



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship, 6:30PM  
LBW Service of the Word  
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## INTRODUCTION

*At harvest time we join the psalmist in offering thanksgiving to God: "You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty." We are grateful for the abundance of the good things of God's creation. Paul reminds us that our thanksgiving overflows into generosity. As the body of Christ in the world, we give ourselves away as bread for the hungry.*

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HYMN For the Beauty of the Earth (VIRTUAL CHOIR)

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,  
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:  
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

*Refrain*  
Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

## GATHERING

### GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

### 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, we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C **O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

C **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. Amen.**

## WORD

### FIRST READING: DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

*Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.*

L A reading from the Deuteronomy.

<sup>7</sup>For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, <sup>8</sup>a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, <sup>9</sup>a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. <sup>10</sup>You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

<sup>11</sup>Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup>and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup>then do

not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup>who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, <sup>16</sup>and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. <sup>17</sup>Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” <sup>18</sup>But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **PSALM: PSALM 65**

*You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty. (Ps. 65:11)*

L <sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

C <sup>2</sup>**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**

L <sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

C <sup>4</sup>**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.**

L <sup>5</sup>Awesome 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.

C <sup>6</sup>**You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.**

- L <sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- C <sup>8</sup>**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.**
- L <sup>9</sup>You 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.
- C <sup>10</sup>**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**
- L <sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
- C <sup>12</sup>**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.**
- L <sup>13</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

## **SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-15**

*Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.*

- L A reading from Second Corinthians.

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will

produce thanksgiving to God through us; <sup>12</sup>for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>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, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. <sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL: LUKE 17:11-19**

*A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.*

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the Seventeenth Chapter.

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

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

P The Gospel of our Lord.

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

**TIME OF THANKSGIVING**

## 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. Almighty and Generous God, we bring before you, in our hearts and on our Thanksgiving table, the gifts and blessings which you have given us this year. And, in humble gratitude, we give you thanks for them.

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

P Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**C and grant us your salvation.**

P Clothe your people with righteousness.

**C Let your people sing with joy.**

P Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**C for only in you can we live in safety.**

P Lord, keep this nation under your care,

**C and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

P Let your way be known upon earth;

**C your saving health among all nations.**

P Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,

**C nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

P Create in us clean hearts, O God,

**C and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

**P** We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have this day so graciously protected us. We beg you to forgive us all our sins and the wrong which we have done. By your great mercy defend us from all the perils and dangers of this night. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.

**C** **Amen**

## **PEACE**

**P** The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C** **And also with you.**

*Share Christ's Peace with one another.*

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

**P** God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

P Gracious God, you send from your abundance the people, talents, and resources needed for all the ministries of your church. We give thanks for the work you have accomplished through your people, and we pray for your continued blessings in our ministry together. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Bountiful God, you feed us through the richness of the land, water, sunlight, and ample crops. Bless all those who cultivate the land to bring forth its bounty, especially farmers and migrant workers. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Merciful God, you order our lives by your providence. We give you thanks for laws, infrastructure, and leadership that structure and support our human endeavors. Align our purposes with your own, that all our undertakings might bring you glory. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Loving God, you open our hearts in compassion for one another. We give you thanks for the care and healing received through the hands and feet of your servants. Send us to love those most in need of your mercy (*especially*). Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Hospitable God, you connect and strengthen us through meals and conversation with family and friends. In this time of thanksgiving, steer us from passive receiving to active response, from old quarrels to reconciliation, and from overconsumption to true gratitude. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

P Eternal God, we give thanks for the love and care we have received from saints who have gone before us. By their example, enrich the generosity of our witness to others. Lord in your mercy,

**C Hear our prayer.**

P Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**C Amen.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

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 protect you and 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**

# HYMN                      Now Thank We All Our God

(VIRTUAL CHOIR)

1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,

who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,

who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

## **DISMISSAL**

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord with Thanksgiving.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A BLESSED THANKSGIVING!**

## **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Pastor Andrea Windsor-Peterson

Pastor Jason Peterson

Advent Virtual Choir

Gayle Ricklefs - Lector

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