

† HOME SERVICE FOR THANKSGIVING †
“Pray, Praise and Give Thanks”
November 26, 2020

PRELUDE

For the Beauty of the Earth

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INVOCATION and OPENING VERSICLES

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P This is the day that the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

C O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin;

God, our maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;

wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;

gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,

there, forever purified, in Thy garner to abide:

Come with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray:

C Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning, and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. As stewards of Your bountiful blessings, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your goodness with those around us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INTROIT (from Psalm 65)

P Praise awaits You, O God, in Zion; to You our vows will be fulfilled.

C O You who hear prayer, to You all people will come.

P When we were overwhelmed by sins, You forgave our transgressions.

C Blessed are those You choose and bring near to live in Your courts!

P You care for the land and water it; You enrich it abundantly.

C The streams of God are filled with water to provide the people with grain, for so You have ordained it.

P You crown the year with Your bounty, and Your carts overflow with abundance.

C The grass lands of the desert overflow; the hills are clothed with gladness.

P The meadows are covered with flocks and the valleys are mantled with grain; they shout for joy and sing.

C Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

⁶The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. ⁹As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." ¹⁰He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; ¹²for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. ¹³Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, ¹⁴while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

MUSICAL OFFERING

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

*Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,
give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son.*

*And now let the weak say "I am strong," let the poor say "I am rich,"
because of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks.*

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GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Praise You, O God

We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
we bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o'ertake us, You will not forsake us,
and with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

SERMON

"Some Just Need More Time"

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

THE APOSTLES' CREED

C **I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Almighty God, we lift up our hearts in gratitude to You, and for all Your loving-kindness we bless Your holy name.

P For life and health, for love and friendship, and for the goodness and mercy that have followed us all the days of our life:

C **We praise You, O God.**

P For the wonder and beauty of the world; and for all things true and honorable, just and pure, love and gracious:

C **We praise You, O God.**

P For the gift of Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son; for the grace and truth which came by Him; and for His obedience unto death, even death on a cross:

C **We praise You, O God.**

P For His glorious resurrection and ascension to Your right hand, and for His kingdom and glory and everlasting dominion:

C **We praise You, O God.**

P For the Holy Spirit, the Counselor; for Your holy Church throughout the world; for all the means of grace; and for the fellowship of the redeemed in heaven and on earth:

C **We praise You, O God.**

P Glory, thanksgiving, and praise be to You, O Father almighty, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

P And now, as our Savior has taught us, we are bold to pray:

C 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 forever and ever. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended by You from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom His world rejoices;
who from our mothers’ arms has blest us on our way
with countless gifts of love and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
and keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
and free us from all ills in this world and the next!

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
the Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav’n adore;
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

BENEDICTION

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Charles Callahan

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Special thanks to our musicians and lay deacon readers for their assistance in today's service:

Readings

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Deacon Student Larry Cosentino
Deacon Student Tony DeRosa
Deacon Faith Forliano
Deacon-in-Training Janet George
Deacon Rosemarie Gustafson
Deacon Wendy Krolides

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