



THANKSGIVING EVE

November 27, 2024

Special Service

Rev. Don McKillop, Vacancy Pastor

Pre-Service Prayer

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry. When I have work, help me to remember the jobless. When I have a home, help me to remember those who have no home at all. When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer. When I have faith in Jesus as my Savior, let me remember those who do not, and who need to hear about Him that they also might believe and be saved. And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency. Bestir my compassion and be concerned enough to help, by word and deed, those who cry out for what I take for granted. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Please stand.

Welcome

P Welcome to this festival of Thanksgiving and praise to our Almighty God from Whom we receive every good and perfect gift. We worship this evening in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

Confession of Sins

P We have come together in the presence of the Triune God, to give thanks for the countless blessings that we have received from His hand. To prepare ourselves for worship, let us confess our sins with penitent hearts and obtain forgiveness from God's infinite grace and mercy.

C **I confess before God that I am a sinner and that I sin against God's Word whenever I hear it but do not receive it earnestly. I do not show the works of love toward my neighbor and instead find myself angry and envious of him. I am impatient, greedy, and inclined toward what is evil. I am often dissatisfied, complaining, and living in discontent instead of always thanking God. These and all other sins make my heart and conscience heavy, and I would gladly be freed from my sins of unthankfulness. O Lord, I ask, strengthen my little faith and comfort my weak conscience by means of Your divine Word and Promise.**

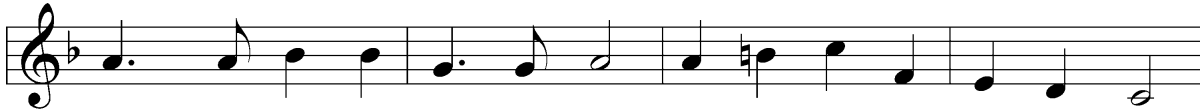
P Lift up your hearts to God! Where sin abounded God's grace abounded much more! Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sin. Hear His holy and comforting Word: "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." "Come let us reason together says the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be like crimson, they shall be as wool."

You may be seated.

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to His praise to yield;
3 For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His har - vest home,
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All be safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.
From His field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,
Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.
First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.
Give His an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy gar - ner to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
But the fruit - ful ears to store In His gar - ner ev - er - more.
Come with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

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Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816-93
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Please stand.

Call to Worship for Thanksgiving

- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good.
- C** **God's steadfast love endures forever.**
- P** Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name.
- C** **Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**
- P** God blesses us with gifts of love;
- C** **With food and clothing, home and family.**
- P** God blesses us with daily work
- C** **And all we need from day to day.**
- P** God protects us in time of danger
- C** **And guards us from every evil.**
- P** God calls us into relationship with Him
- C** **And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.**
- P** Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.
- C** **O Lord our God, we will give thanks to You forever.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Response

Luke 1:46–49

P My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

C My spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

P For He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

C From this day all generations will call me blessed;

P The Almighty has done great things for me,

C And holy is his name.

You may be seated.

895 Now Thank We All Our God



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voic - es,
2 Oh, may this boun-teous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things has done, In whom His world re - joic - es;
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless - ed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who from our moth - ers' arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when per - plexed
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



With count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinckart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
Tune: Johann Crüger, 1598–1662
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- ¹Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
- ²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
⁵who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
⁸The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
⁹He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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

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

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, 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 cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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.

You may be seated for our sermon hymn.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



1 Be - fore You, Lord, we bow, Our God who reigns a - bove
2 The na - tion You have blest May well Your love de - clare,
3 May ev - 'ry moun - tain height, Each vale and for - est green,
4 Earth, hear your Mak - er's voice; Your great Re - deem - er own;
5 And when in pow'r He comes, Oh, may our na - tive land



And rules the world be - low, Bound - less in pow'r and love. Our thanks
From foes and fears at rest, Pro - tect - ed by Your care. For this
Shine in Your Word's pure light, And its rich fruits be seen! May ev -
Be - lieve, o - bey, re - joice, And wor - ship Him a - lone. Cast down
From all its rend - ing tombs Send forth a glo - rious band, A count -



we bring In joy and praise, Our hearts we raise To You, our King!
bright day, For this fair land—Gifts of Your hand—Our thanks we pay.
'ry tongue Be tuned to praise And join to raise A grate - ful song.
your pride, Your sin de - plore, And bow be - fore The Cru - ci - fied.
less thron, With joy to sing To heav'n's high King Sal - va - tion's song!

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Sermon “Give Thanks to the Lord”

¹Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

²Let the redeemed of the Lord say so (Psalm 107:1–2a).

Offering

Hymn as offering is brought forward. Please stand.

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

sts. 1–2



1 We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we Thy boun - ties thus As stew - ards true re - ceive



All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.
And glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first-fruits give!

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Offertory Prayer

P Let us pray.

C O God, who desires good for all creatures, satisfy our hunger not just for food, but for freedom, truth, justice and love. O Risen Christ, you revealed yourself to us as one who gives to the poor and cares for all people. We dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service. O Holy Spirit, bless these gifts and abide in our hearts so that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith, glorify God, and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Litany for Thanksgiving

P As the pioneers of the Plymouth colony gathered around the feasting table with native Americans in 1621 to give thanks for all that they had been given by our Bountiful Provider, so we too gather on this Eve of Thanksgiving to offer thanks for all those gifts which the Lord has seen fit to give us, especially for our country, our state and our town.

C We praise you, and we thank you, O God.

P We acknowledge that as we have greatly received, so are we responsible. Therefore, O Lord, keep us from being unfaithful in our lives as citizens of this nation and as recipients of all that past generations of Americans have bequeathed to us. Help us to be worthy of our ancestors and of their God.

C Help us, O God, to be faithful.

P To their passion for freedom and their readiness to die in its defense:

C Help us, O God, to be faithful.

P As our ancestors trusted in you, O Lord, and you delivered them:

C Keep us ever close to you.

P Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us 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.**

Blessings for Thanksgiving

- P** May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.
- C** **Amen.**
- P** And may Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

You may be seated.

965 God Bless Our Native Land



1 God bless our na - tive land; Firm may she ev - er stand
 2 So shall our prayers a - rise To God a - bove the skies;

Through storm and night. When the wild tem - pests rave, Rul - er of
 On Him we wait. Thou who art ev - er nigh, Guard - ing with

wind and wave, Do Thou our coun - try save By Thy great might.
 watch - ful eye, To Thee a - loud we cry: God save the state!

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