

Blessing the Fields—May 15, 2011

Collect

O God, from the beginning of time you commanded the earth to bring forth vegetation and fruit of every kind. You provide the sower with seed, and give bread to eat. Grant, we pray that this land, enriched by your bounty and cultivated by human hands, may be fertile with abundance for all. This we ask through Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May God, source of every good thing, bless you and prosper the work of your hands, so you may receive the joy of God's gifts and give praise for ever and ever. Amen.

Thus ended the service and the fields, the seedlings, and gardeners were blessed.



Father Mark and 23 hardy members of his flock, met at Chinook Farms after Sunday's Service for the annual blessing of the fields. Sure, it was raining, but God knows our fields need water, and He's very generous with it in the Pacific Northwest. Rain is just another blessing.

The two crosses that were blessed at the earlier services were hung on the new shelter. One will become part of the column being decorated with fish designed by our Sunday school children. Fr. Mark shared that grain from last year's harvest at the farm has recently been used in the making of the communion bread.

We had a very pleasant time of fellowship around the fire with lots of goodies thanks to the Bee-Kenagy-Knight coffee hour team. Thanks to Nancy Mc for organizing the gardeners, to the gardeners for sharing their time and talent, and to Sharon and Eric for sharing Chinook Farms.



The cattle were an appreciative audience. They seem to especially enjoy the chanting.