

*November 25, 2020*

# *Day of Thanksgiving (Eve)*

*In the liturgy, congregational responses are printed in BOLD.*

**ABOUT THE DAY:** Every gathering for worship has elements of thanksgiving. When we are nourished with God's bounty in holy communion, when we partake of Jesus' word that gives life to the world, and even when two or three of us simply join our hearts in prayer to make our requests known to God, we do so "with thanksgiving." Let us give thanks to the Lord, who is good and whose mercy endures forever.

**PRELUDER:** *Nun danket alle Gott*

-by Jeffrey Honor

## **WELCOME & INTRO**

**HYMN:** *We Gather Together* p. 5

### **GREETING**

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.**

### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### **WORD**

*God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

### **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.*

<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. *The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**HYMN:** *Now Thank We All Our God vs. 1* p. 6

## **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.*

<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! *The word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God vs. 2 p. 6**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 6<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **THE HOLY 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.*

<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.”

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **REFLECTION**

## **HYMN: Now Thank We All Our God vs. 3 p. 6**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

In the words of the Apostles' Creed, let us confess our faith:

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

We bless you, O Lord of heaven and earth, for your sovereign goodness and gentle power. You rule your creation with such firmness that we stand in awe of your great majesty. Yet you treat us, your creatures, with such respect that we can only marvel at your great patience. We praise you for your mighty power. It renews our confidence in the triumph of justice. Yet we rejoice at the restraint with which you use your power. It restores our hope for the experience of forgiveness.

We wish, dear God that we did not have to ask for your forgiveness, but only for your justice. Yet we could never survive your just judgement of us. We have sinned with our minds; we have entertained thoughts that served no good purpose. We have sinned with our hands; we have wrought deeds that worked much mischief. We have sinned with our lips; we have spoken words that we should not have spoken, and we have let needed words unspoken. We have sinned with our hearts; we have not loved you with all our being, and we have not loved our neighbor as our selves.

For all our sins, O God, we ask your forgiveness. Remove them from us as far as the East is from the West. And renew in us such an awareness of your presence that we can no more let go of you than you can let go of us.

The world in which you have placed us is full of trouble and challenges. Grant us the ability to see its possibilities and the courage to bring them into being. Where there is despair, let us kindle hope. Where there is oppression, let us bring justice. Where there is pessimism, let awaken faith. Where there is violence, let us wage peace. Help us, O God, in this world torn by strife and bitterness, to experience and spread the joy of seeing your will done on earth as is heaven.

We thank you especially for the summons to become laborers in your vineyard. As we take up this task, let our labor become an instrument for recruiting other laborers to your vineyard.

Amen.

### **PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.*

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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.**

### **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

### **BLESSING**

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign, <sup>†</sup> Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

**Amen.**

### **SENDING SONG: *Praise and Thanksgiving* p. 7**

### **DISMISSAL**

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE:** *Nun danket alle Gott*

-by Georg Friedrich Kauffmann

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## We Gather Together

1 We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
    He chastens and hastens His will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing;  
    Sing praises to His Name! He forgets not His own.

2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
    Ordaining, maintaining His Kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
    Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!

3 We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant,  
    And pray that Thou still our Defender wilt be.  
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;  
    Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free! AMEN.

## 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 this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spir - it blest, who reign in high - est heav - en,

who, from our moth - ers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in 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 harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKE TALLE GOTI, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## Praise and Thanksgiving

The musical score consists of two staves of music in common time, treble and bass clef. The lyrics are integrated with the music, appearing below the notes in four-line stanzas.

**Stanza 1:**

- 1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
- 2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
- 3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
- 4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

**Stanza 2:**

- liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
- neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
- guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
- fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

**Stanza 3:**

- or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
- with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
- joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
- hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

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# *grateful thankful blessed*

*O Lord our God,  
who supplies us with countless blessings,  
lift up our hearts in gratitude and thanksgiving.*

*Help us to remember the gifts we seldom notice,  
the abundance we take for granted,  
the rich possibilities you provide.*

*For our daily bread,  
for water that is pure,  
for houses to live in and friends to enjoy,  
we give you humble thanks.*

*For beauty and fruitfulness,  
for healing and hope,  
for the comfort of your presence,  
we lift our voices in joyful praise now and always.*

*Amen.*