

Thanksgiving Eve

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WELCOME

INVOCATION:

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: *1 Chronicles 16:8-14a*

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, call on His name; make known among the nations what He has done.

People: Sing to Him, sing praise to Him; tell of all His wonderful acts.

Pastor: Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

People: Look to the LORD and His strength; seek His face always.

Pastor: Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles and the judgments He pronounced, O descendants of Israel His servant, O sons of Jacob, His chosen one.

People: He is the LORD our God!

GLORIA PATRI: *“Glory be to the Father”*

Pastor: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

People: As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray:

People: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and though we are undeserving of Your goodness You daily provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us, we pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your blessings, give thanks for all Your benefits, serve You in joyful obedience, and so bear witness to the death and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that all the world may share in His salvation, for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING: *Deuteronomy 8:1-10*

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the Lord swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that He might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. And He humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that He might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in His ways and by fearing Him. For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you.”

RESPONSORY: 1 Chronicles 16:23-27

Lector: Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day.

People: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Lector: For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; He is to be feared above all gods.

People: For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Lector: Splendor and majesty are before Him;

People: strength and joy [are] in His dwelling place.

EPISTLE READING: 1 Tim. 2:1–4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

RESPONSORY: 1 Chronicles 16:31, 34-36

Lector: Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

People: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Lector: Cry out, "Save us, O God our Savior; gather us and deliver us from the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name, that we may glory in Your praise."

People: Praise be to the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Lector: Please rise, as you are able.

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

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

GOSPEL READING: Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as He entered a village, He was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When He saw them He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving Him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And He said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Lector: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Congregation: Praise to You, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

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!

SERMON: "Singing in the COVID Cave" (*Psalm 57:9-10*)

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing praises to you among the nations.
For your steadfast love is great to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds. (*Psalm 57:9-10*)

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING: (*Revelation 5:12 and 15:3b*)

Pastor: You are worthy, O Lord, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.

People: Great and marvelous are Your deeds, Lord God almighty. Righteous and true are Your ways, King of all ages.

Pastor: We magnify Your glorious Name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

People: for the indescribable gift of the gospel, spoken for the redemption of the whole world.

Pastor: We bless You, God of our salvation:

People: for Jesus' cross and emptied tomb; for His purifying blood and death-defeating resurrection; and for His enthronement in heaven, where now and forevermore He directs all things for the well-being of His people.

Pastor: We bless You, Creator of Life and all things, great and small, visible and invisible:

People: for air to breathe, light to see, sound to hear, scent to smell, flavor to taste, touch to feel, and people to love.

Pastor: We bless You, Giver of all gifts, purposefully distributed for the common good:

People: for the industry of farmers, the persistence of workers, the patience of teachers, the wisdom of doctors, the dedication of scientists, the eloquence of poets, and the artistry of musicians.

Pastor: We rejoice in You, Infinite Source of every blessing:

People: for caring parents, healthy children, faithful friends, supportive neighbors, strong communities, and government committed to protecting the conditions under which these flourish.

Pastor: We rejoice in You, Commander-in-Chief of the armies of angels:

People: for the valor of veterans, the courage of soldiers, and the patriotism of all who strive by justice to protect liberty and defend peace.

Pastor: We praise You, Author and Defender of saving truth:

People: for the Church, against which the gates of hell shall not prevail, the body of Christ, assembled and equipped by His Spirit, and sent in mission to the world to demonstrate Jesus' love and proclaim His Word.

Pastor: We praise You, Speaker of the Great Commission:

People: for the care of pastors, the zeal of evangelists, the dedication of missionaries, and the determination of disciples in every walk of life to imitate You in will and act.

Pastor: We praise You, Shepherd and Reward of the saints:

People: for all who have passed from this life believing in Jesus and are now joined to Him in the splendor of Paradise where pain has no place and death no mastery but where joy is limitless and life forever full.

Pastor: We kneel before You in thanksgiving, God of all grace, and cry out with Your people of every time and place:

People: You are worthy, O Lord, to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH:

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

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.

COMMON DISMISSAL:

Pastor: Now may this true body and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in faith unto life everlasting:

People: Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING:

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Gracious Savior, we thank You that in Your body and blood we have tasted and seen that You are good. Having refreshed us with the assurance of Your forgiveness, enable us to stand on our feet and move out into the world to share the gospel of peace; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

VERSICLES: Psalm 118:1-4

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Let Israel say:

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Let the house of Aaron say:

People: His love endures forever.

Pastor: Let those who fear the LORD say:

People: His love endures forever.

BENEDICTION:

*Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.*

People: Amen!

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Go in peace and serve the Lord!

In Christian Service:

All disciples of the Lord Jesus

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