



Putnoe Heights Church Harvest Festival Service

Welcome

Opening Verse

The earth is filled with the gifts of the Lord: wine, and oil, and bread, to strengthen and cheer our hearts. *Psalm 104:13,15*

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

All: Let the heavens be glad and let the earth rejoice

Hymn

For the beauty of the earth 333



Thanksgiving Prayer

Minister: Father in heaven all good gifts come from you. You send the sunshine and the rain, and it is through your love and care that we enjoy the harvest time. Thank you for providing so richly for our needs and help us to share the good things we have with those who have little or nothing.

Minister: Lord in your mercy **All:** **Hear our prayer**

Minister: Lord we pray for your blessing on every kind of harvest that we enjoy. Thank you for the harvest of the land and the sea. Bless too the harvest of factory, mine and workshop. Bless the harvest of research and of creative art. May we work together with you in every area of life to produce what is worthwhile, good and fruitful. May you be glorified in it all.

Minister: Lord in your mercy **All:** **Hear our prayer**

Confession

We confess to you
our lack of care for the world you have given us.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess to you
our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly.
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

We confess to you
our failure to protect resources for others.
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

The minister will proclaim the words of forgiveness.

Offering

Please stand as the Offering is brought forward.

Dear Lord, the gifts of the harvest are yours. May we use them wisely to your glory and for the relief of the suffering, as well as for our own needs.

Hymn

For the fruits of his creation, 342

Collect Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, we offer you our grateful thanks for your fatherly goodness and care in giving us your gifts and the fruits of the earth through the seasons. Give us grace use them rightly, to your glory, for our own well being, and for the relief of those in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Readings

The readings may be followed in Partnership News

At the end of each reading

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn

Yes God is good, in earth and sky, 363

Sermon

Deacon Jane Mills

Hymn

Count your blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

*Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.*

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
And you will keep singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict whether great or small,
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

The Prayers

Minister Lord in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer**

At the end of our prayers we say The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, which 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.
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.**

Hymn

Thou whose almighty word, 29

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon you his children,
that you may use his gifts to his glory
and the welfare of all peoples;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you,
this day and for evermore. Amen.

All Go in peace to love and serve the lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Thank you to everybody who has helped
prepare our churches for Harvest worship*

