

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 64(65):10-14

Some seed fell into rich soil and produced its crop.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.

Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain.

We thank God for the gift of water and all that it offers and produces in nature

We pray that we will care for this gift and support those who care for the oceans

And thus you provide for the earth;

you drench its furrows;

you level it, soften it with showers;

you bless its growth.

We thank God for crops which flourish and then feed us because of the gift of water

We pray for those who work on the land and for how their labours benefit us

You crown the year with your goodness.

Abundance flows in your steps,

in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

Stand back a moment to think of the amazing annual cycle of sowing and harvesting and all it produces

While we have abundance think of those who suffer want and go hungry, whose land is devastated

The hills are girded with joy,

the meadows covered with flocks,

the valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Rejoice with God for all fruits of creation and human labour

Give thanks with joyful song that the seed of faith grows within us