

DALMENY KIRK AND QUEENSFERRY PARISH CHURCH

MIDWEEK SERVICES

SEPTEMBER 2022

During September the theme of the Sunday services will be Seasons of Harvest. This year, more than for many years, we have seen the concern of farmers because of the unusually dry weather. We will follow these themes in Midweek services as well.

Inconveniently there are 5 Thursdays in September and only 4 Sundays. So, we'll look at Lammastide in Week 1.

Week 3 The Harvest of the Sea

Leader:

Blue the sky and blue the sea, ever restless, ever-
changing,
Sign of spirit, living free, o'er our world forever ranging.
Green of grass and field and forest, fruit of planting and
of sowing
show the living God is with us, present in all growing.

OPENING RESPONSES

The earth is the Lord's

AND ALL THAT IS THEREIN

He made birds and cattle and all creeping things

THE BIRDS OF THE AIR AND THE FISH IN THE SEA.

He made them all and delights in them

**HE MADE THEM AND WE SHOULD GIVE THANKS AND
GLORIFY HIM**

Hymn or song: You might like to listen to a recording of, or read the words of, Hymn 251: "I, the Lord of sea and sky"

Read Psalm 95 verses 1 - 7

Prayer

God of the harvest:

God of the land forgive our greed, our mass production and our wastefulness.

Bless all who work on the land: farmers and all who live by the seasons.

God of the harvest:

God of the seas, forgive our greed, our overfishing, our needless fishing for unnecessary delicacies, and our wastefulness.

Bless those who work on the seas: sailors, fisher folk, lifeboat crews, and those who live by the seasons.

God of the harvest:

God of the skies, forgive our greed and pollution, our desire for the quick delivery of our food, and our wastefulness.

Bless those who work in our skies: pilots and air crews.
Bless our Fairtrade partners and those who live and work by the seasons.

Creator God, reconnect us to your creation, to its order and resources.

Redeemer God, reconcile us to your creation, to its order and resources.

Spirit God, renew us to live within your creation, aware of its seasons and our neighbours' needs.

God of the land, God of the seas, God of the skies, bless us and make us a blessing to those in need within your created order.

And now hear us as we pray further in the words Jesus taught his disciples, saying:

OUR FATHER

Read: Revelation 5 verses 11 – 14
John 21 verses 1 - 14

Reflection

You might choose to concentrate on the Gospel passage of the miraculous catch of fish or think about the wider idea of a harvest of the sea. This part of the service might involve music or something visual; it might involve silence.

Prayer

This is a time for prayers for the world; for the communities in which we live; for the Church and those who minister here in any capacity; for those known to us to be in particular need of our prayers; for ourselves.

CLOSING BLESSING – SAID BY ALL

**LORD OF THE HARVEST WHO HAS GIVEN US SO MUCH;
HELP US TO BE GENEROUS LIKE YOU, THAT THE WORLD
MAY KNOW YOUR GOODNESS AND BLESSING.**

**AND MAY THE BLESSING OF GOD, MAKER, SON AND
HOLY SPIRIT, REMAIN ON US, AND BE MADE KNOWN
THROUGH US, NOW AND ALWAYS.**

AMEN.