

Service of Harvest and Thanksgiving

October 9, 2022

The candles are lit.

WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of respect, reciprocity and truth, we honour and acknowledge that we gather as people who live and work and pray on traditional and ancestral land of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains. We give recognition to the Blackfoot people past, present, and future, and to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

COMMUNITY LIFE

GATHERING

Please stand as we raise our voices in praise and thanksgiving.

Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
All be safely gathered in,
here 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!

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
unto joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we,
wholesome grain and pure may be.

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

The Lord be with you
And also with you

We join in prayer. Eternal God, You crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season. Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own wellbeing; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever, **Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE: "In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful"

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in a minor key. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your
voic - es, the Lord is near. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near." The score includes various musical notations such as treble and bass clefs, a key signature of one flat, and a 3-measure triplet in the second system.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We join together as we confess the wrong we have done against God, our neighbor and the whole world.

Loving God, you have richly blessed us, but we acknowledge
that many of your children still go hungry
Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Loving God, you have richly blessed us, but still we acknowledge
That the poor are still crying out for justice
Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Loving God, you have richly blessed us, but we acknowledge the inequality and oppression in our world.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Loving God, forgive our sins of neglectfulness

And assure us of your eternal love

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

With thankful hearts, we respond with a song of praise echoing the song leader.

HYMN OF PRAISE *with djembe drum*

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Father. (Echo)

To God be glory forever! (Echo)

Alleluia Amen! (Echo) Alleluia Amen! (Echo) Alleluia Amen! (Echo)

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to Christ Jesus. (Echo)

To God be glory forever! (Echo)

Alleluia Amen! (Echo) Alleluia Amen! (Echo) Alleluia Amen! (Echo)

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to the Spirit. (Echo)

To God be glory forever! (Echo)

Alleluia Amen! (Echo) Alleluia Amen! (Echo) Alleluia Amen! (Echo)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

FIRST READING: Philippians: 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone.

The Lord is near.

Do not be anxious about anything,

but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving

let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,

will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

L: Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true,

Women: whatever is honorable,

Men: whatever is just,

Women: whatever is pure,

Men: whatever is pleasing,

All: whatever is commendable,

L: if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise,

think about these things.
All: Keep on doing the things you have learned
Women: and received,
Men: and heard,
All: and seen in Christ.
L: and the God of peace will be with you.

For the word of God in scripture,
 for the word of God among us,
 for the word of God within us,
Thanks be to God.

HYMN RESPONSE: "For the Beauty of the Earth" ELW 879 (v1-4)



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.
 Know that the LORD is God.
 Our maker, to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.
 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving
 and the courts with praise.
Give thanks and bless God's Holy name.
 For the LORD is good;
 God's steadfast love is everlasting
whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

GOSPEL VERSE: "Yours, Lord, Is the Glory" ELW 849

Yours, Lord, is the Glory and honour as well;
Yours, Lord, now and always. Amen, amen.

Glory in the highest and on earth as well;
Glory, alleluia. Amen, amen.

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-19

The Holy Gospel according to Luke the 17th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

SERMON Video from by Pastor Sarah Urano who serves Shell Lake and Spiritwood in the SK Synod.

HYMN OF THE DAY: "Give Thanks" W&P 41

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.

And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

Last time

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith together in the words of the **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.

SHARING THE PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

We share the peace with those around us saying, "Peace be with you."

OFFERING PRAYER

We ask God's blessing on all gifts offered here and online for the work of the church.

Let us pray. We bless you, God of all creation! It is through your goodness that we have gifts to share, the labour of our hands and the offering of our lives. May they be used for your glory in the service of your creation in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

We give thanks for the church in every land. Sustain the faithful with your living word. Inspire radical hospitality toward all who are searching, and call us into a more generous way of living. Lord of the harvest,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for the earth. Bring forth plentiful harvests and renew our commitment to share abundantly. Preserve the lands and waters that bring nourishment. We thank you for all the rivers and tributaries in our province of Alberta. Lord of the harvest,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for leaders in our communities. Kindle a passion for justice and peace in every national and local elected official. Curb selfish impulses and guide us toward collaborative solutions. Lord of the harvest,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all who provide for others. Sustain caregivers, social workers, and volunteers in their efforts. We thank you for the gift of community. Today we especially pray for the Soup Kitchen volunteers who have supported this venture. Provide homes, food, employment, and medical care to all who are struggling. Lord of the harvest, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for this congregation and those who plan worship. Guide deacons, pastors, musicians, and lay leaders in their creation of meaningful experiences. Instill in us a sense of joy and wonder when we come to worship you. Lord of the harvest, **hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, remember those who suffer. Surround the lonely, the distressed, those who struggle with illness or other difficulties, especially Myrtle, Sharla, Debi, Marion, Arne, Janet, Thelma, Eva, Dave & Trudy, Tiffany, Blair, Corrie, Pastor Dick & Jan, Helene, Patrick, Jack & Shirley, Eowen, Grace, Margaret, Mary, Ann, Clayton, Nancy, Rosemary, Sheila, Judy, Cherylee, Miriam, Pastor Kathy and Darcy, Doreen, and Margaret. Lord of the harvest, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for this community of faith. Be with Maurice & Anna Madsen and Duncan and Marla McGeorge. That they may be witnesses to your love and grace. Lord of the harvest, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful who now rest in you. Teach us by their example and bring us with them into your loving embrace. Lord of the harvest, **hear our prayer.**

Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Prayer leader, please continue leading . . .

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us ...

**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 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.**

BLESSING

We go out with God's blessing:
May God, who gives life to all things
and frees us from despair,
bless us with truth and peace.
And may the holy Trinity, † one God,
guide us always in faith, hope, and love.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN: "Praise and Thanksgiving" ELW 689 (v1-4)



1 Praise and thanks-giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -



liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will



or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

SENDING

Go out with hearts full of thankfulness to God.
Thanks be to God. We will!

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