



THE FARMING COMMUNITY NETWORK

CELEBRATING ROGATION

Rogation Resources

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INTRODUCTION

Rogation comes from the Latin word ‘Rogare’ - to ask. In the strictly biblical context, the chief thing to ask for is the spirit of God to enable us to be true children of God. The old Roman festival of ‘Terminilia’ or ‘boundaries’ was adapted by the church and became a service and procession – the ‘Beating of Bounds’. The rogation themes of blessing the fields and beating the bounds were commended in the 1630s by the poet George Herbert, that epitome of English Country Parsons. He said that processions should be encouraged for four reasons: 1) A blessing of God for the fruits of the field, 2) Justice in the preservation of bounds, 3) Charity in loving, walking and neighbourly accompanying one another with reconciling of differences at the time if there be any, 4) Mercy, in relieving the poor by a liberal distribution of largesse, which at the time is or ought to be used.

Today the emphasis has shifted. A blessing on growing crops in fields and gardens, and on young lambs and calves remain. Sowing is done all the year round, as is the birth and rearing of the young, but it is convenient to fix on one particular festival as the time to remember these before God in a public way. Rogation takes place in the springtime, when there is a renewing of the earth. In this country it follows Easter, the season of resurrection. Renewal and resurrection are also underlying themes of this occasion. Contemporary concerns will include: the enjoyment by all of, and access to the countryside; conservation of species not directly offering economic profit to the owner or occupier of the land where they flourish; the ecological insight of the inter-relatedness of the created order; reflection upon human-kind’s relationship to the natural order; what it means to have ‘dominion’ under God over the fish, the birds, the cattle, the wild animals, the plant bearing seed, the tree bearing fruit, the green plants; the relief of the poor (Rogation Sunday often precedes Christian Aid week) and the needs of the farming community, especially in time of crisis and hardship. The Christian virtues associated with Rogation are HOPE, JUSTICE and CHARITY.

The following themes and resources have been compiled for use at Rogation.

THEME: SACRED MEALS

OT: 1 Kings 19, 3b – 8

NT: 1 Corinthians 11 verse 23 – 26

Gospel John 12 1 – 8

Opening sentences

Psalm 34 v 8 O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

Psalm 104 v 14ff You cause the grass to grow for the cattle and plants for the people to use, to bring forth food from the earth, and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine and bread to strengthen the human heart.

Collect

Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ ate with sinners and shared the bread of life with his disciples on the night he was betrayed; we give you thanks for the gift of food which gives physical and spiritual nourishment. Bless the labours of those who work to grow, produce, distribute, sell and fashion our food. Bless the increase of crops that your food may be shared and enjoyed by all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Intercessions for the World and Community

Pray for

- Farmers and growers in your local area
- A responsible attitude towards the care of the land and the environment
- All who work in food production and distribution
- Fair trading practices
- Those without food
- Those whose livelihoods have been affected by the continuing problems in farming

Issues that to reflect on in the sermon

Food is a gift from God and all involved in the production of food are working in partnership with God. What happens in farming affects all those who eat.

Food produced locally supports the local farming community and prevents and excess use of fuel and damage to the environment by food miles.

What we eat, how much we eat and what we pay for our food are issues important to a Christian. Over eating whilst others starve is a moral issue. Pushing prices down which affect the ability of farmers to provide sufficient for their production costs, and their family, and to provide proper welfare for their animals and their land is a moral issue for Christians. Cheap imported food continues to oppress the poor in other countries.

Other resources

A print of Andrei Rublev early fifteenth century icon *The Old Testament Trinity* might stimulate discussion in a Family Service.

Children [of all ages] might like to hear the story of the Mad Hatter's Tea Party from *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*

THEME: A NEW START

Readings

OT: Jeremiah 32. 6-15

As a sign of hope for the future Jeremiah buys a field in occupied territory

NT: Acts 9.11-19

Ananias takes responsibility for Saul / Paul's new start with the Christian community in Jerusalem or

Philippians 2.6-11 In Christ humankind is given the opportunity to make a New Start.

Gospel: Luke 5.1-11

The Disciples make a new start – this reading includes Jesus instruction to Peter to take the boat further out and a catch is made after a disastrous night or

Luke 19.1-10 Zaccheus makes a new start.

Opening Sentences / Responses

Your hand will lead me, your right hand will hold me fast.

