



Church of the Savior

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PRELUDE: Oladapo Okunmuyide, organ: Come You Thankful People Come VIDEO

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: We Gather Together

1 We ga - ther to - ge - ther to ask the Lord's bles - sing;
2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lea - der tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
and pray that thou still our de - fen - der wilt be;

the wick - ed op - pres - sing now cease from dis - tres - sing,
so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape tri - bu - la - tion;

sing prai - ses to his name: he for - gets not his own.
thou, Lord, wast at our side, all glo - ry be thine!
thy name be e - ver praised! O Lord, make us free!

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

“We praise you, O God”

RESPONSIVE READING

C: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,

P: **His steadfast love endures forever.**

C: Let all those whom the Lord redeemed proclaim that He has saved them from trouble

P: **And gathered them from east and west, north and south.**

C: Let them thank the Lord for His steadfast love, for the wonders He does for His children.

P: **Let them proclaim His greatness in the congregation of the people, and praise Him in the assembly of the elders.**

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: Joel 2:21-27

²¹Do not fear, O; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

²²Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield.

²³Oof Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

²⁴The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

²⁵I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

²⁶You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

PSALM: Psalm 126

¹When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.

²Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

³The LORD has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses of the Negeb.

⁵Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

⁶Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. ³This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,

⁶who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time.⁷For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth
Lector: Word of God, Word of Life

People: Thanks Be to God

GOSPEL: Matthew 6:25-33

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said,] ²⁵"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

People: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY: All Things Bright and Beautiful

Refrain



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



Refrain

God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings,
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

SERMON: Pastor Paul

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.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

God whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

God, you give all people a place at the table. Nurture and encourage campus ministries, new congregations, and workplace chaplaincies. Support all parts of the church that meet people where they are and offer accompaniment through daily challenges and joys. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give nourishment to the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Sustain all creatures who rely on the earth for sustenance. Water parched ground, dry flooded fields, temper heat waves and frosts, and give sunlight and shade. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give wisdom to your people. Enlighten all leaders. Inspire and guide our president (*name*), our governor (*name*), our local leaders (*name/s*), and all who represent us in our government. Give them patience and perspective to choose wisely for our common good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give nourishment to those who hunger. Bring poverty and food insecurity to an end. Give dignity and adequate employment to those who are unemployed and underemployed. Sustain us all at your welcoming banquet of love and justice. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give community to those who are lonely. Be with our biological families, our chosen families, and our church family as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday. Send your compassionate presence to those who are lonely, those who are separated or estranged from their families, and those whose loved ones have died. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, you give a feast of endless thanksgiving. We are grateful for the saints gathered at your table who have gone before us (*especially*). Unite us with them whenever we give thanks to you. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, your welcome is wider than we can imagine. Receive our prayers for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us. **Amen.**

SHARING THE PEACE OF GOD

SPECIAL MUSIC: Linda McElroy & Brenda Moderacki: Thanksgiving Waltz VIDEO

OFFERING

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THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Give Thanks

G D/F# Emin Bmin
 Give thanks with a grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give
 C G/B Emin F Dsus4 G
 thanks, be-cause He's giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. Give thanks with a
 D/F# Emin Bmin C
 grate-ful heart. Give thanks to the Ho-ly One. Give thanks, be-cause He's
 G/B Emin F Dsus4 Bmin Emin
 giv-en Je-sus Christ, His Son. And now let the weak say "I am
 Amin7 D7 G CMaj7
 strong!" let the poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has
 F Dsus4 Bmin Emin Amin7
 done for us. And now let the weak say "I am strong!" let the
 D7 G CMaj7 F Dsus4
 poor say "I am rich!" be-cause of what the Lord has done for us.
 G Amin/G G
 Give thanks! Give thanks! Give thanks!

DISMISSAL

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.