

Sunday by Sunday on the web

Harvest Thanksgiving and ‘A Time for God’s Creation’

Resources

Common Worship: Times and Seasons (Church House Publishing 2006) has a section entitled ‘The Agricultural Year’ including resources for Harvest Thanksgiving as well as material for use on a number of occasions when churches are exploring themes related to creation or environmental awareness. There is material for themed eucharistic celebrations (page 623), Plough Sunday (early January), Rogationtide (around the sixth Sunday of Easter), Lammastide (1 August) and times of agricultural crisis (such as might be remembered when Foot and Mouth disease struck Britain in 2001 and 2007). The material is also available online (from www.churchofengland.org.uk choose ‘Prayer and Worship’, then follow the links to ‘Worship’ and ‘Common Worship’, or access at www.churchofengland.org/media/41161/tsagyear.pdf).

An article on Harvest Festivals can be found on the RSCM website (www.rscm.com/assets/publications/sbys/harvestFestivalsArticleSep12.pdf). Harvest resources are produced annually by the Methodist Relief and Development Fund (www.mrdf.org.uk/resources/harvest-resources). The Baptist Union’s book *Gathering for Worship* (Canterbury Press, 2005) includes harvest resources on page 398. Hymns relating specifically to harvest celebrations are marked with an asterisk in the table below.

A Time for God’s Creation

At the Third European Ecumenical Assembly (2007) official representatives of Europe’s Roman Catholic, Orthodox, Anglican and Protestant churches recommended ‘That the period from 1 September to 4 October be dedicated to prayer for the protection of Creation and the promotion of sustainable lifestyles that reverse our contribution to climate change.’ Local churches are encouraged to choose a Sunday during this period when Creation will be at the centre of their worship and reflection. This might be in the context of a weekend of joint events with other churches and, indeed, members of the other Abrahamic faiths. Some may link their Harvest Festival celebrations with this, though others may wish to keep a separate Harvest Thanksgiving. The lists which follow offer suggestions for Harvest as well as music on general Creation themes.

Readings proposed by the Church of England’s Liturgical Commission can be found on the Transforming Worship website (www.transformingworship.org.uk/TransformingWorship/wp-content/uploads/file/time-for-gods-creation-readings.pdf).

In *New Patterns for Worship* (Church House Publishing 2002) one of the sample acts of worship is a service of Holy Communion with the theme ‘All Creation Worships’ (pages 458-478).

Ecumenical resources can be found on the website of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland (www.ctbi.org.uk).

Common Worship lectionary readings for Harvest Thanksgiving

Year A

Deut 8.7-18 or Deut 28.1-14

Psalm 65

2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Luke 12.16-30 or

Luke 17.11-19

Year B

Joel 2.21-27

Psalm 126

I Timothy 2.1-7 or

I Timothy 6.6-10

Matthew 6.25-33

Year C

Deuteronomy 26.1-11

Psalm 100

Philippians 4.4-9 or

Revelation 14.14-18

John 6.25-35

Common Worship Additional Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land,
the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons;
as we thank you for the harvest,
may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Singing the Psalm

