

# Old Testament Reading for Harvest Holy Communion (telephone)

The reading is from Genesis 1:26-31

<sup>26</sup> Then God said, 'Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, <sup>[a]</sup> and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'

<sup>27</sup> *So God created mankind in his own image,  
in the image of God he created them;  
male and female he created them.*

<sup>28</sup> God blessed them and said to them, 'Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.'

<sup>29</sup> Then God said, 'I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. <sup>30</sup> And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground – everything that has the breath of life in it – I give every green plant for food.' And it was so.

<sup>31</sup> God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning – the sixth day.

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

# Gospel Reading for Harvest Holy Communion (telephone)

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke:

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*(Luke 12: 13-21)*

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

<sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, 'Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?' <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, 'Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.'

<sup>16</sup> Jesus told the crowd this parable: 'The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, "What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops."

<sup>18</sup> 'Then he said, "This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.'"

<sup>20</sup> 'But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?"

<sup>21</sup> 'This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich towards God.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ**