



THANKSGIVING SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2020

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Prelude: "For the Fruit of All Creation" *traditional Welsh tune*

The Greeting

Presider

May the strength of God, the compassion of Christ
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you.
And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider

O God, our maker and redeemer,
when we forget that this is your world
and we are your people:
Lord, have mercy.

When we have willfully misused your gifts of creation,
forgetting that we are the stewards of your bounty:
Christ, have mercy.

When we have seen the ill-treatment of others
and have not gone to their aid:
Lord, have mercy.

When we have condoned evil and dishonesty
and have failed to strive for justice:

Christ, have mercy.

When we have heard the good news of Christ,
but have failed to share it with others:

Lord, have mercy.

When we have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves:

Christ, have mercy.

Presider

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Hymn of Praise: "We Plough the Fields and Scatter" *Common Praise #258*

We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

*All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
for all his love.*

He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;

by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

Refrain

We thank thee then, O Father,
for all things bright and good:
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

The Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

Gracious One, you satisfy the need of every living creature. Fill us with gratitude for the abundance of the earth and for the bonds of love and care that unite all creation into one family. May our thanks be the soil in which dreams of justice grow and thrive; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 8.7-18

Before the Reading the Reader says,

A reading from Deuteronomy.

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in 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 where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine

copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

After the Reading the Reader says,

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 65

Psalmist

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

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Psalmist

¹ You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *

to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

² To you that hear prayer *

shall all flesh come.

³ Our sins are stronger than we are, *

but you will blot out our transgressions.

People

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

⁴ Happy 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.
⁵ Awesome 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 seas that are far away.

People

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

⁶ You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
⁷ You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamour of the peoples.
⁸ Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvellous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

People

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

⁹ You 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.
¹⁰ You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

People

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

¹¹ You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
¹² May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.

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

People

You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

The Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 9.6-15

Before the Reading the Reader says,

A reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 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.

As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

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The Gospel Alleluia

Deacon

Alleluia. Alleluia. Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Luke 17.11-19

Before the Gospel the Deacon says,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

After the Gospel the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev'd Carole Neilson

After the Sermon we have a period for silent reflection.

The Apostles' Creed

Deacon

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 again 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings

Leader of the Prayers

For the Church universal,
of which this building is a visible symbol:
We thank you, Lord.

For your presence
whenever two or three have gathered in your name:
We thank you, Lord.

For this place
where we may be still and know that you are God:
We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions
as you see best for us:
We thank you, Lord.

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead:

We thank you, Lord.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism:

We thank you, Lord.

For the pardon of our sins
when we have fallen short of your glory:

We thank you, Lord.

For the holy eucharist
in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom:

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows
and the crowning of our years with your goodness:

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us
and for our encouragement by their perseverance:

We thank you, Lord.

For all the benefactors of this place
who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest:

We thank you, Lord.

For the fellowship of all your saints,
and especially for the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Joseph
and all the holy women and men among your apostles:

We thank you, Lord.

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place
for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you
here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ
our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
ever. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Offertory Hymn: "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"

Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his son.
Give thanks with a grateful heart;
give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ, his son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."
And now let the weak say, "I am strong,"
Let the poor say, "I am rich,
because of what the Lord has done for us."

Give thanks.

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The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider

Let us pray.

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have entrusted us to tend the garden of this fragile earth. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving at the Table

Presider

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and compassionate God, Creator of all things, seen and unseen: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of Jesus the Christ, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes, saying:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, so that who share in Christ's body and blood may live to praise your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Sovereign of the universe, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

**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 for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the People

If you are not receiving Communion in-person, then offer this prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Music during Communion: "For the Beauty of the Earth" by George Ryan

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider
Let us pray.

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Presider

Glory to God,
whose power working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing of the Community

Presider

May the power of God sustain you. May the wisdom of the Word enlighten you.
May the mercy of the Holy Spirit unite you.

And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you and
remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Recessional Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" *Common Praise #262*

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple come,
raise the song of harvest home!

For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day
all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace with songs of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude: *"Now Thank We All Our God" by Johan Crüger*

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