all creation; we offer our prayers that in us and in all your people your will may be done, according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord. Source of all life: **this is our prayer.**

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life; for farmers and agricultural workers, for packers, distributors; as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other, enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before our own. Source of all life: **this is our prayer.**

We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against disease, and to produce abundant life among those who hunger and whose lives are at risk. Prosper the work of their hands and the searching of their minds, that their labor may be for the welfare of all. Source of all life: **this is our prayer.**

We pray for governments and aid agencies, and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and starvation. By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts. Source of all life: **this is our prayer**.

We pray for those who work to bring diplomacy to the world and for all nations whose governments work for negotiated peace. We pray for all those serving in the military especially, N. We pray for all who seek to protect others from war and conflict and injustice of any kind.

Source of all life: this is our prayer.

We pray for our human communities, especially those where neglect, greed, violence and warfare increase the needs of those who are suffering. Help us to see and hear those in our midst, the addicted, the marginalized, especially those in the LGBT+ community. Help us to hear the weeping of the world and to be a voice for the voiceless. Open our eyes and hearts so that we may see and seek your vision for peace and justice.

Source of all life: this is our prayer.

We pray for the Church in all its forms. We pray for our Bishops, Michael and Paul-Gordon. In our various prayer cycles we remember The Church of *N*. and the *N*. Guide and bless all who minister in your name.

Source of all life: this is our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill, remembering those in hospital and nursing homes and all who are known to us. We pray for Ns. We pray for all who care for them. Give skill and understanding to all who work for their well-being.

Source of all life: this is our prayer.

We remember those who have died, whom we entrust to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Source of all life: this is our prayer.

We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace. Source of all life: **this is our prayer.**

God of grace, as you are ever at work in your creation, so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us and in all for whom we pray, that with them and in all that you have made, your glory may be revealed and the whole earth give praise to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Hear our cry, O God. And listen to our prayer. Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth. For the color and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, we bring our thanks, good Lord: **your mercy endures for ever.**

For the light and shades of the changing seasons,

and their variety and dependability; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

your mercy endures for ever.

Closing

May our Creator, who seeks and finds us, may Christ, who calls and claims us, may the Holy Spirit, who renews us day by day, sustain us until all that is ripe within us is gathered into God's eternal glory. Amen. Hymn



Text: 77 77 D; Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816-1893.

Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you. And also with you.

Postlude

"Haymaker's Hoedown," Jay Ungar, Molly Mason, Kevin Wimmer, Dirk Powell, Ganey Arsement & Gary Burke.