

Come to God with Thanksgiving

A Service of Word and Song

Thanksgiving – 2013

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Opening Hymn (Left and right side of congregation, to the tune of Hymn 615)

L: Who built the lofty firmament?
Who spread the sky of blue?
Who to our fields and pastures sent
Refreshing rain and dew?

R: God is of this and so much more
The awesome author blest.
He keeps a watch outside our door
So we securely rest.

L: Who keeps us warm in cold and rain
Who shields us from strong wind?
Who orders up the fruit and grain
We in their season find?

R: God is the fount of grace, we know,
And spring so full and free,
Whence saving health and goodness flow
Each day so bounteously.

L: And why is God so good to us?
When we displease him so?
How can he be so generous
And not his anger show?

R: It is all because of Christ his Son

Who lived and died for all.
And for us God's good pleasure won,
A place in heaven's hall.

(Stand)

**All: O God, you feed us year to year,
Now constant, please abide.
With ready help in time of fear,
Lord, be there at our side.
Thanksgiving sing we all this day!
Thanks-living be our theme
Each day until in white array
We in-to heaven stream!**

Pastor: In the name of the Lord of harvest, hearts and heaven,
the great and gracious God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

C(speaks): Amen. Amen. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Lesson
Psalm 100 (Wednesday)

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Refrain



Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord a new song.

Psalm tone



Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.*

Worship the LORD with gladness;

come before him with joyful songs.*

Know that the LORD is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;*
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Refrain

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;*
give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;*
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son*
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,*
is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Refrain

“Give Thanks to Him and Sing” by Cindy Berry
(Thursday, by adult choir)

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Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, give thanks to Him and sing.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Great is the Lord, our God.

Mighty and wondrous are His matchless works;

His greatness we applaud.

He is our shield and fortress, Lord of lords, and King of kings.

We will sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, give thanks to Him and sing.

Come, let us sing with joy to the Lord,

Let us shout to the Rock of our salvation.

Come before Him with thanksgiving,

And praise Him with music and song.

O praise Him, O praise Him. O praise Him.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

Great is the Lord, our God.

Mighty and wondrous are His matchless works;

His greatness we applaud.

He is the King o'er all the earth; we will sing to Him a new song.

All blessing and honor, glory and pow'r to Him alone belong.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, give thanks to Him and sing.

Give thanks and sing.

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:10-20

P: Alleluia. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C: His love endures forever. Alleluia.

Sermon: “Which Leper Am I?”

Luke 17:11-19

1. The distracted, preoccupied one?
2. The unimpressed one with a sense of entitlement?
3. The thankful one who pleases Jesus?

Hymn of Response #482

Thanksgiving Offerings

Financial gifts

Offering song (By all, to the tune of #609, as offerings are brought forward):

We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator!

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you.

We bless your holy name; glad praises we bring.

Prayer

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian parents, for their affection and their care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

Blessing (congregation sings Amen)

Closing Hymn: #610, vss. 3 (Feel free to sing the descant!)

Silent Prayer (as candles are extinguished):

Lord, your prosp'ring hand has blest.
May we give you of our best;
And by deeds of kindly love
For your mercies grateful prove.
Singing thus through all our days:
"Praise to God, immortal praise" Amen.

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