



just add WATER...

The Parish Eucharist for Harvest 2006

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Harvest 2006 at St Agnes Longsight
Sunday 8th October 2006

Why water?

earlier this year our Mission & Action group started some small campaigns for better water supplies in Europe and the third world. Following from this came stories from our own congregation about water and the PCC agreed that these should form the background of our Parish Harvest celebrations.

What's the problem? *(some facts from the WaterAid website)*

Key WaterAid facts

- **1.1 billion people** in the world do not have access to safe water, this is roughly **one sixth** of the world's population
- **2.6 billion people** in the world do not have access to adequate sanitation, this is roughly two-fifths of the world's population
- **A child dies every 15 seconds** from water-related diseases. This amounts to nearly **6000 deaths**, or the equivalent of **20 jumbo jets crashing**, every day
- WaterAid projects providing safe water, sanitation and hygiene education cost just **£15 per head**
- The integrated approach of water, sanitation and hygiene reduces the number of deaths caused by diarrhoeal diseases by an average of **65%**
- The weight of water that women in Africa and Asia carry on their heads is commonly **20kg**, the same as the average UK airport luggage allowance

- **2.2 million people** in developing countries, most of them children, die every year from diseases associated with lack of access to safe drinking water, inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene
- At least **90% of drinkable water** in the world is underground. This source of water is increasingly threatened with depletion and contamination
- Since 1950 the world population has doubled but water consumption has increased six-fold
- Diarrhoea alone kills **1.8 million children** under five every year, but most cases can be prevented or treated
- It is **12%** more likely that children will attend school if water is available within 15 minutes rather than one hour's walk. **11%** more girls attend school when sanitation is available
- The simple act of washing hands with soap and water can reduce diarrhoeal diseases by over **40%**

Water use

- The average person in the **UK** uses **135 litres of water** every day
- The average person in the **developing world** uses **10 litres of water** every day for their drinking, washing and cooking. This is the same amount used in the average flush of a UK toilet
- On current trends over the next **20 years** humans will use **40% more water** than they do now
- The average amount of water needed to produce one kilogramme of potatoes is **1000 litres**, wheat is **1450 litres** and rice is **3450 litres**
- Agriculture accounts for over **80%** of the world's water consumption
- **40 billion working hours** are spent carrying water each year in Africa

The Gathering

✠ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Creator God, for your gift of life-giving water
we give you thanks and praise!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

WATER FOR FUN, LEISURE & REFRESHMENT
we hear stories from our congregation

Gloria in Excelsis

we praise God by singing the Peruvian Gloria
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father...

The Collect

Creator God, for your gift of life-giving water
we give you thanks and praise!

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer

Let us pray...

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

WATER FOR DRINKING & NOURISHMENT
we hear stories from our congregation

Readings

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

'Alleluia' is sung to herald the Gospel reading.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

WATER FOR RAIN, FOOD & LAND
we hear stories from our congregation

Prayers of Penitence

We journey to the font to celebrate our Baptism. After confessing our sins and renewing our Baptismal promises we receive God's forgiveness.

WATER FOR RENEWAL, LIFE & BAPTISM
we hear stories from our congregation

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**
Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins.**
Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

May almighty God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you the strength to continue in the way.

Let us affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?
I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?
I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptized into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The people are sprinkled with water from the font.

Prayers of Intercession

WATER FOR TEARS OF SADNESS & TEARS OF JOY
we hear stories from our congregation

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

or

In faith we pray:
we pray to you our God.

And at the end:

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Creator God, for your gift of life-giving water
we give you thanks and praise!

We are baptized into Christ: let us live in the Spirit of Christ.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the altar

God our sustainer, receive the gifts we bring before you, and feed us continually with that bread which satisfies all hunger, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. For birth and life and strength of body, for safety and shelter and food, we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature, for words and music and the power of thought, we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For work and leisure and the joy of achieving, for conscience and will and depth of feeling, we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For grace and truth in Jesus Christ, for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven, we give you thanks,

we praise your holy name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

The priest invites the people to Communion to which all respond

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The priest and people receive communion.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion prayer is said.

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

The Dismissal

As we leave we remember all those affected by water today:
those whose lives are at risk on water,
those who have no protection from the weather,
those who long for some clean water,
those who long for rain to water their land,
those who shed tears this day, and especially those who cry
alone.

We remember too those who work to change the world's water supplies for the better, and we pray especially for the work of Water Aid

And we praise God for his gifts to us this day.

to the final thanksgivings we reply:

Praise God! Praise God!

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

May God who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the sky,
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to water,
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed water into wine,
lead us, feed us, multiply us,
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator
now and through all eternity;
and the blessing ...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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