

St Mary the Virgin, Riverhead with Dunton Green
Harvest All-Age Service

Welcome and Notices

God is good
all the time
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**Lord direct our thoughts and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship in spirit and truth,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

First Hymn: 290 We Plough the Fields and Scatter

Setting the scene

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 cry of the hungry.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and 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 were no God and no heaven.
Father, in your mercy:
forgive us and help us.

Absolution:

May the God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive us our sins and make us to be holy to serve Him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Hymn: 286 Praise O Praise our God and King
(During which the Harvest gifts are bought to the altar).*

Readings:

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Matthew 6:25-33

²⁵ 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life[Ⓜ]?

²⁸ 'And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you – you of little

faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, “What shall we eat?” or “What shall we drink?” or “What shall we wear?” ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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Talk

Hymn:

God of harvest, God of sharing,
God who meets us in our need.
fill us with a love of caring,
save us from our hidden greed.
Jesus gave away his glory
help your people do the same,
help your people live his story,
sharing riches in his name.

God of harvest, God of sharing,
gave a world for all to share.
Yet we burn our planet’s riches,
for our comfort, without care.
Living lives that sicken creation,
farms turned into barren land,
hungry ones, made voiceless,
helpless,
bread is taken from their hand.

God of harvest, God of sharing,
gave good news for us to share.
Gives, and helps us give to
others,
love and friendship, time and
care.
By your Spirit, by our living,
help us all your truth proclaim,
In our hearing, in our helping,
offer love in Jesus’ name.

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

We may use the response:

Lord in your mercy
Hear our Prayer

We will bring all our prayers together with the Lord's Prayer...

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Final Hymn:533 All Things Bright and Beautiful.

Blessing.

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**