

Diocese of False Bay



**Dean Rector sincerely thanks everyone who contributed to the
Cathedral Harvest Festival.**

**Thank you for your gifts of non perishable food-stuff, fresh
produce, baked goods and all other goods.**

Everything will be taken to needy families by tomorrow.

**Pray the Lord of the Harvest to richly bless our beautiful land,
her people and all our natural resources.**

INTROIT HYMN

For the beauty of the earth

The Presider says

Sisters and Brothers in Christ, we gather to remember and give grateful thanks to God for the beauty of creation, for all that the earth, skies and the seas produce to sustain human, animal and earth life.

We also meet in the Name of Christ to be challenged as to how fruitful we are as Disciples and Followers of Christ and to ask that the love and beauty of Christ may shine through us to God's broken world.

The earth is the Lord's and all that therein is
The compass of the world and those that dwell therein

The Lord be with you
And also with you

Praise the Lord
Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be God's Name now and forever

**Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth
Lord God heavenly King Almighty God and Father;
we worship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One. You alone are the Lord
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen**

The Lay Minister continues

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hid;
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name
through Christ our Lord

As we celebrate Harvest Festival, we recall and confess that as Believers we
are often:

Negligent, wasteful and dump good food...

Self-absorbed and reluctantly share of our bounty with others...

Hoard things that others need and could use...

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

We remember and confess that often we:

Give no thought for those who till the land, plant crops and are integrally
involved in the food production chain that we readily take for granted...

Disassociate ourselves from the land, from the productivity of the earth and
often prefer to delight in fake things...

Refuse to see that you Christ are Lord over all creation...

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

We remember and confess that we have become:

Dependent on plastics and other materials that pollute the earth, suffocate
rivers and oceans and choke animals, birds and everything that lives and
grows on the earth...

Slow to give thanks to God for the bounty of creation and providing what
we need for our daily living...

Greedy and take more than we need, causing others to starve...

Apathetic and desensitized to the struggles of those around us who are
materially needy and unable to earn a decent living wage...

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

We remember and confess that we are part of world systems that:

Put food security in danger especially through war and conflict...
Put so much value on armaments and weapons of mass destruction instead
of machinery and tools to plough the land...

Inflates the price of commodities at international markets and cause a
stranglehold of debt by poorer nations...

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Silence is kept

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent have mercy on you; pardon
your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all
goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

We pray the Collect together

Creator God

**you crown the year with your goodness
and give us the fruits of the earth in their due season;
grant that we may use them to your glory and
for the relief of those in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord
who lives and reigns with you our Creator
and the Spirit who sustains all things.
Amen**

SPECIAL READINGS

Permission for these Readings obtained from the Bishop

O.T. Lesson

Psalm

N.T. Lesson

Deuteronomy 24: 14 – 22

19: 1 – 6

2 Corinthians 9: 10 – 15

GRADUAL HYMN *For the healing of the nations*

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 6: 25 - 34

HARVEST HOMILY

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INTERCESSIONS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray...

We pray for the many nameless and faceless persons who work on land and
at sea who form part of an extensive chain making it possible that food be
brought to our Supermarkets and eventually to our tables.

Bless the produce of land and sea and prosper the work of those in the food-
chain.

O God, send forth your Spirit

And renew the face of our land

We give thanks to God for the rains that have fallen in our Province recently
and for the increase in the level of our dams. Teach us O Lord to conserve
water resources. We pray for rain in the other Provinces. God of fruit and
flood we humbly ask that you send good rains for our crops.

O God, send forth your Spirit

And renew the face of our land

We pray for the countless number of Sisters and Brothers who are
unemployed; millions who are dependent on social grants. Inspire
Government and Businesses to seriously create employment. We ask your
blessings, O God on all Agencies and Faith-based Institutions that work to
alleviate hunger and malnutrition. Bless especially all our schools and their
efforts to feed and sustain hungry children.

O God, send forth your Spirit

And renew the face of our land

We pray that we may respect the earth and work together intentionally to conserve natural resources; endeavour to live more simply so that others may simply live; to reduce wastage of food, energy and to share the earth's resources more. Help us O God, to reduce the stranglehold of debt owed by poorer nations and to share medicines, vaccines and all things that will advance the plight of those who are desperately poor and needy.

O God, send forth your Spirit

And renew the face of our land

Bless we pray the harvest of our gifts and talents, of our pain and challenges. Teach us to share life and faith generously with others and to hold in loving embrace those among us who are broken, lonely, grieving and those who are the least, lost and last. Call many to serve you in the various ministries of your Church and to advance the values of the Kingdom of God. Grant us willingness and the grace of your Spirit, O God, to re-dedicate our lives and this Cathedral afresh to you and your purposes for us.

We offer these prayers in the Name of your Son Jesus, Lord over all creation and Lord of the Church.

Amen

OFFERTORY HYMN

Praise and thanksgiving Father we offer

The Presider now blesses the food and other items brought for the Harvest

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, you give us the ability to produce food in their due season. Bless this food so generously given by your people. Bless the hands that have lovingly baked these various wheat products and those who sat for hours lovingly knitting these wares for infants.

Blessed be God for ever

Source of all life, the heaven and the earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the fruits of our labour offered in love in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made For us it becomes the Bread of Life.

Blessed be God for ever

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the Cup of Salvation.

Blessed be God for ever

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Kindly follow on the screens

COMMUNION HYMNS – PRE-RECORDED

Taizé Song

Eat this bread drink this cup

A hymn by Bernadette Farrell

Unless a grain of wheat shall fall upon the ground

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Be Thou my vision O Lord of my heart