



Thanksgiving Eve
7 p.m. Worship Service
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Welcome! Although not classified a religious holiday, Thanksgiving provides an opportunity for God's people to praise the One from whom all blessings flow. For the fruits of His creation, for the gift of eternal life, for our God-given faith and for the freedom and opportunity to worship the Lord without fear, we have much for which to be grateful.

+ Order of Worship +

Hymn

"The Church's One Foundation"

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Invocation

P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Opening Versicles

(from 1 Timothy 6)

P: If anyone teaches a different doctrine and does not agree with the sound words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the teaching that accords with godliness, he is puffed up with conceit and understands nothing.

C: **He has an unhealthy craving for controversy and for quarrels about words, which provide envy, dissension, slander, evil suspicions, and constant friction among people who are depraved in mind and deprived of the truth, imagining that godliness is a means of gain.**

P: But godliness with contentment is great gain,

C: **for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world.**

P: But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content.

C: **But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.**

P: For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

C: **But as for you, O child of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.**

P: Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

C: **He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords,**

P: Who alone has immortality, who dwells in approachable light,
whom no one has ever seen or can see.

C: To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P: As Christians, we are aware of God's great blessings in our lives.
Yet we often forget to live our lives in thankfulness to Him. Let
us confess our sins to God seeking His forgiveness.

(Silence for personal reflection and self-examination)

P: Gracious, merciful God,

**C: You have blessed our lives, and we have
been ungrateful. You have blessed us
physically, emotionally and spiritually.
You have given us life and eternal life.
However, we have failed to bless Your
holy name or be a blessing to others.
We have been negligent in receiving
Your gifts with thankfulness and
praise. For our sinfulness and lack of
thankfulness for all Your blessings, we
deserve Your punishment. We are
sorry for our sins and ask You to forgive us and enable us to
live lives of thankfulness and praise for the sake of our Lord
Jesus Christ. Amen.**



P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office announce the
grace of God to you and, in the stead and by the command of my
Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the
Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Psalm 95:1-7

P: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**C: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

P: For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**C: In his hand are the depths of the earth
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

P: The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**C: Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!**

P: For he is our God;

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand;

**C: 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.**

Kyrie

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray
to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church
of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night”

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Salutation and Collect

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, You have promised to be with Your
Church forever. We praise You for Your presence in this place of
worship and ask Your ongoing blessing upon those who gather
here. Dwell continually among us with Your holy Word and
Sacraments, strengthen our fellowship in the bonds of love and
peace, and increase our faithful witness to Your salvation;
through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 12:1-14

“These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. You shall not worship the LORD your God in that way. But you shall seek the place that the LORD your God will choose out of all your tribes to put his name and make his habitation there. There you shall go, and there you shall bring your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, your vow offerings, your freewill offerings, and the firstborn of your herd and of your flock. And there you shall eat before the LORD your God, and you shall rejoice, you and your households, in all that you undertake, in which the LORD your God has blessed you.

Rejoice
+ IN THE
Lord

“You shall not do according to all that we are doing here today, everyone doing whatever is right in his own eyes, for you have not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance that the LORD your God is giving you. But when you go over the Jordan and live in the land that the LORD your God is giving you to inherit, and when he gives you rest from all your enemies around, so that you live in safety, then to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name dwell there, there you shall bring all that I command you: your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the contribution that you present, and all your finest vow offerings that you vow to the LORD. And you shall rejoice before the LORD your God, you and your sons and your daughters, your male servants and your female servants, and the Levite that is within your towns, since he has no portion or inheritance with you. Take care that you do not offer your burnt offerings at any place that you see, but at the place that the LORD will choose in one of your tribes, there you shall offer your burnt offerings, and there you shall do all that I am commanding you.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

P: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Verse

P: The Holy Gospel, according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 28:18-20

And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

The Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence 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.

Hymn

“How Can I Thank You, Lord”

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Sermon

“Thankful for the Church”

Prayer of the Church

P: In thanksgiving for all that we receive from the Lord’s hand, let us pray for the church, for the world and for all people, trusting in God’s abundant provision for our needs.

Brief silence

P: For the church, that in thankfulness to God for the gifts of Word and Sacrament, all the faithful would receive forgiveness in Christ, walk in His ways, fear Him and bless Him. Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For all things needful that we may wisely use what God gives for the benefit of all, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For freedom, justice and peace that citizens of our country be grateful stewards of God’s gifts, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our armed forces, police, firefighters and other first responders that by Your guiding hand, they may establish and maintain peace, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For our enemies that they would turn to You and come to know and experience the peace that surpasses all human understanding, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For farmers, ranchers and all agricultural workers that the fruit of their labors provide daily bread, let us pray to the Lord:

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For honest industry and truthful education that lead to honorable ways of life and Godly benefits for society, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the sick, suffering and dying, including _____ that they find comfort and hope in God’s promise to supply every need according to the glorious riches of Christ, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For those who have gone before us in faith that their triumph and glory in Christ strengthen us in assurance of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come, let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: *(Other specific petitions)* Let us pray to the Lord,

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: To our God and Father, who supplies all need according to His riches in Christ Jesus by the Holy Spirit, be all glory, honor, and praise forever and ever.

C: Amen.

Lord’s Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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.

Benediction

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. Give thanks in all circumstances. For this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

C: Amen.

Hymn

“Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide”

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