

# ROGATION MORNING WORSHIP

Gate Farm, Great Leighs



*The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with seed in it. And God saw that it was good.*

*Genesis 1. 12*

*Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, and God, our own God, will bless us.*

*Psalm 67. 5-6.*

Welcome

## The Gathering

We meet here today mindful of all creation,  
Of every living creature on which we depend,  
Of all that is on earth and with earth itself.  
We gather to pray, to seek God's blessing and to walk in the  
fellowship of human friendship and in the presence of Christ

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**And also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Amidst the beauty of creation, we bring to mind the times when we've lacked gratitude, when we've forgotten the needs of others, when we've misused and wasted the resources of the world. Let us say sorry to God.

**Creator God,  
We are sorry for the times  
when we have used your gifts carelessly and acted ungratefully.  
We ignore the cry of the hungry  
and do not care enough for the world you have made.  
Lord, in your mercy, forgives us our sins  
and strengthen us to do your will  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Rogation Collect**

Almighty God,  
You never cease the work you have begun  
And prosper with your blessing all human labour.  
Make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts  
That we may serve the common good,  
Maintain the fabric of the world  
And seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour  
upon us,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

### **Hymn**

1. Today we gather to give thanks to our Lord  
For this planet rich, productive and diverse;  
Your gift to us all for your people to feed,  
To serve and nourish all in need.

#### *Chorus*

*Bless us, your people, gathered here  
All who work the land, far away and near.  
Bless this land and the crops as they grow  
Into bread of life from the seeds we've sown.*

2. We plant with hope and we tend with care  
We pray for weather and markets to be fair.  
God of compassion will you hear our prayer  
When life is harsh and our needs lay bare.

*Chorus*

3. If neighbours are in need, exhaustion and fear  
When loss abounds and poverty is near;  
May we hold and listen and care as you lead  
May we love as you've shown us to meet each need.

*Chorus*

4. Inspire us, Oh Lord, to walk with you,  
To be people of light with hope and joy renewed;  
Stengthen us, our Father, to be children of grace,  
To be holy servants in this place.

*Chorus*

*(J.Nicholls)*

**Bible reading:** Matthew 13. 1-9

**Talk**

The Rogation Walk and blessings in the farmyard and Peaches Field.

During the walk we will visit:

- The Pond
- Peaches Field soil
- Peaches Field wheat crop
- Straw stack and muck heap
- Woods
- CSS Winter Bird Feed
- Public footpath
- Hedgerow
- The Barn

Prayers of Intercession

Almighty God, this Rogationtide,  
Keep us humble: down to earth,  
Keep us aspiring: looking to new opportunities,  
Keep us living as a people of blessing to all we meet,  
Keep us following in the steps of Christ, today and always.  
**Amen**

And as Jesus taught us, so we pray  
**Our Father, who art in heaven,**  
**hallowed be thy name;**  
**thy kingdom come;**  
**thy will be done;**  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

### **The Conclusion**

Almighty God  
Whose will it is that your people walk with Christ,  
Be a holy companion to us as we journey from this place,  
May we see your creation in every view and your face in each  
encounter  
**Amen**

### **The Blessing**

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