

Worship Sheet 21st September 2025
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God's promise:

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Gen. 8:22)

StF 130

We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land;
but it is fed and watered by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter, the warmth to swell
the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

Chorus

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all His love.*

He only is the maker of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey Him,
by Him the birds are fed;
much more to us, His children,
he gives our daily bread.

Chorus

We thank you, then, O Father, for all things bright
and good:
the seed time and the harvest, our life, our health,
our food.
Accept the gifts we offer, for all your love imparts,
and what you most desire, our humble, thankful
hearts.

Chorus

Matthias Claudius

Psalm 65: 9-13

We are in the season of Harvest when, in
churches, schools and communities, we
celebrate all that the earth has produced to
feed us and supply our needs. We thank God

for the sunshine and the rain – Climate Change
means that we now experience more extreme
heat and rainstorms, so that, worldwide,
harvests are affected by droughts and floods.
In UK the hot, dry summer has enabled
farmers to 'safely gather in' their crops, though
yields are reduced by lack of rain in the
growing season – but the blackberries in the
hedges were juicy and abundant!

Whatever the weather, God's promise stands:
'seedtime and harvest do not cease'
We, in this country, have more food than we
need (not everyone can afford to buy it, hence
the need for Foodbanks) and we praise our
Creator/Father for all his good and generous
gifts. Read the next hymn and think about all it
tells us, then make a (mental) list of all God's
gifts to you, and say 'Thank you'.

StF 126

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their
yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from
afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the
shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered
and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and
unknown.

Praise God for the harvest that's quarried and
mined,
selected and smelted, or shaped and refined:
for oil and iron, for copper and coal,
praise God, who in love has provided them all.

Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create, and fulfil:
for plans and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
from leaders and peoples who struggle and
serve
with patience and kindness, that all may be led
to freedom and justice, and all may be fed.

Brian Wren

Thank you, Father God, for all you provide for
us: sunshine and rain; air we breathe; food and
clothes; earth and sea; homes; families and
friends; health and strength.

Now **pray** for all the people who work [with
God] to supply our needs:

Farmers and growers around the world.
Those who manufacture, pack and transport.
Workers in factories and shops.
Those who cook and serve food in restaurants,
canteens (hospitals and schools)
Volunteers in community gardens and
foodbanks.

Those who work in the Health Service –
hospitals, surgeries, pharmacies, drug
manufacturers, hospices, care homes etc, to
supply our medical needs.

For all these, Lord, we thank you and pray that
they will have health and strength to carry out
their work.

We pray for places where there is famine
(caused by drought or warfare), where people
are dying from starvation and disease, in
desperate need of food, water and medical
aid. We pray for the charity workers and
medical staff who struggle to supply what is
needed.
Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayers.**

We bring all our prayers in the name of Jesus –
your greatest gift to us, for whom we give you
thanks and praise. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

StF 124

For the fruits of all creation
thanks be to God;
for the gifts to every nation
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give our neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God;
for the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green

Praise God for the gifts of our harvest, and
also for the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy,
peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
May these grow and flourish in our lives.

God bless you and all your loved ones in
this, and every season of your life.