

Sunday 13 October 2024

Harvest Thanksgiving & Poverty and Hope Appeal

Collect

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, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, **Amen.**

Reading Joel 2:21-27

A reading from the book of Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the trees bear its fruit, the fig tree and the vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given you the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, The Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Psalm Psalm 67

R *So that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations.*

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us. **R**

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. **R**

May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. **R**

May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you. **R**

The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. **R**

May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. **R**

Gospel Matthew 6: 25-33

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Jesus taught his disciples, saying: 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

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