

## COLLECT AND READINGS HARVEST 2023

### 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.

### Psalm 65

- 1 Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion; ♦  
to you that answer prayer shall vows be paid.
- 2 To you shall all flesh come to confess their sins; ♦  
when our misdeeds prevail against us,  
you will purge them away.
- 3 Happy are they whom you choose  
and draw to your courts to dwell there. ♦  
We shall be satisfied with the blessings of your house,  
even of your holy temple.
- 4 With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, ♦  
O hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas.
- 5 In your strength you set fast the mountains ♦  
and are girded about with might.
- 6 You still the raging of the seas, ♦  
the roaring of their waves  
and the clamour of the peoples.
- 7 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
tremble at your marvels; ♦  
the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.
- 8 You visit the earth and water it; ♦  
you make it very plenteous.
- 9 The river of God is full of water; ♦  
you prepare grain for your people,  
for so you provide for the earth.
- 10 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; ♦

you soften the ground with showers and bless its increase.

- 11 You crown the year with your goodness, ♦  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 12 May the pastures of the wilderness flow with goodness ♦  
and the hills be girded with joy.
- 13 May the meadows be clothed with flocks of sheep ♦  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn  
that they shall laugh and sing.

### **A reading from St Paul's second letter to the Corinthians, chapter 9, verses 6 to 15**

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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. As it is written,

'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;  
his righteousness endures for ever.'

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. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. 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, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! You saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation (for Common Worship Communion services only)*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Lift up your eyes and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting. Gather fruit for eternal life.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke, chapter 17. 11-19.

Glory to you, O Lord

## Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.