

A Collect for Abundant Harvests.

O Almighty God, who hast created the earth for man, and man for thy glory: Mercifully hear the supplications of thy people, and be mindful of thy covenant; that the earth may yield her increase, and the good seed of thy word may bring forth abundantly, to the glory of thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

2 Cor. xiii. 14.

THE grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with you all evermore. And the blessing of God Almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Here endeth the Order for the Blessing of Hounds.

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According to the usage of St. Stephen s Church

¶ The Priest shall begin by reading the following Sentences of Scripture.

Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the first—fruits of all thine increase: so shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine. *Prov. iii. 9, 10.*

Priest O Lord, open thou our lips.

People And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

¶ All standing:

Priest Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

People As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

Priest Praise ye the Lord.

People The Lords Name be praised.

¶ Then shall be said or sung by Priest and People together the following Canticle:

Benedicite, omnia opera Domini

O let the Earth bless the Lord: * yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains and Hills, bless ye the Lord: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the earth, bless ye the Lord: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Seas and Floods, bless ye the Lord: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

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: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Men, bless ye the Lord: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Ghost: * praise him, and magnify him for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, * and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, * world without end. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest shall say,

Here beginneth the 27th Verse of the First Chapter of the Book of Moses called Genesis:

So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

¶ And after that, these Prayers following, the People devoutly kneeling; the Priest first pronouncing,

Priest Our help ✠ is in the name of the Lord.

People Who hath made heaven and earth.

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And with thy Spirit.

Priest Let us 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Then shall follow the Collect for the Day.

¶ (The collect below is for the Feast of Christ the King, that being the day upon which this service is traditionally held by St. Stephen s Church.)

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, who didst will to restore all things in thy well—beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that all the kindreds of the earth, set free from the captivity of sin, may be brought under thy most gracious dominion; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

A Collect for Peace.

O God, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom: Defend us thy humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in thy defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A Collect for Grace.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day: Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by thy governance, may be righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The Benediction.

O Lord God, king of heaven and earth, Word of the Father, by whom all things were made and given for our use, we entreat thee mercifully to behold us thy servants. And as thou dost grant us thy help in our labours and necessities, grant us that same gracious protection in our recreations and pastimes. And so vouchsafe of thy loving kindness and mercy to bless, keep, and protect these hounds and horses with thy heavenly bene✠diction. And grant also unto us thy servants both temporal aid and thy heavenly grace, that we may thankfully praise and glorify thy holy name. Who with the same Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. *Amen.*