Collect

Eternal God, your love is from everlasting to everlasting. As each day dawns, renew our trust through your Son Jesus Christ who pioneered the way that leads from despair to hope; from death to resurrection; from ending to new beginnings. Energize and empower us with your Holy Spirit In whom with you and the Christ the Saviour we live and move and have our being. Amen

Intercessions for the World and the Community

We give thanks for the growth of Farmers Markets and all those who work to support and encourage them and pray for their continued growth and for the support of those who do not live and work in the countryside.

Pray for all farmers and landowners who are exploring new avenues of diversification and for those in local government that they will use their power for encouragement and growth.

For those who promote local food and help to support the livelihoods of local farms and rural businesses.

Issues to reflect on in the sermon

In every one of our lives, in every day there are opportunities to make a new start – some are more momentous than others but a small action in one person's life can have effects everywhere – change of eating and buying habits of families who have nothing to do with farming and the countryside can potentially make a difference to their own health, the economy of farmers and, with the decrease in food, a gradual difference to the whole world.

Other resources

Sheila Cassidy's *Light from the Dark Valley* has a chapter *Christ the Fireman* in which she describes the fresco the Harrowing of Hell in the ancient church of the Chora in Istanbul – this description, indeed the whole chapter is a powerful reminder that crucifixion is also salvation / rescue and a new beginning.

In *The Secret Garden*, Colin, the sick child, goes into the garden for the first time and experiences the possibility that he will get well (Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson-Burnett, Puffin, 1964, p179-182)

quoted in Easter Garden p 171 ff) compared with the earlier description of the garden when the signs of hope are much less apparent (Secret Garden, Frances Hodgson-Burnett, Puffin, 1964, 69-71 Easter Garden p105ff)

ROGATION MATERIALS

Lord, my shepherd! My provider!

Metre 8787D. Tune: Alleluia.

*Lord, my shepherd! My provider!
Nothing can I ever need.
Never hungry, never thirsty,
You provide for all but greed.
Yet it seems, if I speak truly,
Grass looks greener out beyond,
And my thirsty soul is fearful;
Troubled waters thunder on.*

*Signposts clearly point the way, but
Oft I'm close to turning back.
Hard and long your path's appearance,
Not some gentle, rambling track.
Illness, death and pain and sorrow
Lie along the way you tread.
Can you guide me and protect me?
Will I reach the goal ahead?*

*Then we're gathered all around you,
Fears rebuked and needs supplied.
Enemies see heads anointed,
Thirst and hunger satisfied.
Yes, good, kind and loving shepherd,
You were with me all my days.
Even death won't part me from you,
You provide for me always.*

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Collect

Almighty God,

You have given us our being in a life grown from seed
and sustained by life grown from seed.

Give us the eyes of faith to discern your spiritual lessons in your physical provision
and, by your Holy Spirit,
prepare the soil of our lives to respond to the seed of your word;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Invitation to Confession

God has given us the fertile soil and the living seed; let us confess our failure to use them to his glory.

Confession

Heavenly Father,

we confess that we have set our greed above love for the good earth and its diverse and wonderful produce and wildlife;

we have loved ourselves above our needy neighbours and above the generations to come after us;

we have made our lives receptive to the values of our society but hard against the seed of your word.

For the sake of your Son who was laid in the earth as a seed, forgive us and transform us.

Let your seed of faith take root in our lives to make us gloriously like him,

for we ask in his name. Amen.

Invitation to Peace

The fruit that the Spirit has sown in our hearts is Love, Joy and Peace.

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

Proper Preface

And now we give you thanks because, in the sowing of seeds in the good earth,

you make us your co-workers in providing our daily bread,

and a give sign of the spreading of the Good News of Your Kingdom.

Post Communion

Lord of all,

as with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in creation,

move our hearts to be generous and wise stewards of the good things we enjoy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn

Sowing with tears, preparing for the crop,

Waiting in prayer, afraid to even hope,

Watching for rain and warmth in measure due;

God of all life and growth we trust in you.

Half of our world sees food in short supply;

Mothers go hungry, children waste and die;

War, flood and drought consume and kill the seed;

God of compassion, help us meet their need.

Rich lands replete, with barns that overflow,

Food to be squandered, farm-gate prices low;

Plans, dreams and hopes with farming incomes fall;

God of abundance, help us share with all.

Hear now our prayers at this Rogationtide;

Bless those whose work maintains our countryside;

Those now despairing in your safety keep

That all who sow with tears, with joy may reap.

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Intercession

Lord of life, physical and spiritual, one of your rich blessings to mankind is that we may co-operate with you in your provision, and so now, Father,
We sow on earth the seeds of our prayers.
Respond from the heavens and give life to our hopes.

