

Rogation

Service



Sow for yourselves righteousness;
reap steadfast love;
break up your fallow ground;
for it is time to seek the Lord,
that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

Introduction to the Season

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin rogare, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. In medieval England the Rogation Days were observed with processions that began in the local church and proceeded to outline the boundaries of the parish, pausing occasionally for the recitation of prayers. Priests and cross-bearers led these long walks in the countryside. Accordingly, the English sometimes called the Rogation Days the "Walking Days" from the Old Anglo-Saxon name for the observance, Gang Daegas, meaning approximately "Day of Going About."

Welcome

*A minister may give notices of upcoming services and events.
The congregation are welcomed to the service.*

M Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All and also with you.

Opening Hymn: For the fruits of his creation

Opening Prayer

M We come before you our God and Sustainer,
remembering that you are our Creator
and the source of all being.
Out of your love the universe was born.
From primordial darkness you put in place
all that is needed for growth and saw that it was good.

You have put this world into our hands:
may we recognise your Spirit within it,
disturbing and challenging us to care for creation,
for the weak and the deprived.

Lord we remember that we are called by you
to nourish the earth and its diversity of life,
to share the gifts you have given, with one another
and with the poor of the world.

All **Amen.**

Act of Penitence

M Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.

After a short silence,

M Lord, you give us this good earth,
yet we take your generous gifts for granted:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

M Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we squander its rich resources :
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

M Lord, you give us this good earth,
but we fail to share your bounty
with all of your children:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

P May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord .

All Amen.

The Collect

The minister introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

M Let us pray

Silence is kept.

M Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and the sea
should bear fruit in due season:
bless the labours of those who work on land and sea,
grant us a good harvest
and the grace always to rejoice in your fatherly care;
through Jesus Christ our Lord .

All Amen.

Rogation Journey

M The first stopping place for our Rogation Journey
is by some water.

Hymn: The Lord is my shepherd

John 7:37-39 (ESVUK) On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The reader may say.

R This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection



Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life.

May we who have an abundance of water see it as a precious and scarce resource.

Help us to be mindful how much is consumed so that we can live in the way that we do:

guide us to use it sparingly,

and keep us mindful of those who suffer through drought, pollution and flood.

We ask in faith:

All We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Magnificat

M My soul doth magnify the Lord:

and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded: the lowliness of his handmaiden.

All **For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.**

M And his mercy is on them that fear him: throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with his arm:
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

All **He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich he hath sent empty away.**

M He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

All **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen**

M The Second stopping place for our Rogation Journey
is by crops growing in a field.

Mark 4:26-29 (ESVUK)

And he said, "The kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how. The earth produces

by itself, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. But when the grain is ripe, at once he puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come.”

The reader may say.

R This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Reflection



Prayer

M Almighty God, whose will it is that the earth and sea should bear fruit in due season, we ask you bless the labours of all those who work on land and sea.

Grant us a good harvest and the grace always to rejoice in your care.

Lord you have ordered our life that we are dependent on one another prosper those engaged in commerce direct our minds and hands in the service of you and all with whom we live and work.

Grant O Lord that whatever gifts we have, they may be used to the full, for the enrichment of our lives together and for the coming of your kingdom.

We ask in faith:

All We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

M The Third stopping place for our Rogation Journey is by at a place to celebrate the wonders of creation.

Please sit for our reading.

Psalm 50:1-2, 10-11 (ESVUK)

The Mighty One, God the Lord,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun
to its setting.

Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.

For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.

I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.



Reflection

Prayer

Creator God, Jesus teaches us through the beauty and abundance of creation to put our trust in you for all things. We ask you now to bless our fields and gardens our hills and streams our rivers, lakes, reservoirs and seas that in all these things we might glimpse a reflection of your glory and your gracious love for each one of us. Bless, O Lord, the houses and farms and all the homes in this place. Give us good health, purity of spirit, strength and humility, hospitality, a spirit of forgiveness and firm knowledge of our need to seek you in all things.

We ask in faith:

All **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

M The forth stopping place for our Rogation Journey
is at a village Green.

Please stand.

Hymn - Great is thy faithfulness

Please sit.

John 15.1-9 ^(ESVUK) I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine dresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.

At the end.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.



Prayer

God our father, we give thanks for the gift of your son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who was content to share the life of his village in Nazareth. We ask you to bless the life of our villages here in Lower Wensleydale.

We pray for all who live in this place, for all who work here, for all who regard this place as home and for all who simply pass through.

May your blessing rest upon us all as we live together in your peace. We ask in faith:

All **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Affirmation of Faith

Please stand.

M Let us declare our faith in in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All **Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; he was buried; he was raised to life on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; afterwards he appeared to his followers,**

and to all the apostles: this we have received,
and this we believe. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

God the Father, your will for all people
is health and Salvation.

All We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Son, you came that we might have life,
and might have it more abundantly.

All We praise and bless you, Lord.

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies
the temple of your presence.

All We praise and bless you, Lord.

Holy Trinity, one God,
in you we live and move and have our being.

All We praise and bless you, Lord.

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick,
injured or suffering life limiting conditions,
that they may be made whole.

All Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who are lonely, anxious or depressed
a knowledge of your will and
an awareness of your presence.

All Hear us, Lord of life.

Grant to all who minister to those who are suffering
wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

All Hear us, Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore to those
in distress soundness of mind and serenity of spirit.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Sustain and support those who seek your guidance
and lift up all who are brought low by the trials of this life.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death,
and uphold by the grace and consolation of
your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin,
in our lives, in our nation, and in the world.

All **Hear us, Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does mighty wonders.

All **You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, Lord, is the well of life

All **and in your light do we see light.**

Hear us, Lord of life:

All **heal us, and make us whole. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

M Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All **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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Dismissal

Closing Hymn - We Plough the fields with tractors

We plough the fields with tractors,
with drills we sow the land;
but growth is still the wondrous gift
of God's almighty hand.
We add our fertilizers
to help the growing grain;
but for its full fruition,
it needs God's sun and rain.

*Ref. All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord for all his love.*

With many new machines now
we do the work each day;
we reap the fields with combines,
we bale the new-mown hay.
But still it's God who gives us
inventive skill and drives
which lighten labour's drudgery
and give us better lives.

Refrain.

He only is the maker of galaxies and stars;
of birds and beasts and flowers,
and any life on Mars.
atomic powers obey him,
yet still the birds are fed;
by him our prayer is answered:
give us our daily bread.

Refrain.

We thank thee then, O Father,
for life so rich and good,
for seedtime and the harvest,
the wealth of daily food.
No gifts have we to offer
such as thy love imparts,
but what thou most desirest:
our humble thankful hearts.

Final Blessing

M God the Father, who created the world,
give you grace to be wise stewards of his creation.

All Amen.

God the Son, who redeemed the world,
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
whose breath fills the whole of creation,
help you to bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

M Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers and people depart.

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