Psalm 65 PAME, PFE2, CRP, SP, NEP, CWP, NPCW, PFSI

Psalm 126 PFE2/3, CRP, SP, MCWI, CH4, NPCW, CWP, NEP, L, LHON, H&P, VE

Smith *The Lord has done great things for us* PS1 (WLP)#

Farrell *Those who sow in tears* BFS#

Farrell *What marvels the Lord has worked for us* BFS, GBU, VE#

Psalm 100 CRP, PFE3, SP, CWP, NPCW, PAME, MCWI, FGP, NEP

Deiss *All the earth proclaim the Lord* C, CFE, L

Rizza *Cantate Domino* AIL#

Wardle *Enter his gates with thanksgiving* PIW

Harper *Jubilate Deo* PSA

Berthier *Laudate Dominum* TSFP#

D'Inverno *Shout joy to the Lord* PS2#

Moore *We are his people* PCMG

Hymns and songs

	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	STF	TS
Above the moon earth rises				249										
All creation cries to you (God is great)							1145				1155			
All creation is a song											1694			1703
All creatures of our God and King	105	15	147	250	6	13	7	263	39	23	645		99	614
All things bright and beautiful	116	27	137	251	25	283	23	264		294	14		100	14
All things praise thee, Lord most high							24							
All you works of God			151											
Beauty for brokenness			259		60		806			263	664	237	693	37
Bless the Lord, creation sings						604								
Come, ye thankful people, come *	289	136	233	270	133	284	106	259	40				123	
Creating God, your fingers trace									56					
Creation sings! Each plant and tree										295				
Creation sings the Father's song											2255			
Creator of the starry height	23		25	135										
Dance and sing, all the earth					139									
Fair waved the golden corn *					155			260						
Fairest Lord Jesus						209	823	634	273	199				680
Fill your hearts with joy and gladness			103		172	30	147			80	717	109		
For the beauty of the earth	104	177	181	253	184	298	152	285	41	298	112		102	
For the fruits of his/all creation	457	178	231	254	185	286	153	621	42	299	1234	110	124	685
From the highest of heights (Indescribable)							1170				1775		48	1797
Give to our God immortal praise	460			434	203	31	171		94	83				
God in his love for us lent us this planet							832						727	
God is a name my soul adores				255					31					
God is great, amazing!							836				730			126
God is love: let heaven adore Him	365		123	442	217		187	364	95					
God moves in a mysterious way	112		158	445	222		193	365	59				104	700

	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	STF	TS
God said, God said world													105	
God, who made the earth, declared it good			228											
God who made the earth, the air					235				62					
God who made the earth, the sky		211												
God, whose farm is all creation	370		226	271	236	282			612	302			122	
God's will for creation			136											
Gracious God, in adoration					244							243		
Great/O God of every shining constellation			246											
Great is thy faithfulness			153	453	249	260	200	636	96	39	147	276	51	138
I sing the almighty power of God							293		43				107	
In the beginning God played with the planets													108	
In the earth a small seed is hidden		306												
Let all creation dance			149									247		
Let everything that has breath (<i>Redman</i>)							1001			124	880			854
Let us sing your glory, Lord					390									
Let us, with a gladsome mind	204	362	93	498	392	23	415	397		312				
Lord, bring the day to pass			238	257					87					
Lord of all life and power					414									
Lord of all worlds, we worship and adore you												248		
Lord of beauty, thine the splendour	106			258	415			265						
Lord of the boundless curves of space	493			210				405	44				111	
Lord of the changing year						261				303				
Lord, your hands have formed this world			140											
Loved before the dawn of time											2434			1982
Morning glory, starlit sky/Open are the gifts of God	496		390	259				608	99				12	
Morning has broken		490	212	260	450	265	467	237	45		393		136	

	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	STF	TS
Nourished by the rainfall			138											
O give thanks to the Lord (<i>Kendrick</i>)														384
O God beyond all praising					489	36				53	953			
O Lord, my God (How great thou art)		568	154	262	511		506		117	56	425	249	82	396
O Lord of every shining constellation	411		246	263	512	314								
O Lord of heaven and earth and sea	287			540		287		422		306				
O Lord, our Lord, throughout the earth			5										112	
O worship the King, all glorious above	101	559	127	546	551	24	528	433	47	90	456		113	425
Oh, the life of the world			141									250	114	
Praise and thanksgiving, Father, we offer *	415			272	558				48				125	
Praise God for harvest-time *												111		
Praise God for the harvest *			230		559	288				308			126	
Praise the Lord in creation			588											
Praise, O praise our God and King	288			273	566									
Praise the Lord of heaven					568							303		
Praise ye the Lord! 'Tis good to raise									50				115	
Reap me the earth as a harvest to God	507	615							437					
Sing, all creation		646	64	567										
Sing to God with gladness, all creation!			150											
Take up the song			171									253		
Tell me who made all of creation													118	
The earth belongs to God alone			18											
The earth is the Lord's (<i>Kendrick</i>)							642				528			
The earth is yours, O God			227			290				313				
The God who set the stars in space (<i>A House of Praise, OUP</i>)														
The harvest is here *													128	
The heavens are telling (<i>Haugen</i>)		912												