We pray for your Church:
For evangelists sowing the seeds of faith,
for pastors caring for your flock,
for teachers building up skills and understanding,
for prophets discerning new ways for our changing world
and for Apostles sent to minister in new situations.

We sow on earth the seeds of our prayers.
Respond from the heavens and give life to our hopes.

We pray for your world:
Let love disturb the rich that they may satisfy the poor,
let understanding connect the producer and the consumer,
let justice mediate between the powerful and powerless,
let peace govern the relations between nations
and let truth govern the words of their leaders.

We sow on earth the seeds of our prayers.
Respond from the heavens and give life to our hopes.

We pray for those in need:
Heal the sick,
comfort the bereaved,
strengthen the fearful,
befriend the lonely,
guide the perplexed
and give insight to those who think they have no needs.

We sow on earth the seeds of our prayers.
Respond from the heavens and give life to our hopes.

Especially today we pray for the farming community:
For subsistence farmers in the third world, that they may feed their families.
For commercial farmers seeking to balance the demands of making a profit in difficult times and caring for the land and livestock, that they may also find time and energy for their own needs and the needs of their families.
For the distressed, the depressed and the defeated,
that they might find the help they need.
For those who have the energy, insight and expertise
to succeed despite the problems,
that they may shine out as a beacon of hope.

We sow on earth the seeds of our prayers.
Respond from the heavens and give life to our hopes.
In Jesus' name. Amen.

Petition

Ask and you will receive.
Seek and you will find.
Knock and the door will be opened to you.

Forgive us, Father, our hesitancy in asking.
You are always ready to give, without counting the cost.
Rogationtide is the time when we come together
to ask a favour of you -
that you will richly bless our land, our crops and our livestock.

“Be fruitful and multiply” you instructed your living creatures.
We are dependent on this law of nature.

Help us to be good stewards of your creation.
May we work humbly as co-creators with you
recognising both the possibilities and the dangers
posed by our growing knowledge and capability.

Keep us humble : down to earth.
Keep us aspiring : looking to new opportunities
which, in your providence, you open up for us.

Keep us following in the steps of Christ,
revelling in the natural world and
equally at home in the world of the spirit.

We **ASK** all this in his name and for his sake. AMEN

Collect

Creator God, who sustains all you have made by the power of your Spirit,
help us to rejoice in your bounty, to rely on your providence and to ensure the fertility of the land, as
we work together with you to produce food for the body and delight for the soul, through Jesus Christ
our Lord.
Amen.

Rogation Meditations by Tony Ingleby

The Good Shepherd Reading: Psalm 23. John 10:2-4,11.

Being a shepherd I should be very dear to you, Lord.
There are plenty of shepherds in the bible:
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob all had flocks.
Moses looked after sheep for his Father-in-law.
King David learned to lead and protect by looking after his Father's flock.
The prophet Amos was a shepherd
and Ezekiel used shepherds as the model for leadership.
'Shepherd' is even used as an metaphor for your care;
You call your people your 'flock',
the Psalmist says, 'The Lord is my shepherd!'
and Jesus said, 'I am the Good Shepherd!'

There's a lot of sense in it all.
Being a shepherd teaches you about care.
It's more than providing fields and food and fences.
It's more than long hours and disturbed nights.
It includes knowing them and being proud of doing the right thing by them.
'Animal welfare' is a very worthy phrase
but 'looking after my sheep' is all of that ... and more.
It's warmer and more gentle somehow, without being sentimental.

But just now it doesn't feel as though that's the way you look after me.
The Lord's my shepherd but it seems that I DO want.
The Good Shepherd has laid down his life for me,
but MY life and livelihood seem to be under threat too.
So why can't you lead us in green pastures?
I hoped against hope that after the storms of Foot and Mouth
there would be still waters of prosperity to drink from,
But even when prices and job satisfaction are high
the wolf of disaster isn't very far from the door,
The future is uncertain and it doesn't take a lot to upset the balance -
a new directive, more restrictions, more paperwork,
bad weather, an infection, a few more lambs dying, a fall off in demand...
The table prepared for family farmers isn't going to fatten us up.
And where oh where are your goodness and mercy for the shepherd
poisoned by the sheep-dip chemicals he was forced to use?
Have you deserted me in the face of economic forces,
like a hireling running away to save his skin?

