

# St Mary's Lapworth

## Choir Hymn

- To thee O Lord our hearts we raise
- *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.**

## The Blessing and Dismissal

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

Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



## A Family Service for Harvest Festival

### 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.**

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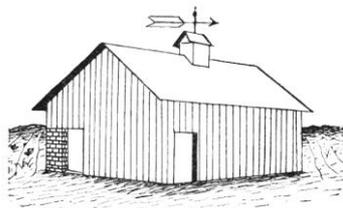
– Come, ye thankful people, come

## 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 – Luke 12: 16-21

## Reflection on Harvest



## Choir Anthem

### 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.**

## 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.**