Welcome

Opening Verse
The earth is the Lord’s, and all that is in it Psalm 24.1

Introduction
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 increase of it.

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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Psalm 65.8,10,11,13; 67.7

Thank God for the Harvest
Hymn
Come ye thankful people come

Confession

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth’s bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The minister will proclaim the words of forgiveness.

Offering

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Dear Lord, the gifts of the harvest are yours. May we use them wisely to your glory and for the relief of the suffering, as well as for our own needs.

Hymn
Autumn Days

Thanksgiving Prayer

Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth.

For the colour and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

All Your mercy endures for ever.
For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
All Your mercy endures for ever.

For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:
All Your mercy endures for ever.

For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring our thanks, good Lord:
All Your mercy endures for ever.

For new hope and strength in our communities, especially in your Church and among all you call to serve you, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
All Your mercy endures for ever.

For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and humility, and all the fruit of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
All Your mercy endures for ever.

For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us to share it, we bring our thanks, good Lord:
All Your mercy endures for ever.

Collect Prayer

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, Amen

Bible Readings
The readings may be followed in Partnership News

At the end of each reading
Reader This is the Word of the Lord
All Thanks be to God
Hymn
Praise God for the Harvest

Address
Presentation on Mavuno Village - Mr Martin Fannon
The Reverend Dr Sam Cappleman

Hymn
For the fruits of all creation

The Prayers

At the end of our prayers we say

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Hymn
We plough the fields

The Blessing

Freely you have received, freely give.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.