

Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.'" But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?"

So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.'

OFFERTORY

Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us;
set us free by the truth You now bring us -
shine on me, shine on me.
*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land
with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations
with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord,
and let there be light.*

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
from the shadows into Your radiance;
By Your blood I may enter Your brightness:
search me, try me, consume all my darkness
shine on me - shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine.....

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness
so our faces display Your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory:
mirrored here may our lives tell Your story -
shine on me, shine on me.
Shine, Jesus, shine.....

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POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for
your love in creation and have shared
in the bread and wine of your kingdom:
by your grace
plant within us reverence for all that you give us
and make us generous and
wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;
Through Christ our Lord.

POST COMMUNION

*All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,
each little bird that sings,
he made their glowing colours,
he made their tiny wings.
All things bright

The purple-headed mountain,
the river running by,
the sunset, and the morning
that brightens up the sky:
All things bright

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruits in the garden,
he made them every one.
All things bright

He gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is God Almighty,
who has made all things well.
All things bright

**ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WHITSTABLE
SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2026**

HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

INTROIT

**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.

All good gifts...

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble thankful hearts.

All good gifts...

COLLECT

Almighty and everlasting God,
you crown the year with your goodness and you
give us 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,.

Deuteronomy 8.7–18 (Not read aloud)

The LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid waste-land with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gained me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

2 Corinthians 9.6–15

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, 'He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures for ever.' He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

GRADUAL

- 1. He's the whole world in his hands (repeat)
He's got the whole world in his hands**
- 2. He's got you and me brother (repeat)
He's got the whole world in his hands**
- 3. He's got you and me sister (repeat)
He's got the whole world in his hands**
- 4. He's got everybody here (repeat).
He's got the whole world in his hands**
- 5. He's the whole world in his hands (repeat)
He's got the whole world in his hands**

**Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a world without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.
We thank you, Lord,
for flowers and trees and sunshine,
we thank you, Lord,
and praise your holy name.**

**Think of a world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.
We thank you, Lord,
for all your living creatures,
we thank you, Lord,
and praise your holy name.**

**Think of a world without any people,
think of a street
with no-one living there,
think of a town without any houses,
no-one to love and nobody to care.
We thank you, Lord,
for families and friendships,
we thank you, Lord,
and praise your holy name.**

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GOSPEL Luke 12.13–21

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.'

But he said to him, 'Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?'

And he said to the crowd, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.'

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