

-Psalm 85:12

Celebrating a Time of Harvest on the 17th 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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Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. Today's host is Marlynn Riker.

Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Anglican Church of Canada Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Powell

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

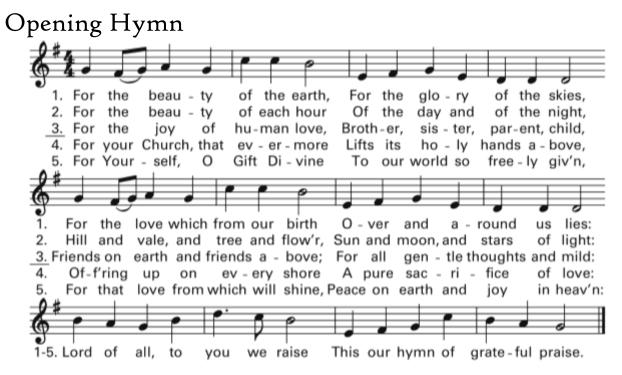
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Celebrations

Birthday: Dae Moan-Renaud–2nd

Prelude

"On Golden Pond," Pianissimo Brothers.

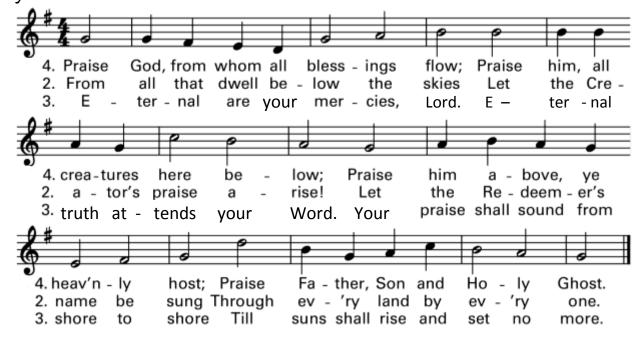


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Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Speaker, Word, and Breath. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us. You visit the earth and water it; you make it very plenteous. You soften the ground with showers; and bless the increase of it. You crown the year with your goodness; and your paths overflow with plenty. The meadows are clothed with sheep; the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing. The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, has blessed us. Hymn of Praise Verses 2, 3, 4 – they are out of order



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.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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

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, Justin, Jacob, Ryan, Patrick and Chip. 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 faith community of N. in N. Guide and bless all who minister in your name. Source of all life: this is our prayer.

We give thanks for the many gifts of our members. May our common life be strengthened as we offer ourselves, affirm those around us, and join in mission together. We lift up in prayer those who will celebrate birthdays this week especially N. May they feel your presence and know your loving support and guidance in the year ahead.

We pray for those who are ill, remembering those in hospital and nursing homes and all who are known to us......

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.

Prayer for Creation

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society, in the misuse of God's creation. God our Creator, 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.

Hear our prayer, and 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.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: forgive us and help us. We are thoughtless,

and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,

as if there were no God and no heaven.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy: forgive us and help us. Amen.

The Peace

We stand

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

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

"Katonda Yebale, Thanks Be to God," Jane Musoke.

Great Thanksgiving

God is here! God's Spirit is with us. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise. Holy creator, maker of all, it is indeed right to bring you thanks and praise, all year round. Your glory is made known in the beauty and wonder all around us. Your love is seen in the bounteous providence of nature. You have spoken, and this world came into being – bursting with life. For the fruits of his creation,

Thanks be to God.

Everlasting God, sower of the Word, You have spoken to your people in season and out of season: through prophets, priests and kings and queens, through holy families and faithful saints. Your Word has been our nourishment throughout the ages, like honey to the lips. And tangibly and comprehensibly, you have spoken through your Son, the Savior of the World. For his gifts to every nation,

Thanks be to God.

Ruler of the heavens, grower of the Vine, we thank you that Jesus lived among us: walking with his friends as they plucked grain from the wayside, breaking bread with the hungry on a hillside, overseeing a great harvest of fish at the lakeside. With us, for us, as one of us; the Lord of life, given for us. Most of all, we thank you that love has found us, Unite us with him forever, and with all who love him on earth and in heaven; all who share our eternal hymn of praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! We thank you that Jesus Christ ate with sinners and, on the night before he died, took bread – gift of heaven and work of human hands – and shared it with his disciples, saying: "this is my body, broken for you." We do this in remembrance of him.

We thank you that Jesus shared with those who celebrated and, on that same mysterious night, took a cup of wine – gift of heaven and work of human hands – and gave it to his friends, saying: "this is my blood of the New Covenant, poured out for you, for the forgiveness of sins." We do this in remembrance of him.

Send now your Holy Spirit, that this bread and this wine, may be for us the body and blood of Christ.

As we share this holy meal, we remember that, Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again. Bring your final harvest home!

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above; Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all his love. Amen.

God's table is open, and all are welcome to share in the feast - the gifts and the fruits of God's love.

Communion

Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all.

We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.

Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.

Music

"Now Thank We All Our God," Nick Fletcher.

"Bringing in the Sheaves," Bradley Sowash.

Prayer after Communion

We stand.

Let us pray. O God who has blessed us with every good thing, We thank you for the blessing of sharing these good things with you, and with each other. May we be filled with your love, reaping the harvest of your Spirit, to go from here as workers in your field, and laborers in your vineyard. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May the 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 offered for the good of the world. And may the blessing of God... Amen.

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Closing Hymn



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Dismissal

Freely you have received, freely give. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. We go in the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia!

Postlude

"Will the Circle Be Unbroken?" Bobby Denton.