

Livingstone Parish Church  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2022  
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Harvest Thanksgiving

Hymn 1 CH4 229

**We plough the fields and scatter**

the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand;  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,  
the breezes and the sunshine  
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us  
are sent from heav'n above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

He only is the Maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and rain obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.  
*All good gifts...*

We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
No gifts we have to offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
but that which thou desirest:  
our humble, thankful hearts.  
*All good gifts...*

Matthias Claudius (1740-1815)  
*translated* \*Jane Montgomery Campbell  
(1817-1878)

Hymn 2 Ang 887

**Thank you, Lord, for this new day,**

thank you, Lord, for this new day,  
thank you, Lord, for this new day,  
right where we are.

*Alleluia, praise the Lord,  
alleluia, praise the Lord,  
alleluia, praise the Lord,  
right where we are.*

Thank you, Lord, for food to eat,  
thank you, Lord, for food to eat,  
thank you, Lord, for food to eat,  
right where we are.

*Alleluia...*

Thank you, Lord, for clothes to wear,  
thank you, Lord, for clothes to wear,  
thank you, Lord, for clothes to wear,  
right where we are.

*Alleluia...*

Thank you, Lord, for all your gifts,  
thank you, Lord, for all your gifts,  
thank you, Lord, for all your gifts,  
right where we are.

*Alleluia...*

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Hymn 3 CH4 230

**Praise God for the harvest of orchard  
and field,**

praise God for the people who gather their  
yield,  
the long hours of labour, the skills of a  
team,  
the patience of science, the power of  
machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from  
afar,  
from market and harbour, the sea and the  
shore:  
foods packed and transported, and  
gathered and grown  
by God-given neighbours, unseen and  
unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried  
and mined,  
when sifted, and smelted, or shaped and  
refined;  
for oil and for iron, for copper and coal,  
praise God, who in love has provided them  
all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and  
skill,  
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:  
for dreams and inventions that promise to  
gain  
a future more hopeful, a world more  
humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and  
love,  
from leaders and peoples who struggle and  
serve  
for patience and kindness, that all may be  
led  
to freedom and justice, and all may be fed.

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Hymn 4 CH4 231

**For the fruits of all creation,**

thanks be to God;  
for these gifts to every nation,  
thanks be to God;  
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,  
God's will is done;  
in the help we give our neighbour,  
God's will is done;  
in our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvest we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God;  
for the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Frederick Pratt Green (1903-2000)

**Exeunt** (Sing Twice)

**May the peace of the Lord Christ go  
with you,**

wherever He may send you.  
May He guide you through the wilderness,  
protect you through the storm.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
at the wonders He has shown you.  
May He bring you home rejoicing  
once again into our doors.

Celtic Daily Prayer