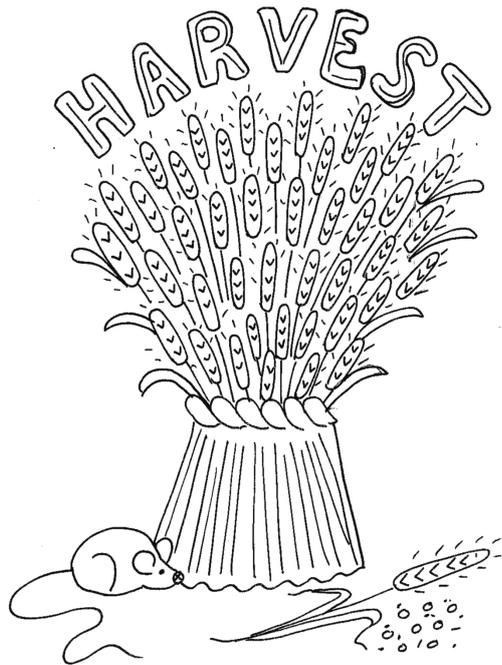


THE PRIORY CHURCH, BOLTON ABBEY

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020  
LIQUID FAMILY SERVICE



Alleluia!

The Spirit of God fills the whole earth:  
**O come, let us worship. Alleluia**

**Birthday Hymn**

Comes a birthday once again,  
Happy day, oh happy day!  
Through the sunshine,  
through the rain,  
God will lead us on our way.

Father let the New Year be  
Bright and holy, sweet and true,  
Keep oh keep us close to Thee,  
Day by day the whole year through.

**PRAYING TOGETHER**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known, and from whom no  
secrets are hidden: 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. Amen

**WE SAY TOGETHER**

Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy  
Lord have mercy.

*You can make a collection at home by  
going online [www.boltonpriory.church](http://www.boltonpriory.church)*

Cauliflowers fluffy and cabbages green  
Strawberries sweeter than any I've seen  
Beetroots purple and onions white  
All grow steadily day and night  
The apples are ripe, the plums are red  
The broadbeans are sleeping  
in their blankety bed

Blackberries juicy and rhubarb sour  
Marrows fattening hour by hour  
Gooseberries hairy and lettuces fat  
Radishes round and runner beans flat  
The apples are ripe, the plums are red  
The broadbeans are sleeping  
in their blankety bed

Orangy carrots and turnips cream  
Reddening tomatoes that used to be green  
Brown potatoes in little heaps  
Down in the darkness where the celery sleeps  
The apples are ripe, the plums are red  
The broadbeans are sleeping  
in their blankety bed



**PRAYING TOGETHER**

God our Father, we thank you for the  
stories Jesus told that teach us about you.  
We thank you for our families and for all  
the people that help keep us safe and  
healthy every day. Help us to remember  
that we are all part of your family, and  
that Jesus is our friend. Amen

## Reading

The Parable of the Sower  
Matthew 13: 1-9



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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name,  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory, Amen



## We Shall Go Out With Joy

You shall go out with joy  
and be led forth with peace  
And the mountains and the hills  
shall break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy  
and the trees of the field  
**Shall clap, shall clap their hands.**

And the trees of the field shall  
**clap their hands**  
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**clap their hands**

**And we'll go out with joy.**

## BLESSING

The Spirit of truth leads us into all truth,  
give us grace to confess that Jesus is Lord  
and strengthen us to proclaim the word  
and works of God. And the blessing of God  
Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be  
with us always. Amen

## LUIQUID WORSHIP TIME AT HOME

### Things you might like to do later

What sort of fruits of the earth, like  
apples, pears and nuts, can be harvested  
at this time of year. Can you make  
drinks and food dishes with them?

Collect seeds and nuts from the garden  
or when you go for a walk and get an  
adult to help you plant them. Then  
watch them grow.

### Harvest Festival Today

Today is the Priory's Harvest Festival.  
This year we are not able to distribute  
fresh or tinned items. We are asking  
you to help your parents give something  
extra to the boxes in the supermarkets  
for the Food Banks.

## The Sower

Creator of the heavens and the earth,  
the seas and skies,  
we thank you for your unlimited kindness  
as we view the world around us at this  
time of harvest.

We marvel at how everything fits  
together so that seeds grow in the soil  
then develop into plants with the help of  
sun and rain, before making fruits that  
we and other creatures can eat so that  
we too can live.

We think of those who sow and manage  
crops in Wharfedale and for those who  
care for the land and the animals that  
feed upon it.

We pray for all farmers who work  
throughout the year to feed us,  
whatever the weather, since farming  
isn't all cuddly lambs and soft eyed  
calves! We pray for those who find it  
difficult to make enough money to live  
from their work for whom farming is a  
hardship and ask your blessing upon  
them.

At this time when young people all over  
the world are showing concern about  
global warming, help us to learn how to  
take care of our surroundings by seeking  
to preserve rather than destroy them.  
We pray that seeds from our thinking  
will fall upon good soil so that others see  
its merit and seek to follow our example.  
Amen

O Lord, at this difficult time because of  
the Covid-19 virus, we pray for those  
who care for others and for those  
seeking to find a vaccine that will nullify  
its effects. We pray for people who live  
in fear of becoming ill, for those who are  
anxious or depressed through feelings  
of helplessness and for those whose  
boldness leads them to ignore warnings  
so increasing the chance of putting  
others at risk.

Given that we receive conflicting  
messages, sometimes aimed at increasing  
the personal power and self importance  
of those communicating them, help us to  
exercise discernment as we try to  
separate the wheat from the chaff in  
order to bring about good in the face of  
adversity through holding firmly to our  
trust in you - our Lord and Saviour.  
Amen