GOD ANSWERS:

My dear one, I have not run away.
I am near enough to hear the fear in your cry.
I didn't allow the name 'shepherd' to be used lightly about me.
In bible times a shepherd had to contend with great hardship and danger;
Wild animals and robbers, drought and shortage of pasture
were some of the enemies.
And a good shepherd never deserted his flock;
he did whatever he could to keep the flock together,
calling, watching and searching by day,
sleeping across the entrance to the fold at night.
He was the watchman, the security officer, the vet, the transport
He cared for every need.
And for this he received no honour.
Society treated him as a rogue.

So I am called the Good Shepherd.
And my sheep can't expect to walk in smoother paths than I have walked.
I will go with you through every dark valley,
illness, loss, pain, disappointment, poverty, mockery, even death.
I know my way through them all;
I've been there before and come through.
I can offer you that hope.
When you lose sight of me I can tap my staff on the ground
so that you know I'm still there.
But I don't pretend that I am going to just lift you out of the valley.
I'm not a lottery ticket or a happy pill.
I'm the Good Shepherd.
I know you, I hear you, I care for you and I am with you

You have chosen a demanding way of life
and you live in a demanding society,
demanding but disconnected:
A consumer society, consuming product and producer,
consuming past, present and future,
consuming the countryside and those who live and work there,
greedily consuming itself as it strays from my paths and pastures.
But I am the Good Shepherd, yesterday, today and forever,
and I will seek to save all but myself.
And that 'all' includes you, my dear one.

Sowing the Seed Reading: Mark 4:3-9

So God is like a farmer sowing seed.
Does that mean that a farmer sowing his seed is like God, like you, Father?
Is it a holy thing to be a farmer?
Is the production of food sacramental?

Do you call men and women to this work as you call priests and preachers to their work?
And if the soil can stand for men and women
does it need loving care?
does it have soil rights?
is it a sin to destroy it and take away its life?
does it carry a shadow of the reflection of your
image?

And what do you think about the way we sow seeds now, Father?
We don't just throw the seed about and hope it falls in the right place.
We discourage the birds and those who would walk through our precious crops.
We clear the stones away where we can.
We poison the thorns and weeds.
We drill the seed into the good soil and we make it better with fertiliser.
We want all the seed to produce a crop.
We want it to multiply a hundred and two hundred and three hundred fold.
We have to do this because there are fewer of us to do the work
and there are thousands of millions of mouths to feed.

GOD ANSWERS:

My child, it is indeed a holy thing to farm my good earth and to produce food for my people.
I call men and women to this work with such a strong calling that they put up with many pains and
problems in order to follow their calling.
And the soil has its holiness too:
The holiness of my creation which I have declared good:
The holiness of the life it supports.

I have long watched the changing pattern of your farming.
I cannot applaud the lifestyle which throws away so much of the food that you produce.
I cannot applaud the economics of greed and convenience which demands so much transport,
using up resources built up over millennia,
polluting the air you breathe,
giving unnecessary distress to animals you have
raised and cared for.
I cannot applaud the short term measures
which destroy treasures and works of my art in nature which can give you joy no money can buy.
But you have done well to use the land and produce nourishing food.
I am pleased that, at least in your land, no-one need go hungry.
Every day millions of people say to me,
'Give us this day our daily bread',
and farmers are part of my answer to that prayer.
My prayer is that the soil and seed might be good for tomorrow's farmers too.
My prayer is that farmers will find a way to feed the world that they can sustain for generations to
come.
My son, is it permissible for God to make a prayer?
Can I ask my people to live so that I am able to give their children their daily bread?

Rogationtide Readings Prayers and responses for a Processional Service

HYMN: *Rejoice O land in God thy might
His will obey, Him serve aright;
For him the saints uplift their voice;
Fear not, O Land, in God rejoice*

*Glad shalt thou be, with blessings crowned;
With joy and peace thou shalt abound;
Yea, love with thee, shall make his home
Until thou see God's kingdom come*

*He shall forgive thy sins untold;
Remember thou his love of old;
Walk in his ways, his word adore.
And keep his truth for evermore.*

IN A POSITION FACING FIELDS AND GARDENS

PRAYER: Creator Spirit,
Who broods everlastingly over the lands and the waters,
Who endows them with forms and colours
which no human skill can copy;
Give us today, we ask you, the mind and heart to rejoice in your creation. AMEN.

READING; Deuteronomy 8: 7-11;17-18

BLESSING: Almighty God,
Whose will it is that the earth should bear its fruit in their seasons;
Bless the labours of those who work in the field.
Bless the increase of crops and grain and fruit-bearing trees,
That bread and wine and wholesome food may be shared and enjoyed by all your
people. AMEN.

