

SUNDAY READINGS & PRAYERS

HARVEST THANKSGIVING (YEAR C)

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 for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING

Deu 26.1-11

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses spoke to the people, saying: When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this

place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 100



R. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

(All repeat)



Be joyful in the Lord, | all you lands;
serve the | Lord with gladness
and come before his presence | with a
song. *R.*

Know that the Lord him-|self is God;
he has made us and | we are his;
we are his people, the sheep | of his flock. *R.*

Enter his gates | with thanksgiving;
go into his | courts with praise;
give thanks to him and call up-|on his
name. *R.*

For the | Lord is good;
his mercy is | everlasting;
his faithfulness endures from | age to age. *R.*

SECOND READING

Php 4.4-9

A reading from the letter of Paul to the
Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say,
Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to
everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry
about anything, but in everything by prayer
and supplication with thanksgiving let your
requests be made known to God. And the
peace of God, which surpasses all under-
standing, will guard your hearts and your

minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf Jn 4.35,36

Alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting:
gather the fruit for eternal life.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL READING

Jn 6.25–35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When they found Jesus on the other side of the sea, the crowd said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not labour for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives

you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Lord, make holy the gifts we offer with gratitude from the produce of the earth, and as you have made our land bear a rich harvest, make our hearts fruitful with your life and love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION

Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and the wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

SOLEMN BLESSING

God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation. **Amen.**

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest. **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit, whose breath fills the whole of creation, help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing ...