

Mass Resources & Prayers for Fine Weather



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MASS FOR FINE WEATHER

SUGGESTED LITURGICAL MUSIC

The Heavens Proclaim the Glory of God	Scott Brenner
All Creatures of our God and King	William Draper
Morning has Broken	Eleanor Farjeon
Men sow the fields in the Spring	Unknown
Canticle of the Sun	Marty Haugen
We Give you thanks	David Haas
How Great Thou Art	Carl Boberg
Now Thank We All Our God	Martin Rinkart
Sing to the Mountains	Robert J Dufford
All Things Bright and Beautiful	Cecil Frances Alexander
For the Beauty of the Earth	Folliott S. Pierpoint
The Heavens Proclaim the Glory of God	Ronan McDonagh

Collect

Almighty ever-living God,
who heal us through correction
and save us by your forgiveness,
grant to those who seek your favour
that we may rejoice at the good weather for which we hope
and always use what in your goodness you bestow
for the glory of your name and for our well-being.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (Ecc 11:4-8)

Those who wait for perfect weather will never plant seeds; those who look at every cloud will never harvest crops. You don't know where the wind will blow, and you don't know how a baby grows inside the mother. In the same way, you don't know what God is doing, or how he created everything. Plant early in the morning, and work until evening, because you don't know if this or that will succeed. They might both do well.

Sunshine is sweet; it is good to see the light of day. People ought to enjoy every day of their lives, no matter how long they live.

The word of the Lord.

OR

A reading from the prophet Job. (Job 37:14-17, 22)

Listen, listen to the thunder of his voice
and the rumbling that comes from his mouth.

Under the whole heaven he lets it loose,
and his lightning to the corners of the earth.

After it his voice roars;

he thunders with his majestic voice

and he does not restrain the lightnings[a] when his voice is heard.

“Hear this, O Job;

stop and consider the wondrous works of God.

Do you know how God lays his command upon them,
and causes the lightning of his cloud to shine?

Do you know the balancing of the clouds,
the wondrous works of the one whose knowledge is perfect,
you whose garments are hot

when the earth is still because of the south wind?

Fair weather comes from the north:

Around God is awesome majesty.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R./ Our eyes are on the Lord till he show us his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. **R./**

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy. **R./**

OR

**R./ Let your face shine on us, O Lord,
And we shall be saved.**

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
Shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might. **R./**

Lord God of hosts, how long
Will you frown on your people's pleas?
You have fed them with tears for their bread,
And abundance of tears for their drink.
You have made us the taunt of our neighbours,
Our enemies laugh us to scorn. **R./**

Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St. James (1:2-4, 12)

My brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of any kind, consider it nothing but joy, because you know that the testing of your faith produces endurance; and let endurance have its full effect, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking in nothing. Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

The word of the Lord.

OR

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans (8:18-28)

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope, we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise, the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

(Ps.32:22)

Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
As we place all our hope in you.

Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark. (4:35-41)

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"
The gospel of the Lord.

OR

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. (18:1-8)

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"
The gospel of the Lord.

Prayers of the Faithful

1. In gratitude for God's gift of creation which He entrusted to humankind; may we honour our responsibility as stewards of this gift. **Lord, hear us.**
2. For the poor and marginalised who suffer most in extreme weather and natural disasters; that God will give them strength, ease their pain, and help them find the assistance which they need. **Lord, hear us.**
3. For all whose lives have been adversely affected by bad weather; safeguard their livelihoods, protect their homes, and defend all neighbourhoods and communities. **Lord, hear us.**
4. For those whose wellbeing is impacted by the weather; fill them with your peace, lift their spirits when sadness weighs heavy, and surround them with those who care for them. **Lord, hear us.**
5. For political leaders around the world; may they work cooperatively with one another to sustain, protect, and safeguard the earth's resources for future generations. **Lord, hear us.**
6. For those who earn their living from the land; bless them with fine weather, the ability to access their land, till their fields and sow their crops. **Lord, hear us.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O God, who are the true Creator of the earth's produce and nurture carefully the fruits of the spirit, give success to our labours, we pray, so that we may gather the fruits of the earth in abundance and that all things, owing their origin to a single providence may always work as one for your glory.
Through Christ our Lord.

Eucharistic Prayer IV

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

It is truly right to give you thanks,
truly just to give you glory, Father most holy,
for you are the one God living and true,
existing before all ages and abiding for all eternity,
dwelling in unapproachable light;
yet you, who alone are good, the source of life,
have made all that is,
so that you might fill your creatures with blessings
and bring joy to many of them by the glory of your light.

And so, in your presence are countless hosts of Angels,
who serve you day and night and, gazing upon the glory of your face,
glorify you without ceasing.

With them we, too, confess your name in exultation,
giving voice to every creature under heaven,
as we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We give you praise, Father most holy,
for you are great
and you have fashioned all your works
in wisdom and in love.
You formed us in your own image
and entrusted the whole world to our care,
so that in serving you alone, the Creator,
we might have dominion over all creatures.