	AMNS	CFE	CH4	CP	HON	HTC	MP	NEH	R&S	SG	SOF	SPR	STF	TS
The heavens declare thy glory, Lord	168			264		254			320	230				
The rising sun that fills the sky							1226				2064			2071
The spacious firmament on high	103		148	265	665			267						
The works of the Lord are created in wisdom				266		26								
Think of a world without any flowers			155		900				123				92	
Thou/God whose almighty word	180	738	112	267	684	506	699	466	38	597	557		106	
Timeless love! We sing the story				268		47	707			100				
To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise *	291			274	696			261	53				129	
Touch the earth lightly			243										729	
Water of life		401						655				124		
We plough the fields and scatter *	290	782	229	275	719	292	732	262	124	311	585		130	
When your Father made the world			239		914									
Where are the voices for the earth?			244											
Who can know the mind of our Creator?							1240				2143			2145
Who put the colours in the rainbow?			143		915						1624			
With wonder, Lord, we see your works	531			269						316				
Yes, God is good							786							1075
You're the one who flung the stars														1092

* Suitable principally for harvest thanksgiving services

Anthems and vocal music

Title	Composer	Voices	E/M/D	Book source	Single sheet publisher
UNISON/TWO PART/ HIGH VOICES					
A Gaelic Blessing	Rutter	U/SSA	E/M	BC, WOL	RSCM
All creatures of our God and King	Ledger	SSS	M		Encore
All things bright and beautiful	Rutter	2 part	E		OUP

Be cool	Chilcott	U	E	CFTW	
Care for our world	P.Rose	2 part	E	SBSE	
Creator God	Harper	U	E	CFTW	
Creator God	Rizza	U/SATB + descant#	E	ROP	
Fairest Lord Jesus	Trad arr Baldwin	SA	E		Banks
Fairest Lord Jesus	Trad arr How	U/SA(Men)	E	BC, OBFA, TEA	RSCM
For the beauty of the earth	Lole	SS	E/M		Encore
For the beauty of the earth	Rutter	SA	E/M		OUP
God is all around us	Ogden	U + descant	E		WLP
Green was the earth	Barnard	U	E	SBSE	
In heaven it is always Autumn	I.Holst	SSSAA	M/D		OUP
Let all creation sing	Ogden	U + descants/SATB#	E	PS1, SFL2	WLP
Look at the world	Rutter	U/SATB	E	JRA	OUP
Lord of the harvest	Tamblyn	U/SATB#	E/M	SFTL	OCP
Praise, O praise	How	2 part	E	MEA, NCAB, BC	
Sing aloud, the day is breaking	Beethoven arr Rawsthorne	SS	E	SYCC4	
Sing out, earth and skies (Come, O God of all the earth)	Haugen	U/SATB#	E	MHS, CFE, LHON	GIA
Song of the Sun	Orff	SSSA	M	AC3	Schott
Spring Carol	Britten	SS	M		B&H
Take my gifts	Farrell	U#	E	GBU	
The Cloud	Hubbard	U	M	SFJ	
The fruits of the land	Ogden	U	E	BC	WLP
The heavens are telling (Canticle of the Sun)	Haugen	U/SATB#	E	CFES, L, MHS	GIA
The Lord of the earth	Bell	U	E	SHG	GIA
The wonders I see	Farrell	U#	E	BFS	
We are a part of all creation	Haugen	U/2 part	E	AGP	

