



*Live Stream via
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Thanksgiving Eve
November 25, 2020*
Deuteronomy 8:7-18
Psalm 65
2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Luke 17:11-19

GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND GREETING

GATHERING SONG

"Praise and Thanksgiving"

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendors;

We thank you, Lord God.

For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying;

We thank you, Lord God.

For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;

We thank you, Lord God.

For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;

We thank you, Lord God.

For friendship; and time spent alone; for the longings in our hearts that stir us to call on God and reach out in mutual care when we are lonely.

We thank you, Lord God.

For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures;

We thank you, Lord God.

For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies;

We thank you, Lord God.

For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows;

We thank you, Lord God.

For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing;

We thank you, Lord God.

For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger;

We thank you, Lord God.

For the church into which we have been called; for the good news we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord;

We praise you, Lord God.

For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship;

We praise you, Lord God.

Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him;

We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

God's love is everlasting.

GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Let us pray. Almighty God our Holy Parent, 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

A reading from Deuteronomy.

For YHWH, your God, is bringing you into a good land – a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and in the hills, a land of wheat, barley, vines, fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey, a land where bread will not be scarce and where you will lack for nothing, a land where rocks are iron and copper is dug out of hills. You will eat and have your fill, and you will praise YHWH, your God, for the good land given to you. Take care that you not forget YHWH by failing to observe the statutes, decrees and commands that are give you today. When you have had plenty to eat, and have built a fine house to live in, when your flocks and herds, your silver and gold, and

all your possessions increase, do not grow proud and forget God, YHWY, who brought you out of Egypt, from the land of slavery. It was YHWH who led you through the vast and desolate wilderness, a thirsty and waterless land, filled with poisonous snakes and scorpions. God made water spring forth for you out of solid rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna, which your ancestors had never known. God humbled you to test you, and in the end, to make you prosperous. Do not say to yourself, “My own strength and the power of my hands brought this wealth to me.” Remember God, YHWH, who enabled you to produce this wealth, to confirm the covenant that God swore to your ancestors, which is fulfilled today.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 65

¹You are to be praised, O | God, in Zion;
to you shall vows | be fulfilled.

²**To you, the one | who answers prayer,
to you all | flesh shall come.**

³Our sins are strong- | er than we are,
but you blot out | our transgressions.

⁴**Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your | courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness | of your temple.**

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of | our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans | far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains | by your power;
you are girded a- | bout with might.**

⁷You still the roaring | of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor | of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your | marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to | sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of
God is | full of water.

You prepare the grain, for so you provide | for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth | out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and | bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year | with your goodness,
and your paths over- | flow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be | rich for grazing,
and the hills be | clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak them- | selves
with grain;
let them shout for | joy and sing.

A reading from Second Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And 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. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He 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. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through 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, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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Thanks be to God.

The gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, 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 made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response is:

Here we are, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERING MOMENT

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

We thank you, O God, for your life-giving Word,
for calling creation into being,
declaring forgiveness from the cross,
and delivering the spirit of rebirth.
We praise you, O God, for your Word:
We praise you, O God, for your Word.

Your word is a lamp lighting our path,
a mirror reflecting our selves,
a shield providing us refuge,
a fire burning for justice and truth.
Your word is sweeter than honey:
it nourishes our bodies like milk,
it sustains your people like bread.
We receive your promises, more treasured than gold.
We bless you, O God, for your Word:
We bless you, O God, for your Word.

Open our ears to your prophets, apostles, and saints,
and to all the cries of the needy.
Breathe into your church the mighty Spirit of Christ,
that heeding your voice of beauty and power
we are strengthened to serve wherever we are called.
To you, Father, Son, and Spirit
– the Source, Word, and Breath –
We offer our thanks for your life-giving Word:
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Amen.

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.**

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Serving in Worship

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taking⁺ faith home

God loves a cheerful giver.

THANKSGIVING DAY BIBLE READINGS

Take time to read and reflect on these Bible passages as part of your Thanksgiving Day celebrations.

Thursday	Deuteronomy 8:7-18	The Lord takes care of you
	Psalms 65	Thanksgiving for creation
	2 Corinthians 9:6-15	Generous giving
	Luke 17:11-19	The ten lepers

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for Thanksgiving Day:

Gracious God, we thank you for your love and bringing us healing, hope, and joy through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you that you water the earth, provide grain for food, and place before us the fruit of the earth for this meal today. Amen. (Psalm 65:9)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with a generous and thankful heart now and always.



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HYMN FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

Oh, Sing to God Above

THANKSGIVING DAY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- Name or think about something for which you are thankful. Explain.
- Give an example or think about when you have been a cheerful giver.
- How does practicing generosity impact your life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 17:11-19.

There is a difference between what one wants to do and what one needs to do. Jesus tells the healed lepers that they need to go to the priests to confirm their healing, and they do. However, only one leper is compelled by an inner desire to return to Jesus and offer thanks. Although all ten are healed, Jesus says to the Samaritan, the outsider who desires to give thanks, "your faith has made you well" (v. 19). These are the same words used by Jesus in other stories in Luke, including the woman at his anointing (7:50), the hemorrhaging woman (8:48), and the blind beggar (18:42). In Luke 7:50 the phrase is translated, "Your faith has saved you." The same Greek words can be translated as "saved you" or "made you well." Health and salvation belong together. A thankful heart belongs to both health and salvation. How is your health strengthened by a thankful heart? How is your faith strengthened by thanksgiving? By cheerfulness?

Pray: **God of glory, we thank you for your generosity that blesses us with health and salvation, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

SERVICE

Giving with a thankful heart blesses both the giver and the receiver of one's generosity. Practice generosity this week and think or talk about how it blesses you as well as those who are the recipients of your care.

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The first Thanksgiving was held in the early 1600's by Puritans and Pilgrims immigrating from England to America. President George Washington proclaimed the first nationwide celebration in November of 1789 "as a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God." Invite each person at your table to name something they are thankful for and then after each person has shared, conclude with: **Thanks be to God for the Lord's indescribable gifts! Amen.**



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