



Reading Sheet Harvest Festival [Year B]

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

Joel 2:21-27

I will remove the northern army far from you,
and drive it into a parched and desolate land,
its front into the eastern sea,
and its rear into the western sea;
its stench and foul smell will rise up.
Surely he has done great things!
Do not fear, O soil;
be glad and rejoice,
for the Lord has done great things!
Do not fear, you animals of the field,
for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit,
the fig tree and vine give their full yield.
O children of Zion, be glad
and rejoice in the Lord your God;
for he has given the early rain for your
vindication,
he has poured down for you abundant rain,
the early and the later rain, as before.
The threshing floors shall be full of grain,
the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.
I will repay you for the years
that the swarming locust has eaten,
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,
my great army, which I sent against you.
You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied,
and praise the name of the Lord your God,
who has dealt wondrously with you.
And my people shall never again be put to
shame.
You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,
and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is
no other.
And my people shall never again be put to
shame.

1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications,
prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be
made for everyone, for kings and all who are in
high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and
peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This
is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our
Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and
to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there
is one God; there is also one mediator between
God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself
human, who gave himself a ransom for all this
was attested at the right time. For this I was
appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling
the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the
Gentiles in faith and truth.

Matthew 6:25-34

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your
life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or
about your body, what you will wear. Is not life
more than food, and the body more than
clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they
neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and
yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you
not of more value than they? And can any of you
by worrying add a single hour to your span of
life? And why do you worry about clothing?
Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow;
they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even
Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one
of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the
field, which is alive today and tomorrow is
thrown into the oven, will he not much more
clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not
worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will
we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ For it is the
Gentiles who strive for all these things; and
indeed your heavenly Father knows that you
need all these things. But strive first for the
kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all
these things will be given to you as well.
“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow
will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is
enough for today.

Post Communion

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your
love in creation
and have shared in the bread and the wine of
the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all
that you give us
and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.