THREE / FOUR PARTS					
A Gaelic Blessing	Rutter	SATB	E/M	NCAB	RSCM
A Harvest Anthem (God in such love for us)	Archer	SATB	E		RSCM
Achieved is the glorious work (<i>The Creation</i>)	Haydn	SATB	M	FSB9	Novello
All creatures of our God and King	Archer	SATB	M		RSCM
All creatures of our God and King	Harris	SATB	M		RSCM
All things bright and beautiful	Rutter	SATB	E	JRA	OUP
And thank him then	Chilcott	SATB	E	BCA	OUP
Caedmon of Whitby's First Hymn	P.Moore	SATB	M		Encore
Cantate Domino	Rizza	SATB#	E/M	AIL	
Fear not, O land	Elgar	SATB	M		Novello
Fear not, O land	W.H.Harris	SATB	M	NOEAB	
For the beauty of the earth	Carter	SATB	M	NOEAB	OUP
For the beauty of the earth	Rutter	SATB	E	JRA	OUP
For the gifts of life and love	Nardone	SATB	M	SC	
Great and wonderful, Lord God	Trad arr Barnard	SATB	E	SBSE	
Harvest Carol	Nixon	SATB	E/M		Encore
Harvest Carol	Ray	SATB unacc	E	OBFA	
Irish Blessing	Chilcott	SATB	E	BCA	OUP
Let the people praise thee, O God	Harwood	SATB	M		Novello
Let us with a gladsome mind	Nicholson	SATB	E		RSCM
O all ye works of God	Cavuoti	SATB	M	PSA	RSCM
O God of all creation	J.S.Bach	SATB	E	SBSE	
O Lord our Governor	Hawes	SATB	M/D		Novello
O Lord our Governor	Barry Rose	SATB	M	MTP	Cathedral
Praise God for harvest-time	Anon arr Barnard	SATB	E	SBSE	

Praise to God, immortal praise	Vann	SATB	E	AOAN	
Praise, O praise the Lord of harvest	Thiman	SATB	E		Novello
Send forth your Spirit, Lord	Rizza	U/SATB#	E	FOL	
Sing to the Lord of harvest	Blake	SATB	M		RSCM
Sing to the Lord of harvest	Maunder	SATB	E/M	NNAB	
Sing to the Lord of harvest	Trad arr Ferguson	SATB unacc	M		Encore
Song of the Creator	Weaver	SATB	M	SBSI	
Sweet prospect	Chilcott	SATB	E/M	BCA	OUP
The Canticle of Brother Sun	Ives	SATB	M		OUP
The heavens are telling (<i>The Creation</i>)	Haydn	SATB	M		Novello
The river flows, the seasons turn	Frith	SATB	M		OUP
The spacious firmament	Sumsion	SATB	M		RSCM
Thou visitest the earth	Greene	SATB + T solo	E	NSAC2, NCAB, BC, FABI, AOAN (SAB)	Novello
Thou visitest the earth	Greene	SAMen	E	OBFA	
We thank you, Lord	Bullard	SATB	E/M	ABA	
You visit the land	Corp	SAB	E	SFL2	
FIVE OR MORE PARTS					
Cantico del Sole	Walton	SSAATTBB unacc	D		OUP
Ecce beatam lucem	Dove	SSAATTBB	M		Faber
I am the great sun	Chydenius	SSAATTBB unacc	M		OUP
I thank you God for most this amazing day	Whitacre	SSAATTBB unacc	D		Walton
Nation shall speak peace unto nation	Barry Rose	SSATBB unacc	M	NSAC2	
The earth is the Lord's	Wilby	SSAATTBB + brass	M		Kirklees
The spacious firmament	Bullard	SSAATTBB unacc	D		OUP
The spacious firmament	P.Moore	SSAATTBB	M/D		Banks
Where wast thou?	Howells	SSATB + B solo	D		Novello

indicates a setting suitable for music groups.

