2023.10.08 Thanksgiving Sunday

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

C Amen.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the †Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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Salutation and Collect of the Day

P  The Lord be with you.

C  And also with you.

P  Let us pray. Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C  Amen.

Old Testament Reading  

Deuteronomy 8:1–10

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

1 May God be gracious to us and bless us*
   and make his face to shine upon us,
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.
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!

Epistle

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,
2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse
Matthew 21:33–46

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

33[Jesus said:] “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country.

34When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ 39And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

42Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

43Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

45When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.
And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

The Sixth Commandment

P What is the sixth commandment?
C You shall not commit adultery.

P What does this mean?
C We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other.

788 Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness

1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,
2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,
3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,
4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,

For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,
For words that speak at variance with deeds;
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,

For songs of praise for food and harvest press,
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face
For give our thanks for walking pleasant ways
That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”

While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware:
That shows Your message ever new and near.
Unmindful of a broken brother’s needs:
As sure that only what’s withheld is lost.

5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:

6 Open our eyes to see Your love’s intent,
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;
May thankfulness be days in service spent,
Reflection of Christ’s life and love and light.
Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Almighty God, we raise our voices in thanksgiving for Your blessings. Once again the earth has yielded its increase by Your undeserved kindness. Hear us in Your Son’s name, be gracious to us and shine Your face upon us. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P O Lord, our God, since we do not live by bread alone but by every Word that comes out of Your mouth, bless those You send to proclaim Your Word, that we may hear it and live. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Father in heaven, watch over the homes of Your people, that they would be places of blessing and love. We pray that husbands and wives would cherish each other and honor their vows of faithfulness, and we ask You to bless the children given to their care. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P We give You thanks, O God, that You have kept us safe from our enemies. Continually defend us against all who threaten violence and war. Bless his majesty King Charles, and all who make, administer and judge our laws. Make the nations to dwell in peace. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Gracious Lord, have compassion on the sick and suffering especially ____________. Bring healing to all in need according to Your will, and deliver them from their afflictions. Give them a patient heart in adversity and grace to sustain them in the day of trouble. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Heavenly Father, graciously remember the needs of Your children. Sustain the weary with hope, lead Your Church to be generous in their support of the poor and the hungry, and bring an end to all jealousy and strife. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P Holy Lord, bless all who receive the Sacrament of the Altar this day, that they would eat and drink Christ’s body and blood in thankfulness for this feast of forgiveness and life. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P God of comfort, bless those who mourn with confidence in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Receive our thanks, together with the whole Church, for those who have gone before us in the faith. Lord, in Your mercy,

C hear our prayer.

P These and whatever else You would have us ask of You, O God, grant us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your only Son, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.
Sit

Offering

956 Create in Me

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Stand

Preface

P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.
C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. He is the image of the invisible God, and from him and through him and to him are all things. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

C Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;

Heav’n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

**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.

**The Words of Our Lord**

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**Pax Domini**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Amen.
Agnus Dei

1 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

You take the sin of the world away;
You take the sin of the world away;

O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,

Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,

Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

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789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giving, Father, we offer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Father, providing Food for Your children, By Your wise

living, Created good: Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neighbor We may be fed. Sowing or till ing, We would work
guiding Teach us to share One with another, So that, re-
or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.
with You, Harvest ing, mill ing For daily bread.

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894 For the Fruits of His Creation

1 For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just reward of labor, God’s will is done.
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God.

For His gifts to every nation, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neighbor, God’s will is done. In our
For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God. For the
The Dismissal

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

Amen.

Nunc Dimittis

1 O Lord, now let Your servant Depart. Amen.

All glory to the Father, All part in heav’nly peace, For I have seen the

All glory to the Son, All glory to the

glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:

Spirit, Ever Three in One; LSB 211
Post-Communion Collect

Let us pray. Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son’s body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Benedicamus

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Amen.

895 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,
2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,
△ 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,

Who wonderful things has done, In whom His world rejoices;
With ever joy-ful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in high-est heav’n,

Who from our mother’s arms Has blest us on our way
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav’n adore;

With countless gifts of love And still is ours to-day,
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev’ry more.
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