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Thanksgiving Day

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*O give thanks
unto
the LORD!*



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PRE-SERVICE MEDITATION

Psalm 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah ² that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. ³ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah ⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! ⁶ The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. ⁷ God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

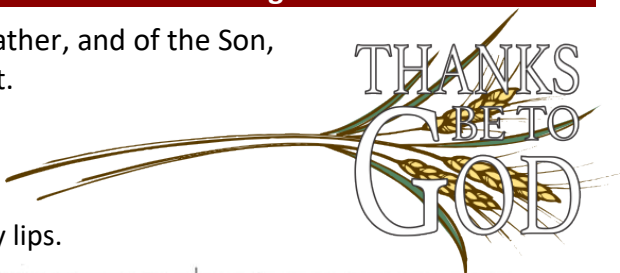
OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: WS #793

"Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C  **A - - - men.**



P O Lord, open Thou my lips.



C: And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.

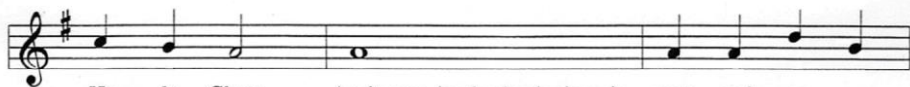
P Make haste, O God, to deliver me.



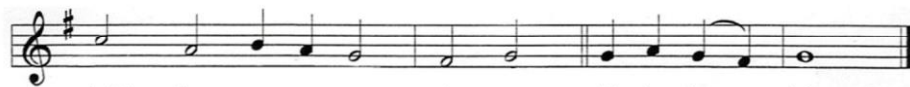
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.



Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the



Ho - ly Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ev - er



shall be: for - ev - er-more. A - men. Al - le - lu - ia!

✠ Getting to the Heart of the Problem ✠

INTROIT

Ps. 65

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

- P** Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.
- C** **O You who hear prayer, to You shall all flesh come.**
- P** When iniquities prevail against me, You atone for our transgressions.
- C** **Blessed is the one You choose and bring near, to dwell in Your courts!**
- P** We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, the holiness of Your temple!
- C** **By awesome deeds You answer us with righteousness, O God of our salvation, the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas;**
- P** The one who by His strength established the mountains, being girded with might;
- C** **Who stills the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, the tumult of the peoples, so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe at Your signs.**
- P** You make the going out of the morning and the evening to shout for joy. You visit the earth and water it;
- C** **You greatly enrich it; the river of God is full of water; You provide their grain, for so You have prepared it.**
- P** You water its furrows abundantly, settling its ridges, softening it with showers, and blessing its growth.
- C** **You crown the year with your bounty; Your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.**
- P** The pastures of the wilderness overflow, the hills gird themselves with joy,
- C** **The meadows clothe themselves with flocks, the valleys deck themselves with grain, they shout and sing together for joy.**
- P** Praise is due to You, O God, in Zion, and to You shall vows be performed.



HYMN: TLH #568 "We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"

FIRST SCRIPTURE 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. ² 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. ³ 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. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. ⁷ 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, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ 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. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

CONFESSION OF SINS

- ☞ Lord God we fall before You in sorrow. Though You have given us many blessings, we so often fail to notice them much less give thanks for them. You bless us with freedom and safety, and we take it for granted. You pour out material blessings upon us, and we devour them, always looking for more, never content with what You have given. We care more about the gifts than we do about You, the Giver. Worst of all Lord, we let the things of this world and our desire for them obscure the most wonderful gift You have given – forgiveness through the death of Your Son. Forgive us for our thoughtless thanklessness, retune our hearts to sing Your grace. For Jesus' sake. Amen.**

✝ Getting to the Heart of Thankfulness ✝

SERMON – Philippians 4:6-7, 11 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. . . . Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content.

The Secret to Thankfulness in Every Situation

ABSOLUTION OF SINS

- P** Rejoice people of God! For your Father has heard your prayer. He has provided a sacrifice; you will not die. By the blood of Jesus Christ, all your sins have been washed away. As a minister of our Lord, according to His command and by His authority, all sins of thought and word and deed, your thanklessness and your selfishness, I forgive in the name of the Father and the son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: *Bulletin*

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

✝ Thankfulness from Redeemed Hearts ✝

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- C** ♪ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate’er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER, LORD’S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

- C** ♪ Amen, amen, a – men.

HYMN: TLH #36

“Now Thank We All Our God”

1 Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to
 2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con -
 4 Oh, that day when freed from sin - ning, I shall see Thy

sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing,
 help I've come; And I hope, by Thy good plea - sure,
 strained to be; Let that grace now like a fet - ter
 love - ly face; Clothed then in the blood - washed lin - en,

Call for songs of loud - est praise. While the hope of end - less
 Safe - ly to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
 Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I
 How I'll sing Thy won - drous grace! Come, my Lord, no long - er

glo - ry Fills my heart with joy and love, Teach me
 strang - er, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God; He, to
 feel it; Prone to leave the God I love. Here's my
 tar - ry; Take my ran - som'd soul a - way; Send Thine

ev - er to a - dore Thee; May I still Thy good - ness prove.
 res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
 heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
 an - gels soon to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.