Taizé, Iona and world music

<p><i>All the wonder that surrounds us</i> OITB <i>Bless the Lord, my soul</i> T2, SPT, TSFP <i>Dance and sing, all the earth</i> HSNW, IAMB <i>For the beauty of the earth</i> IECS <i>Glory to God above</i> PPP, CG <i>God, who made the earth</i> OITB <i>In resurrection tua</i> CLM <i>L'ajuda em vindrà (I lift up my eyes)</i> CLM <i>Let us sing to the Lord</i> TSFP <i>Lord, your hands have formed (The earth is the Lord's)</i> SBTL <i>Many and great, O God</i> MAG</p>	<p><i>Nourished by the rainfall (Alabanza)</i> SBTL <i>O Lord, our Lord</i> PPP <i>Oh, the life of the world</i> IAMB, CG <i>Praise to the Lord for the joys of the earth</i> HSNW <i>Sing for God's glory</i> IAMB, CG <i>Sing praise to God on mountain tops</i> LFB <i>Tata pokelela (Everything is yours, Lord)</i> WP <i>The earth is the Lord's</i> SBTL <i>The peace of the earth</i> IECS, TIOAU, CG <i>This is God's world</i> WWHW <i>We will not take what is not ours</i> LFB, LAA</p>
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Children's songs

<p><i>All the nations of the earth</i> CAPI4, CHI4, CAHON773, RGS12, YOC14 <i>At harvest time we celebrate</i> JP2 311 <i>Big blue planet</i> BBP62 <i>Boisterous, buzzing, barking things</i> CH25, RGS31 <i>Crocus pushing through the earth</i> SB3 <i>Fishes of the ocean</i> CH49, CAHON799, RGS72 <i>God made the heavens and earth</i> BBP63, JU p66 <i>God turned darkness into light</i> CH70, CAHON811, RGS105 <i>He gave me eyes so I could see</i> CAPI8, CH79, JP74, RGS118, YOC21 <i>He made the stars to shine</i> JP76, JU p70 <i>In the beginning God played with the planets</i> SB1 <i>It's a world of sunshine</i> CH4 245 <i>Join the harvest celebrations</i> SB7 <i>Lord of the harvest, Lord of the field</i> CAPI33, RGS217, YOC25 <i>Now we sing a harvest song</i> CAPI38 <i>O what a wonderful world!</i> BBP47, RGS242</p>	<p><i>Pears and apples</i> CAPI35, RGS259, CH4 232 <i>Sing praise to the God of creation</i> SB11 <i>Someone's brought a loaf of bread</i> JP220 <i>Stars and fishes</i> SB15 <i>Thank you, God, for the warmth of the sun</i> SB6 <i>The Fruit Song</i> SB5 <i>There are hundreds of sparrows</i> JP246, CH202, CAPI5, KS320, CAHON890, RGS298 <i>We eat the plants that grow from the seed</i> CH221, CAHON 904, RGS319 <i>We thank you, Lord, for all we eat</i> CAPI36 <i>When God made the garden of creation</i> CAPI16, CH228, CAHON910, RGS327 <i>When your Father made the world</i> CH4 239, RGS334, CH232, CAP73, CAHON914 <i>Who put the colours in the rainbow?</i> CH235, CAPI2, CH4 143, JP288, KS386, CAHON915, RGS337</p>
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Organ music

