

Hymn 274

– **To thee O Lord our hearts we raise**

- *harvest gifts are brought to the front*
- *a collection is taken*
- *harvest offerings are brought to the altar*

The Harvest Acclamation

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 crops with growth.
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.

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God, our God, has blessed us.

Almighty God.

**We offer you our souls and bodies,
To be a living sacrifice,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out into the world
in the power of your Spirit,
to live and work
to your praise and glory
Amen.**

Hymn 262 – O Lord my God

The Blessing and Dismissal

May God our Creator, who clothes the lilies
and feeds the birds of the air;
bestow on you his care and increase
in you the harvest of his holiness;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in peace to love
and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Piano Duet:

English Country Garden – Percy Grainger



St Mary's Lapworth



A Family Service for Harvest Festival

Hymn 275

– **We plough the fields and scatter**

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Confession

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:
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:
forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cries of the hungry.
Father in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and we do not care enough
for the world you have made.
Father in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there was no God and no heaven.
Father in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

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



Praise

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Let us worship the Lord.
All praise to his name.

**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.**

Hymn 272 – Praise and thanksgiving

The 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.**

Scripture Reading – Matthew 6: 25-33

Reflection on Harvest

Choir Anthem

Look at the World – John Rutter

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?
We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?
We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
**We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Hymn 254 – For the fruits of his creation

Prayers of Intercession

This responses may be used...
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.
And at the end...



Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
Amen.



The Peace

The harvest of the spirit is love, joy, peace,
patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

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