

# Shared Ministry in Exning and North Newmarket

## Harvest Thanksgiving Evening Prayer



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# Greeting & Welcome

## Preparation

### Opening Verse

The land has yielded its harvest: God our God has blessed us. *Psalm 67:6*

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

*All*: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice

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

God our Father, we are sorry  
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,  
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

*All* **Forgive us and help us.**

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,  
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

*All* **Forgive us and help us.**

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,  
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

*All* **Forgive us and help us.**

We are thoughtless,  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

*All* **Forgive us and help us.**

We store up goods for ourselves alone,  
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

*All* **Forgive us and help us.**

*Minister offers absolution*

## Thanksgiving

Father in heaven all good gifts come from you. You send the sunshine and the rain, and it is through your love and care that we enjoy the harvest time. Thank you for providing so richly for our needs and help us to share the good things we have with those who have little or nothing.

Lord in your mercy

*All:* Hear our prayer

Lord we pray for your blessing on every kind of harvest that we enjoy. Thank you for the harvest of the land and the sea. Bless too the harvest of factory, mine and workshop. Bless the harvest of research and of creative art. May we work together with you in every area of life to produce what is worthwhile, good and fruitful. May you be glorified in it all.

Lord in your mercy

*All:* Hear our prayer

## Symbols of the Harvest

For the harvest gifts that God has created and his sun and rain have nurtured

**Thanks be to God.**

For the harvest of the cornfields, the oats and the wheat, the rye and the barley.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the harvest of roots, the swedes and mangolds, turnips and sugar beet.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the harvest of seeds for next year's crops, for clover, for hay and for corn.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the harvest of vegetables, peas, potatoes, beans and hops.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the harvest of pears and apples, berries and herbs.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the harvest of flowers, the finest blooms from our gardens and our fields.

**Thanks be to God.**

For the grain and the grape, for our Saviour took bread and wine to feed us with his body and his blood, given and shed for the life of the world.

**Thanks be to God.**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him, all creatures here below,  
praise him above, ye heavenly host,  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

**Amen.**

### **The Word of God**

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.

*cf Psalm 65.8,10,11,13; 67.7*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

### *Scripture Reading*

As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest, cold and heat,  
summer and winter, day and night  
shall not cease.

*Genesis 8.22*

*The following responsorial is said*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**All** Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

**All** I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**All** Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

### *Gospel Cantic*

*The Nunc dimittis (The Song of Simeon) is said or sung*

**All** Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦  
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations ♦  
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

**All** Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.

**All** Save us, O Lord, while waking,  
and guard us while sleeping,  
that awake we may watch with Christ  
and asleep may rest in peace.

## Prayers

*Intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*The Prayers end with*

*....Merciful Father accept these prayers .....*

### **A Collect Prayer**

Almighty and everlasting God, we offer you our grateful thanks for your fatherly goodness and care in giving us your gifts and the fruits of the earth through the seasons. Give us grace use them rightly, to your glory, for our own well being, and for the relief of those in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All Amen.**

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

**All** for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

**All** for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

**All so do we look for you, O Christ.**

[Come with the dawning of the day

**All and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.]**

The Lord bless us and watch over us;

the Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

**All Amen.**

### **The Conclusion**

God the Father, who created the world,

give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

**All Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,

inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

**All Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation,

help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

**All Amen.**

