



Thanksgiving Eve Worship

5:45 p.m. - Wednesday, November 25, 2020

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. -- 2 Corinthians 9:8

Announcements

Opening Hymn

We Praise You, O God

ELW 870

Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread.

People: **God gives daily bread, even when we do not pray for it, even to those who do not deserve it.**

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread.

People: **We ask in this prayer that God would help us to realize God's goodness, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread.

People: **Daily bread includes everything we need for this life, such as:**

Leader: food and clothing,

People: home and property,

Leader: work and income,

People: a devoted family,

Leader: an orderly community,

People: good government,

Leader: favorable weather,

People: peace and health.

ALL: And true friends and neighbors.

Leader: People shall not live by bread alone, but by every word which proceeds from the mouth of God.

People: **Jesus Christ is the Word of God, made flesh for us. Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life.**

Leader: Give us this day our daily bread.

People: **God gives daily bread, even to those who do not deserve it. We ask in this prayer that God would help us to realize God's goodness, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

Prayer of the Day

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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Deuteronomy 8:1-18

Times of abundance tempt us to forget God and rely on our own power and resources. But God is the one who took Israel out of Egypt, led and fed them in the wilderness, brought them into the land, and gave them power to be productive. To thank this God is to remember and proclaim God's deeds.

Psalm 65

¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.

²To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.

³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.

⁴Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶You make firm the mountains by your power; you are girded about with might.

⁷You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water. You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God.

Sermon

Pastor Bill Boelter

Hymn

Sing To the Lord of Harvest

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Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering Moment

Prayers

...Lord, in your mercy, ...Hear our prayer.

Invitation to Home Communion ~ Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer

Pastor: We thank you, God our host, for inviting us here to taste the future when you will feed all the hungry at your table. Keep this hope alive in us and in our communities, so that we might bring hope to a suffering world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior.

People: Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord hold you in love and be gracious unto you. The Lord grant you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Go in peace. Set your hope on Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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