

THANKSGIVING EVE

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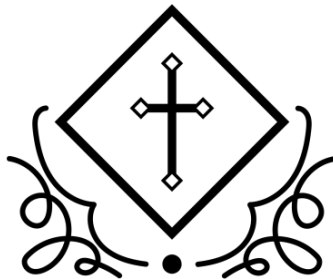
Songs of Thankfulness and Praise!

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OPENING HYMN | 610 – Now Thank We All Our God (st.1, 2)

1. Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom his world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms
Has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

2. Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in this grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.



OPENING VERSICLES



M: O Lord, o - pen my lips.



C: And my mouth shall de - clare your praise.



M: Has - ten to save me, O God.

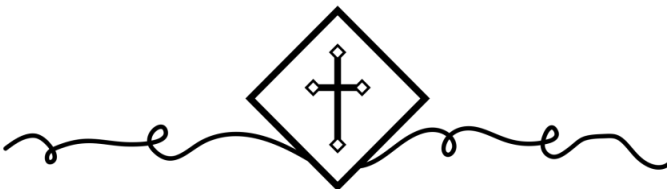


C: O Lord, come quick - ly to help me.

PRAYER

Lord God, you have brought us safely to this hour of evening prayer. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise, through Jesus Christ, our living Savior, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



PSALM 141 | Let My Prayer Rise Before You

C: Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense, the lift - ing
up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice. O Lord, I
call to you; come to me quick - ly; hear my voice when I
cry to you. Let my prayer rise be - fore you as in - cense,
the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

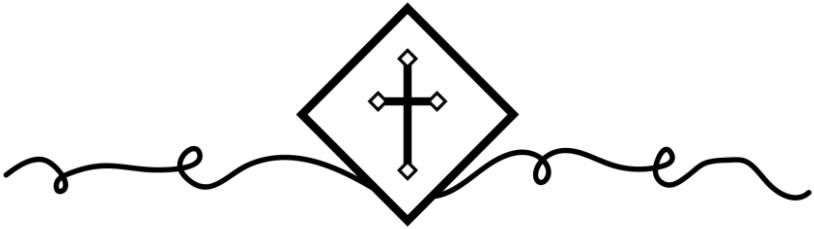
Let our prayers be acceptable in your sight. Come and help us in time of need that we may sing your praise in holy joy now and forever, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM 100 | Hymn 233 – All People that on Earth Do Dwell (st.1,4,5)

- 1. All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear; his praise forthtell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.**

- 4. For why? The Lord, our God, is good;
His mercy is forever sure.
His truth at all times firmly stood
And shall from age to age endure.**

5. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From us and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.



DEVOTION – EPHESIANS 5:20
THANKFUL ALWAYS.
THANKFUL FOR EVERYTHING.

CONFESSION

1 John 1:8-9

Dear friends, let us approach God with a true heart and confess our sins, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to forgive us.

Lord of life, I confess that I am by nature dead in sin.

For faithless worrying and selfish pride,

For sins of habit and sins of choice,

For the evil I have done and the good I have failed to do,

You should cast me away from your presence forever.

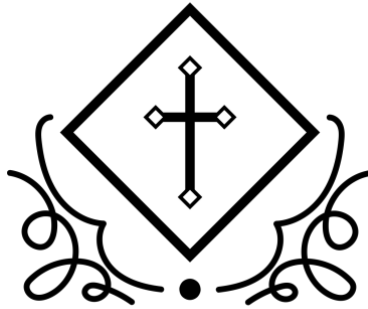
O Lord, I am sorry for my sins. Forgive me for Jesus' sake.

ABSOLUTION

John 20:21-23

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. In his great mercy, God made us alive in Christ even when we were dead in our sins. Hear the word of Christ through his called servant: I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.



GIVE THANKS FOR...

...GOD'S WORD

Psalm 119:105

*God's Word is the guide for our lives, written for us to see clearly how God would have us live. Not only that, but this Word is also the precious means by which God has revealed his perfect plan to us, the plan that sent his Son, the plan that saved sinners! **God's love endures forever!***

PSALM 119:105 Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

HYMN | 203 – Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word (st.1)

- 1. Lord, keep us steadfast in your Word;
Curb those who by deceit or sword
Would seek to overthrow your Son
And to destroy what he has done.**

...ALL OF CREATION

Genesis 1:29-31

*After each day of creation, God looked at what he had made “and it was good,” except for the sixth day. After this day, God saw that his creation was “very good”. Everything in the universe was well-designed and in harmony with the rest of creation. **God’s love endures forever!***

GENESIS 1:29 Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. ³⁰ And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food.” And it was so.

³¹ God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.

HYMN | 611 – For the Fruit of His Creation (st.1)

- 1. For the fruit of his creation, Thanks be to God.
For his gifts to ev’ry nation, Thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
Silent growth while we are sleeping,
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,
Thanks be to God.**

...OUR GOVERNMENT AND NATION

Romans 13:6-7

*Those who serve in government are God's representatives. They keep civil order by punishing those who do wrong and rewarding those who do right. Even when governments are less than godly, as God's representatives they still deserve our honor and respect. **God's love endures forever!***

ROMANS 13:6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

HYMN | 617 – Christ, by Heavenly Hosts Adored (st.3)

**3. Give us rulers who will be
Known for love and honesty;
Let the pow'rs that you ordained
Be in righteousness maintained.
In the people's hearts increase
Love of piety and peace.
Thus united, we shall stand
One wide, free, and happy land.**



...OUR CHURCH BODY AND CONGREGATION

Psalm 84:1-2,10

*As Christians, our hearts “yearn for the courts of the LORD.” We love to gather with fellow believers, and especially those who hold to a common confession. We gather as congregations (Latin for “gathered together”), and congregations gather as synods (Greek for “walking together”) to serve together as “doorkeepers in the house of God.” **God’s love endures forever!***

PSALM 84:1 How lovely is your dwelling place,

Lord Almighty!

