

United Benefice of Berrow with Pendock, Eldersfield, Hollybush and Birtsmorton



HARVEST THANKSGIVING

Welcome

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Blessed be the Lord God of heaven and earth, for he has visited and redeemed his people. He has raised up for us a mighty salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Father is with us.

Amen.

The Creator is with you.

And also with you.

Jesus is with us.

Amen.

The Saviour is with you.

And also with you.

The Spirit is with us.

Amen.

The Strengtheners is with you.

And also with you.

God is with us.

Amen.

FIRST HYMN

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND ABSOLUTION

Jesus said, "Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled." As sisters and brothers in God's family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Let us confess our sins, in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against one another in thought
word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate
fault.**

**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of
your name. Amen.**

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM 65: 5-13

You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our saviour.

You are the hope of everyone on earth, even those who sail on distant seas.

⁶ You formed the mountains by your power
and armed yourself with mighty strength.

⁷ You quieted the raging oceans with their pounding waves
and silenced the shouting of the nations.

⁸ Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders.
From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy.

⁹ You take care of the earth and water it, making it rich and fertile.

The river of God has plenty of water; it provides a bountiful harvest of grain, for you have ordered it so.

¹⁰ You drench the ploughed ground with rain,

melting the clods and levelling the ridges.
You soften the earth with showers and bless its abundant crops.
¹¹ You crown the year with a bountiful harvest;
even the hard pathways overflow with abundance.
¹² The grasslands of the wilderness become a lush pasture,
and the hillsides blossom with joy.
¹³ The meadows are clothed with flocks of sheep,
and the valleys are carpeted with grain.
They all shout and sing for joy!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning is now and shall be forever.
Amen.**

SECOND HYMN

**Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you,
intelligence to understand you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
vision to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
a life to proclaim you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God now and for ever.
AMEN.**

THE 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.

READINGS : Isaiah 35.1-9, Philippians 4.1-9

This is the word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Matthew 22.1-14

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the
Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers, and to all the apostles:
this we have received, and this we believe. Amen.**

THIRD HYMN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our
Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.**

We say together the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father, who 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.
And 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.**

FOURTH HYMN

CONCLUSION

Let us pray together:

**Lord, be with us to guide us,
within us to strengthen us,
without us to protect us,
above us to raise us,
beneath us to uphold us,
behind us to guard us,
ever about us,
this day and evermore.
Amen.**

THE PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

THE 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 of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, now and forever.
Amen.