**Opening Hymn: We plough the fields and scatter**

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| 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.  *Refrain: 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. *Refrain:* | 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. *Refrain:*    *Wir pflügen 290 AMNS* |

**The Collect**

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness

and 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.

**Amen.**

**The Old Testament Reading**

A reading from the first book of Kings.

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, ‘As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.’ The word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘Go from here and turn eastwards, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.’ So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, ‘Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.’ So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.’ As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, ‘Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.’ But she said, ‘As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.’ Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.’ She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

This is the word of the Lord. *1 Kings 17: 1–16*

**Thanks be to God.**

**The New Testament Reading**

A reading from the Revelation to St John.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,  
‘See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’ Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.’

This is the word of the Lord. *Revelation 21: 1–7*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn: Come, ye thankful people, come**

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| Come, ye thankful people, come,  raise the song of harvest home; all is safely gathered in,  ere the winter storms begin. God our Maker doth provide  for our wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come,  raise the song of harvest home. | All the world is God's own field,  fruit unto his praise to yield; wheat and tares therein are sown  unto joy or sorrow grown. ripening with a wondrous power  till the final harvest-hour:  grant, O Lord of life, that we  holy grain and pure may be. |
| Come then, Lord of mercy, come,  bid us sing thy harvest-home: let thy saints be gathered in, free from sorrow, free from sin, all upon the golden floor  praising thee for evermore:  come, with all thine angels come, bid us sing thy harvest home.  *St George 289 AMNS* | |

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink’. (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?’ (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, ‘If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, “Give me a drink”, you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?’ Jesus said to her, ‘Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.’ The woman said to him, ‘Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. *St John 4: 5–15*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Offertory Hymn: Lord, for the years**

Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,

urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,

sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,

Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for our land, in this our generation,

spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth, and care;

for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,

Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,

loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;

hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,

Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,

self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;

past put behind us, for the future take us,

Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

*Lord of the years 715 AM*

**Communion Hymn: Be still, for the presence of the Lord**

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| Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  the Holy One, is here;  come, bow before him  now with reverence and fear:  in him no sin is found  we stand on holy ground.  Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  the Holy One, is here. | Be still, for the glory of the Lord  is shining all around;  he burns with holy fire,  with splendour he is crowned:  how awesome is the sight -  our radiant King of light!  Be still, for the glory of the Lord  is shining all around. |
| Be still, for the power of the Lord  is moving in this place:  he comes to cleanse and heal,  to minister his grace.  No work too hard for him,  in faith receive from him.  Be still, for the power of the Lord  is moving in this place.  *Be Still 358 AM* | |

**Dismissal: Now thank we all our God**

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| Now thank we all our God,  with heart and hands and voices,  who wondrous things hath done,  in whom his world rejoices;  who from our mother’s arms  hath blessed us on our way  with countless gifts of love,  and still is ours to-day. | |
| O may this bounteous God  through all our life be near us,  with ever joyful hearts  and blessèd peace to cheer us;  and keep us in his grace,  and guide us when perplexed,  and free us from all ills  in this world and the next. | All praise and thanks to God  the Father now be given,  the Son, and him who reigns  with them in highest heaven,  the One eternal God,  whom earth and heaven adore,  for thus it was, is now,  and shall be evermore.  *Nun danket 205 AMNS* |