And when through disobedience we had lost your friendship,
you did not abandon us to the domain of death.
For you came in mercy to the aid of all,
so that those who seek might find you.
Time and again you offered us covenants
and through the prophets
taught us to look forward to salvation.

And you so loved the world, Father most holy,
that in the fullness of time
you sent your Only Begotten Son to be our Saviour.
Made incarnate by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary,
he shared our human nature
in all things but sin.

To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation,
to prisoners, freedom,
and to the sorrowful of heart, joy.
To accomplish your plan,
he gave himself up to death,
and, rising from the dead,
he destroyed death and restored life.
And that we might live no longer for ourselves
but for him who died and rose again for us,
he sent the Holy Spirit from you, Father,
as the first fruits for those who believe,

so that, bringing to perfection his work in the world,
he might sanctify creation to the full.

Therefore, O Lord, we pray:
may this same Holy Spirit
graciously sanctify these offerings,

that they may become
the Body and ✠ Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
for the celebration of this great mystery,
which he himself left us
as an eternal covenant.

For when the hour had come
for him to be glorified by you, Father most holy,
having loved his own who were in the world,
he loved them to the end:
and while they were at supper,
he took bread, blessed and broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND EAT OF IT,
FOR THIS IS MY BODY,
WHICH WILL BE GIVEN UP FOR YOU.**

In a similar way,
taking the chalice filled with the fruit of the vine,
he gave thanks,
and gave the chalice to his disciples, saying:

**TAKE THIS, ALL OF YOU, AND DRINK FROM IT,
FOR THIS IS THE CHALICE OF MY BLOOD,
THE BLOOD OF THE NEW AND ETERNAL COVENANT,
WHICH WILL BE Poured OUT FOR YOU AND FOR MANY
FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.
DO THIS IN MEMORY OF ME.**

The mystery of faith.

**We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
until you come again.**

Therefore, O Lord,
as we now celebrate the memorial of our redemption,
we remember Christ's Death
and his descent to the realm of the dead,
we proclaim his Resurrection
and his Ascension to your right hand,
and, as we await his coming in glory,
we offer you his Body and Blood,
the sacrifice acceptable to you
which brings salvation to the whole world.

Look, O Lord, upon the Sacrifice
which you yourself have provided for your Church,
and grant in your loving kindness
to all who partake of this one Bread and one Chalice
that, gathered into one body by the Holy Spirit,
they may truly become a living sacrifice in Christ
to the praise of your glory.

Therefore, Lord, remember now
all for whom we offer this sacrifice:
especially your servant Francis our Pope,
Thomas our Bishop, and the whole Order of Bishops, all the clergy,
those who take part in this offering,
those gathered here before you,
your entire people,
and all who seek you with a sincere heart.

Remember also
those who have died in the peace of your Christ

and all the dead,
whose faith you alone have known.
To all of us, your children,
grant, O merciful Father,
that we may enter into a heavenly inheritance
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God,
and with your Apostles and Saints in your kingdom.
There, with the whole of creation,
freed from the corruption of sin and death,
may we glorify you through Christ our Lord,
He joins his hands.
through whom you bestow on the world all that is good.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
O God, almighty Father,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honour is yours,
for ever and ever.

People: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Ps. 84:13

The Lord will bestow his bounty
And our earth shall yield its increase.

Prayer after Communion

Grant to your faithful, almighty God,
the blessing of good weather,
an abundance of the earth's fruits,
and joy in the blessings you bestow.
As we are nourished by your gifts in this present age,
may we also grow in spiritual things
and so obtain the good things of eternity.
Through Christ our Lord.

Prayers for Fine Weather

Prayer for Good Weather

Almighty Father, we raised our hearts to you.

In gratitude for the wonders of creation,

for your providence in sustaining us our needs

and for your wisdom that guides the course of the universe.

God our Father we pray to You for good weather and clear skies.

Bless the farmers with dry land to till the soil, sow their seed, and cultivate their crops.

We ask this through your son Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer for Good Weather

God of creation, we pray to You for good weather.

We know that even the winds and sea obey You.

Bless us with good weather

so that we may appreciate the beauty of the world around us.

Bless us with sunshine, perfect temperatures, and seasonal rain.

Order Your creation to bless us,

so that we may enjoy the blessing of being able to walk, work and play in Your creation. Amen.

Prayer for Fine Weather

Heavenly Father, you have created all things, and we depend upon your loving goodness. You have given us the earth to care for and provide our food. We humbly ask you to give fine weather for our hardworking farming families of this community so that their animals may have food, and their crops can be planted. Give peace of mind to all who work so hard on their land. For your goodness Lord, we thank you and in you we put all our trust.

Amen.

Prayer for Good Weather

All powerful and ever living God,
we find security in your forgiveness.

Give us fine weather we pray,
so that we may rejoice in your gifts of kindness
and use them always for your glory and our good. Amen