# Thanksgiving Eve

**Today's Theme for Worship:** On Thanksgiving Day we think about the physical and spiritual blessings God gives us. As we consider these many blessings, we can do nothing but thank and praise our loving God for his mercy.

# Special Music – My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

- P: The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
- C: And also with you.

# **Confession of Sins**

- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will.

#### C: Amen.

P: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

#### **7** Oh Taste And See

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless-ed are they who take re-fuge in him.

Your Word, O Lord, is e-ter-nal; it stands firm in the heav-ens. Your faith-ful-ness con-tin-ues for-ev-er.

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## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray.

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.

#### C: 7 Amen.

#### First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:10-18

<sup>10</sup>Then you will eat, and you will be filled, and you will praise the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. <sup>11</sup>Be very careful so that you do not forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and ordinances and his statutes that I am commanding you today. <sup>12</sup>When you eat and are satisfied, and you build nice houses and move into them, <sup>13</sup>and your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and gold increase, and everything that you have prospers, <sup>14</sup>watch out so that your heart does not become arrogant and forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, where you were slaves. <sup>15</sup>Do not forget the LORD, who led you in the great and terrifying wilderness, where there were venomous snakes and scorpions, where the thirsty ground had no water, but the LORD made water come out of a flint rock for you. <sup>16</sup>Do not forget the LORD, who in the wilderness fed you manna, which your fathers had not known before, to humble you and to test you so that it would be good for you later on. <sup>17</sup>You might say in your heart, "My ability and the power of my hand have earned this wealth for me." <sup>18</sup>But then you are to remember that the LORD your God is the one who gives you the ability to produce wealth, to confirm his covenant that he promised to your fathers with an oath, as he does to this day.

## Psalm of the Day Psalm 100

Choirs will sing the verses, congregation joins in the refrain

Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice! Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice! Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!

(Children's Choir) All people who on earth do dwell, Sing out your praise with cheerful voice; Be glad in God, whose praise you tell, Come, sing to God; let all rejoice.

Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice! Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice! Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!

(Adult Choir) For God alone is the Lord, indeed; Without our aid God did us make; We are God's flock, we now may feed; And for God's sheep God does us take.

Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice! Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice! Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!

(Children's Choir) O enter then God's gates with praise: Approach God's courts with shouts of joy; Praise, laud, and bless God's name always; Let ev'ry voice God's praise employ.

Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice! Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice! Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!

(Adult Choir)Make known the truththat God is good;Whose mercy is forever sure,Whose truth at all times firmly stood,And shall from age to age endure.

Refrain: Sing! Sing! Lift ev'ry voice! Sing to the Lord; O sing, rejoice! Let your songs ring out! Lift ev'ry voice! Let your songs ring out! O sing, rejoice!

#### Second Lesson: Philippians 4:10-20

<sup>10</sup>I rejoice greatly in the Lord now that you have revived your concern for me once again. Actually, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. <sup>11</sup>I am not saying this because I lack anything; in fact, I have learned to be content in any circumstances in which I find myself. <sup>12</sup>I know what it is to live in humble circumstances, and I know what it is to have more than enough. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, while being full or hungry, while having plenty or not enough. <sup>13</sup>I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me. <sup>14</sup>Nevertheless, you did well by becoming partners with me in my affliction.

<sup>15</sup>You Philippians know that in the beginning of your experience with the gospel, when I left Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you alone. <sup>16</sup>Even while I was in Thessalonica, you sent help more than once for my needs. <sup>17</sup>Not that

I am seeking a gift, but I am seeking the fruit that adds to your account. <sup>18</sup>I have been paid in full, and I have more than enough. I am fully supplied since I've received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, a sweet-smelling fragrance, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God. <sup>19</sup>And my God will fully supply your every need, according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever! Amen.

## Children's Choir Thanks Canon

## Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

<sup>11</sup>On another occasion, as Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem, he was passing along the border between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>When he entered a certain village, ten lepers met him. Standing at a distance, <sup>13</sup>they called out loudly, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

<sup>14</sup>When he saw them, he said, "Go, show yourselves to the priests." As they went away they were cleansed.

<sup>15</sup>One of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice. <sup>16</sup>He fell on his face at Jesus' feet, thanking him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Jesus responded, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give glory to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>Then he said to him, "Get up and go your way. Your faith has saved you."

P: This the gospel of our Lord.

#### C: 7 Praise be to you, O Christ!

## Hymn of the Day: 612 Praise to God, Immortal Praise

1 Praise to God, immortal praise, For the love that crowns our days. Bounteous Source of ev'ry joy, Let your praise our tongues employ. All to you, our God, we owe, Source whence all our blessings flow.

2 All the plenty summer pours, Autumn's rich, o'erflowing stores, Flocks that whiten all the plain, Yellow sheaves of ripened grain -Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

3 Peace, prosperity, and health, Private bliss and public wealth, Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams, True religion's holier beams-Lord, for these our souls shall raise Grateful vows and solemn praise.

4 As 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."

Text: Anna L. Barbauld, 1743-1825, abr., alt.

#### Sermon

#### **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.

## Offering

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#### **Prayer of the Church**

#### Hymn: 609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

 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 sing.

2 We worship you, God of our fathers; we bless you. Through trial and tempest our guide you have been; When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us, And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.

3 With voices united our praises we offer;To you, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.Your strong arm will guide us; our God is beside us.To you, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise!

Text: Julia B. Cory, 1882-1963, alt.

#### **Prayer and Blessing**

P: Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### C: 7 A-men.

P: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

C: 7 A-men, A-men, A-men

#### Adult Choir Give Thanks with Now Thank We All Our God

# Happy Thanksgiving! May God Bless You!