² My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God...

...¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

Please Stand.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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 into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father
almighty.

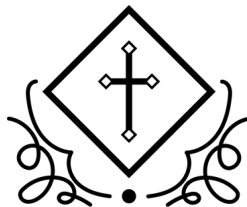
From there he will come to judge the living and the
dead.

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

Please Be Seated.

HYMN | 538 – The Church’s One Foundation (st.1)

**1. The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the Word.
From heav’n he came and sought her
To be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**



...CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

John 21:15-17

*This selection has both law and gospel nestled so closely together they're nearly imperceptible. Jesus' command to "Feed my lambs" and "Take care of my sheep" is law, but it is motivated by a heart filled with love in the risen Lord Jesus. God does this same thing for us as we seek to undertake the blessed task of educating his flock! There is a command there, but it is a command based on the love of Christ. **God's love endures forever!***

JOHN 21:15 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

HYMN | 332 – Go, My Children, with My Blessing (st. 3)

**3. Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me;
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free
Here my Spirit's power filled you;
Here his tender comfort stilled you
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

...THE ABILITY TO WORK

Deuteronomy 8:17-18

*Our wealth is a gift of God often “earned” through work. But even the ability to work is a gift from the LORD our God. He is the one who makes us willing and able to use our gifts in his service and in the service of others, and it is him that we thank for this blessing! **God’s love endures forever!***

DEUTERONOMY 8:17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.”¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your ancestors, as it is today.

HYMN | 611 – For the Fruit of His Creation (st.2)

**2. In the just reward of labor,
God’s will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God’s will be done.
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing,
In the harvests we are sharing,
God’s will be done.**

OFFERING OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN | 334 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

**Praise Go, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!**

...THE PEACE OF REST

Matthew 11:28-30

*Jesus gives us the blessed assurance that he will be our rest and relief through all of life's trials and temptations. When we are "yoked" to Christ, the burden is exceedingly easy and light because he carries both the weight and us! This promise is true not only in this life, but in the life to come. **God's love endures forever!***

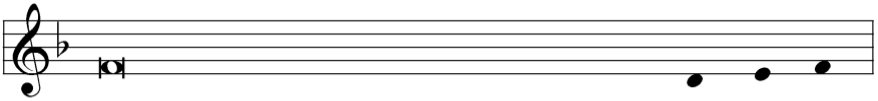
MATTHEW 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

HYMN | 587 – Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow (st.3)

**3. Now rest beneath night's shadow
The woodland, field, and meadow;
The world in slumber lies.
But you, my heart, awaken,
With prayer and song be taken;
Let praise to your Creator rise.**



LORD, HAVE MERCY



M: In the closing hours of this day, hear us as we pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

♪ For the well-being of people everywhere, for the growth of your church in all the world, and for the strengthening of all who serve and worship here, we | pray, O Lord:



C: Christ, have mer - cy.

♪ For one another, young and old, for your blessings that come with every stage of life, and for joy in doing your will, we | pray, O Lord:



C: Lord, have mer - cy.

♪ For our public servants who work day and night to bring protection, justice, learning, and health to this and every place, we pray to | you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

♪ For favorable weather and bountiful harvests, for clothing and food, for health of body, mind, and spirit, and for deliverance from all sin and every form of evil, we pray to | you, O Lord:



C: Lord, hear our prayer.

♪ For the faithful who have gone before us, who have shared with us your good news, whose souls are now at rest in your heavenly kingdom, we give you | thanks, O Lord:



C: Thanks be to God.

♪ In thanksgiving for your many and varied gifts to us, we now commend ourselves to your care. Be our shield and | strength, O Lord.



C: A - men.

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God, all holy desires, all good councils, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commands. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies that we may live in peace in quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

...THE ASSURANCE OF HEAVEN

Revelation 22:1-5

*The reason we are assured of heavenly glory is because our entrance is not based on our own merit or effort, but solely on the blood of that Lamb enthroned in the center of the city. We will be before the face of God...no more sorrows, no more pains, no more darkness...for we will reign forever and ever with God! **God's love endures forever!***

REVELATION 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

HYMN | 588 – Abide with Me (st. 7)

**7. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

BLESSING



M: The grace of our Lord + Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the fellowship of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C: A - men.

CLOSING HYMN | 610 – Now Thank We All Our God (st.3)

**3. All praise and thanks to God
Th Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.**

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Dec. 1 | 1st Sunday in Advent – 9:30 AM

Dec. 4 | Advent Midweek Worship – 7 PM

Dec. 8 | 2nd Sunday in Advent – 9:30 AM

Dec. 11 | Advent Midweek Worship – 7 PM

Dec. 15 | 3rd Sunday in Advent – 9:30 AM

Dec. 18 | Advent Midweek Worship – 7 PM

Dec. 22 | 4th Sunday in Advent – 9:30 AM

Dec. 24 | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – 7 PM

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