

## KAPITI UNITING PARISH

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# Raumati 10am Lent 1, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2025 **Thanksgiving for Autumn and Harvest**

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Harvest Festival at Greytown Methodist Church 1916

## <u>Invocation and Greeting</u>

Daylight grows short as the nights draw in; yet the light of God's presence remains bright.

Days grow chill and night air is sharp; yet the warmth of God's presence remains near,

Autumn leaves fall and trees become bare; yet the vigour of God's presence remains strong.

Bleak southerlies blow over the hills and through the strait; yet the shelter of God's presence remains firm.

The godwits fly north and the right whales follow; yet the nearness of God's presence remains sure.

### Prayer to Our God of all Seasons

## Assurance of our rightness with God

WOV 94 God whose farm is all creation

God whose farm is all creation Take the gratitude we give; Take the finest of our harvest, Crops we grow that men might live.

Take our ploughing, seeding, reaping, Hopes and fears of sun and rain, All our thinking, planning, waiting, Ripening into fruit and grain.

All our labor, all our watching,

All our calendar of care, In these crops of your creation, Take, O God: they are our prayer.

John Arlott

### Collect for Today

Holy God, if we live as good stewards of your creation the earth has strength to nourish every living thing. Give us the vision that we, like our Lord Jesus, have the power to feed thousands in his name. Amen.

Harvest Hymn, tune: Grenoble

Silos are standing in a row the wheat and oats and barley too. Gold that is wealth and power to feed ourselves and more who are in need.

The pip and stone fruit, vines as well more vegetables than we can tell and in the place where crops have been the busy birds begin to glean.

In pack-house, office and in mill the crop rolls on it's never still; the markets wait with open doors but burdened with such wasteful flaws.

Reap from dumpsters, you glean like Ruth the Bible teaches this sure truth; our God still feeds his little folk and he will break waste's iron yoke.

Now sing with heart-felt gratitude to God who gives us all our food from seed and soil and rain and sun; Oh praise Oh praise the Three in One.

Robin List.

## Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Reflection: My father was a wandering Aramean ... and we wound up in Kapiti.



#### Prayers of Intercession

## WOV 59 We plough the fields and scatter

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.

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.

\*Refrain\*

We thank thee, then, O Father, For all things bright and good, The seed time and the harvest, Our life, our health, our food: No gifts have we to offer For all thy love imparts,

But that which thou desirest, Our humble, thankful hearts. *Refrain* 

Matthias Claudius, tr Jane Montgomery Campbell

## Offerings presented and Dedicated

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WOV 570 This day God gives me

This day God gives me strength of high heaven, sun and moon shining, flame in my hearth, flashing of lightning, wind in its swiftness, deeps of the ocean, firmness of earth. This day God sends me strength as my steersman, might to uphold me, wisdom as guide. Your eyes are watchful, your ears are listening, your lips are speaking, friend at my side.

God's way is my way, God's shield is round me, God's host defends me, saving from ill. Angels of heaven, drive from me always all that would harm me, stand by me still.

Rising, I thank you, mighty and strong One, king of creation, giver of rest, firmly confessing threeness of persons, oneness of Godhead trinity blest,

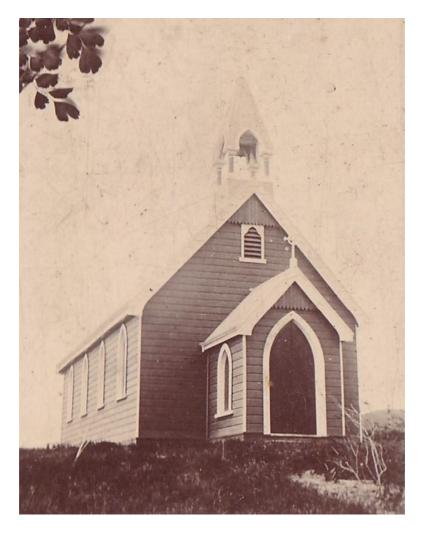
Eric Gross

#### **Blessing**

Father, Son and Holy Spirit, as the light fades and the sun lowers; as the moon glows and darkness falls;

enfold us in the warm blanket of your love. Amen.

Amen.



Church built by Augustus Orlowski at Waihola