Composer	Title	Source	E/M/D
BEFORE or DURING			
Anon.	Benedicite	From <i>The Buxheimer Orgelbuch</i> Vol.1 (Hinrichsen)	E/M*
Archer	Monkland	In <i>100 Hymn Preludes</i> (Mayhew)	E
Bach/Beechey	Chorale Prelude 'Nun danket' BWV192/3	(Fagus)	E/M
Dubois	Petite Pastorale Champenoise	In <i>Complete Works</i> Vol.1 (Bärenreiter, p.88)	E/M
Gaze	Trittico on 'Wir pflügen'	In <i>Avenales (Cheerful Organ Pieces for Harvest)</i> (Fagus)	M/D
Gehrke	Come, ye thankful people, come	In <i>The Parish Organist</i> Vol.3 (Concordia)	E*
Guilmant	Pastorale from Sonata No. 1, Op.42	(Schott, Dover, Belwin, Bärenreiter)	E/M
Jackson	Prelude on 'East Acklam'	In <i>Five Preludes on English Hymn Tunes</i> (Banks)	E/M
P.Moore	Bunessan	In <i>Hymn Preludes for the Church Year Bk.1 and Forty Christmas Preludes</i> (both Mayhew)	E
Nixon	Bunessan	In <i>150 Hymn Preludes Bk.1</i> (Mayhew)	E
Nixon	Meditation on 'St George's Windsor'	In <i>Fifty Hymn Preludes</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
Orr	Selma	No.2 of <i>Three Preludes on Scottish Psalm Tunes</i> (Hinrichsen)	E/M
Pantcheff	Prelude on 'Heathlands'	In <i>Fifty Hymn Preludes</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
Rheinberger	Pastorale from Sonata 12 in D flat	(Amadeus, Carus or Novello)	M
Self	Scherzetto on 'St George'	In <i>Pastime with good company</i> (animus)	E/M*
Smith	All things bright and beautiful	In <i>Chorale Preludes on English Tunes</i> (OUP)	E
Towers	Interlude on 'Watching the White Wheat'	In <i>Preludes and Interludes on Welsh Folk Songs</i> (Fagus)	E/M
Watson	All things bright and beautiful	In <i>At Your Service</i> (Fagus)	E
Watson	Meditation on 'East Acklam'	(Escorial)	M
Whitlock	Salix, from <i>Plymouth Suite</i>	In <i>Whitlock: Complete Shorter Works</i> (OUP)	E/M
Zipoli	Pastorale	In <i>Sonate d'Intavolature</i> (Süddeutscher Musikverlag)	E

AFTER			
J.S.Bach	Nun danket BWV 657	In Novello Vol.17, Bärenreiter Vol.6, Peters Vol.6	M/D
Bédard	Dialogue sur 'Te Deum'	No.1 of <i>Six Paraphrases Grégoriennes</i> (Cheldar)	E/M
Clucas	Wir pflügen	In <i>A Coldridge Organ Book</i> (Animus)	E*
Costello	Joyful, joyful we adore thee ('Ode to Joy')	In <i>God will Guide You</i> (MorningStar)	E/M
Fletcher	Festival March on 'St George'	In <i>Hymn-Tune Voluntaries Part 2</i> (Curwen)	E/M(*)
Franck	Pastorale Op.19	(many editions)	M/D
Groves	A Prelude for Harvest	In <i>Twelve Hymn-Tune Preludes Set 2</i> (Novello)	E/M(*)
Hand	St George	In <i>100 Hymn Preludes</i> (Mayhew)	E/M
Haydn	The heavens are telling (<i>The Creation</i>)	Many arrangements ranging from E* (Mayhew) to D (Novello)	E*-D
Kunkel	Erfreue dich, Himmel (Blues)	In <i>Jazz Inspirations</i> (Bärenreiter)	E/M
Manz	Joyful, joyful we adore thee ('Ode to Joy')	In <i>Two Pieces for Festive Occasions</i> and <i>God of Grace</i> (both MorningStar)	E/M
Piutti	Die Himmel rühmen des Ewigen Ehre	In <i>Choralsvorspiele Op.34 Vol.1</i> (Bärenreiter)	E
Smart	Festive March in D	(Novello)	M/D
Spedding	Deo gratias ('East Acklam')	In <i>Fanfare for Francis</i> (Banks)	E/M
Thiman	Postlude for a Harvest Festival ('Wir pflügen')	In <i>Times and Seasons Bk.2</i> (Novello)	E/M
Movements from Hielscher <i>California Wine Suite</i> (Butz) E/M, Gaze <i>Avenales</i> (<i>Cheerful Organ Pieces for Harvest</i>) (Fagus) E/M-D, J.S.Bach <i>Pastorale</i> BWV 590 (many editions) E-M(*), or P.Moore <i>Variations and Fugue on 'East Acklam'</i> in <i>Fanfare for Francis</i> (Banks) E-M would be suitable before, during and after.			

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