



Collect

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness and you give
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

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.

Psalm 126

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.
Then our mouth was filled with laughter,
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
'The LORD has done great things for them.'
The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.
May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.
Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,

shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings should 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 Saviour, 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.
Amen