

August 31, 2025 Liturgy

Welcome! (all rise) and God's Greeting

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, 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 worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests 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.

Lord of all Hopefulness

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:

be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store:
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross,
grave's shattered door;
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful songs shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom, races joined,
the church made one.

Now direct our daily labour, lest we strive for self alone;
born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred;
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

Children's Blessing

Prayer ONE: Lord, return to us the joy in our work, and in using
the talents and gifts
we received from you. Give us joy in doing all our work to
your honour and glory. Equip us to labour in ways that
promote justice and peace. Equip us to be ministers of
your peace in a world that cries for peace.

ALL: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

One: Lord, today we pray for all who work in
business and industry, in homemaking and medicine,

**ALL: who work in education and agriculture, who work
in government and service to others,**

One: who are beginning a new career, who struggle in
their work,

**ALL: who are seeking new or different jobs, who are
retired or anticipating retirement,**

One: who are unemployed or underemployed, who are
searching for their life's calling:

**ALL: Lord, guide and bless them all this Labour Day
weekend! Amen.**

Prayer for a blessing over the Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 10: 23 – 33 p. 929

Message: “Labour for God's Glory!”

As Stewards of a Vineyard

As stewards of a vineyard and keepers of the land
we wish to serve our Maker and follow his command
To ever love our neighbour and justice to maintain
If in the Lord we labour, our work is not in vain

We search in new directions for justice and for peace
Rejoicing in our labours: God’s blessings will not cease
We wish to heal what’s broken; we seek to ease the pain
If in the Lord we labour, our work is not in vain

Prayers of the People

Offering: Scott Mission

God’s Blessing

Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise him, all creatures here below.
Praise him above, you heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son,
and Holy Ghost. Amen!