Harvest Festival Liturgy

3rd October 2024

The Federation of St Paul &
St Martin of Porres Catholic Primary Schools

Celebrant: Father Perry Sykes

Entrance Hymn: All things bright and beautiful

All things bright and beautiful all creatures great and small, all things wise and wonderful the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings, he made their glowing colours, he made their tiny wings.

All things bright and beautiful ….

The Purple-headed mountains, the river running by, the sunset and the morning, that brightens up the sky.

All things bright and beautiful ….

The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun, the ripe fruits in the garden, he made them every one.

All things bright and beautiful ….

The tall trees in the greenwood, the meadows for our play, the rushes by the water, to gather every day.

All things bright and beautiful ….

Federation School Prayer

Thank you, O God, for another day.
Help me to spend it wisely and to spend it well.
Grant that everything I do today may be done as well as I can do it.

Grant that everyone I meet may be happier for the meeting.
Keep me all through today, conscientious in my work,
truthful in my speaking, loyal to my friends
and faithful to those who love me.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen

Introduction

A harvest festival is a celebration of the food that is grown on the land and harvested.

It is the time of year when summer has ended and signs of autumn have begun to appear, farmers have gathered in their crops and begun to make preparations for the next season's planting.

It is a time of year to be grateful for all the food and drink we can share at mealtimes.

We take part in celebrations to give thanks for our food. Celebrations happen in many countries around the world and the festivals are often very different in different places.

Offertory of Symbolic gifts

Harvest is a time when we can all say thank you for the Earth's Gifts.

Thank you Lord

We bring our favourite foods and remember the people who grow our food and prepare it for us to eat.

Thank you Lord

We bring fresh, clean water, which gives life and refreshes us

Thank you Lord

We bring the warmth and light of the sun that gives energy and enables things to grow in our world

Thank you Lord

We bring the harvest of the sea and remember the people who fish for our food.

Thank you Lord

We bring the harvest of the soil and remember the people who dig for our coal, mine for minerals and drill for oil.

Thank you Lord

Gospel Acclamation

(Sung) Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord or heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children
Alleluia!

Gospel Responses

Priest: The Lord be with you
All: And with your Spirit.
Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew
All: Glory to you, O Lord

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

Prayers of the Faithful

The response is -

Hear our Prayer

Blessing of the harvest food

Father Perry

For a harvest shared by all

St Francis of Assisi,

your whole life sang in harmony

with God, nature and others.

With you, we praise God for Brother Sun,

full of beauty and splendour,

warming the earth,

summoning shoots

from darkness into daylight.

We praise God for Sister Water,

so useful and humble,

precious and pure,

greening arid ground,

growing life in desert places.

Pray for us Francis, that, like you,

we may care for all that exists,

until Brother Sun and Sister Water produce a harvest shared by all,

in love and solidarity,

justice and peace.

Amen

Blessing of the people
Concluding Rite

Priest: The Lord be with you

All: And with your Spirit.

Priest: May Almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

Priest: Go in peace

All: Thanks be to God

Recessional Hymn: Harvest Samba

Cabbages and greens, Broccoli and beans,
Cauliflower and roasted potatoes,
Taste so good to me!
Apricots and plums, Ripened in the sun,
Oranges and yellow bananas,
Good for everyone!

Golden corn and wheat,
Oats and sugar beet,
Fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti,
Wonderful to eat!
Coffee, cocoa, tea, Growing naturally,
Herbal plants and all kinds of spices
Very nice indeed!

Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables
and the wonderful things that grow!
Thank you for the harvest,
Thank you for your goodness,
For all of the fruit and vegetables
and the wonderful things that grow!

Chorus:

It's another Harvest Festival
When we bring our fruit and vegetables,
Cause we want to share the best of all
The good things that we've been given.
It's another opportunity
to be grateful for the food we eat
With a Samba celebration
To say thank you to God the Father.