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA (Verses 1 – 21)

To be recited antiphonally, by those to the left and the right of the minister

O all ye works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord
O ye angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:
O ye heavens, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;
O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye waters that be above the firmament, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;

O ye sun and moon, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye stars of heaven, bless ye the Lord;
O ye showers and dew, bless ye the Lord;
O ye winds of God, bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye frosts and cold, bless ye the Lord;
O ye ice and snow, bless ye the Lord;
O ye nights and days, bless ye the lord.
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye light and darkness, bless ye the Lord;
O ye lightnings and clouds, bless ye the Lord;
O let the earth bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye mountains and hills, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye green things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord;
O ye wells, bless ye the Lord:
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

IN A POSITION FACING ANIMALS, BIRDS AND OTHER CREATURES

READING; ISAIAH 11: 6 – 9

PRAYER AND BLESSING:

O Lord, who surrounds with your love all things living, and promises to save both man and beast; we thank you for the companionship of animals and birds, without which there would be for human kind a great loneliness of spirit on the earth. When we are careless of the beasts and forget that they are your creatures, forgive us. AMEN

May God's blessing shower upon all his creatures;
May peace pervade the whole creation;
May there be an abundance of plants we use;
May humankind prosper and animals flourish.
Bless all living things, O Lord.

BENEDICITE, OMNIA OPERA (Verses 22 – 25)

O ye seas and floods, bless ye the lord;
O ye whales and all that move in the waters,
Bless ye the Lord;
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O all ye fowls of the air, bless ye the Lord;
O all ye beasts and cattle, bless ye the lord;
Praise him and magnify him for ever.

IN A POSITION FACING THE HOUSES OF THE VILLAGE OR TOWN

READING: LUKE 19: 41 –42

A LITANY FOR THE PARISH

Help us with your grace good lord, to live as true followers of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Grant this, O Lord.

That in all things we may hold to your will and purpose

Grant this, O Lord.

That our hearts and minds may be open to your holiness and truth

Grant this, O Lord.

That we may rightly value the whole of your creation;

Grant this, O Lord.

That we may seek your righteousness in all our dealings with one another;

Grant this, O Lord.

That we may bear each others burdens and so obey your law

Grant this, O Lord

That in our time on earth we may work and live as citizens of your heavenly kingdom

Grant this, O Lord

BENEDICITE OMNIA OPERA (Verses 26-32)

O ye children of men, bless ye the Lord;

O let Israel bless the Lord:

Praise and magnify him for ever.

O ye priests of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;

O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye spirits and souls of the righteous, bless ye the Lord

O ye holy and humble men of heart, bless ye the Lord;

Praise him and magnify him for ever.

BLESSING:

God bless this village, its farmers, its homes and its people.

May he visit you with his mercy, surround you with his love and make you perfect to do is will.

AMEN

HYMN; (The Procession returns to Church).

All creatures of our God and King

Lift up your voice and with us sing;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam

*Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening find a voice:
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Let all things their creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one;
O praise him, O praise him
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

READINGS, PRAYERS AND REPONSES for a SERVICE INSIDE A CHURCH BUILDING

Sentences

The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to his kind. And God saw that it was good.

While the earth endures, seed time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.

And other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty-fold and sixty-fold and a hundred-fold.

There is a time for working and a time for resting, a time for ploughing and a time for sowing, a time for spraying and a time for harvesting; there is a time for lambing and a time for culling; there is a time for the byre, a time for the field, and a time for the market, and a time for God,. In deed all times are his.

VERSICLES AND RESPONSES

- V: The heavens are yours and the earth is also yours
R: You have laid the foundations of the round world and all that is in it.
V: Blessed are the people that can rejoice in You.
R: They shall walk in the light of your countenance
V: Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit
R: as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever, Amen.

BENEDICITE (or a Hymn)

Bless the Lord, all created things;
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
Bless the Lord, you heavens,
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord;
 Bless the Lord all you his hosts;
Bless the Lord, you waters above the heavens;
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
Bless the Lord, sun and moon
 Bless the Lord you stars of heaven;
Bless the Lord, all rain and dew;
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
Bless the Lord, all winds that blow
 Bless the Lord you fire and heat;
Bless the Lord, scorching wind and bitter cold
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
Bless the Lord, dews and falling snows;
 Bless the Lord you nights and days.
Bless the Lord, light and darkness;
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
Bless the Lord frost and cold;
 Bless the Lord you ice and snow
Bless the Lord, lightnings and clouds
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
O let the earth bless the Lord;
 Bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
Bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground;
 Sing his praise and exalt him for ever;
Bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters;