

In Thankfulness and Praise

A Service for Thanksgiving

Order of Service

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Colossians 3:16

Hymn: Come, ye Thankful People, Come LSB #892

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;
From the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.
4. 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 garner to abide;
Come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home.

Invocation and Opening Psalm 33

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

P Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!

C Praise befits the upright.

P Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;

C make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!

P Sing to him a new song;

C play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

P For the word of the Lord is upright,

C and all his work is done in faithfulness.

P He loves righteousness and justice;

C the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

P By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,

C and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

P He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;

C he puts the deeps in storehouses.

P Let all the earth fear the Lord;

C let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

P For he spoke, and it came to be;

C he commanded, and it stood firm.

P The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing;

C he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

P The counsel of the Lord stands forever,

C the plans of his heart to all generations.

P Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,

C the people whom he has chosen as his heritage!

Hymn: We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer LSB #785

1. We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name: glad praises we sing.
2. We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you;
Thro' life's storm and tempest our Guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
And with your help, O Lord, our battles we win.
3. With voices united our praises we offer,
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise.

Confession and Forgiveness

P O God of all graciousness, you have poured out blessing upon blessing upon us, yet we in our sinfulness have not always been generous back to you in how we have lived. Instead of being grateful, we have been greedy.

C Forgive us, O Lord.

P Instead of being righteous, we have been rebellious.

C Forgive us, O Lord.

P Instead of being loving, we have been angry.

C Forgive us, O Lord.

P Instead of being content, we have been jealous.

C Forgive us, O Lord.

P Instead of being kind, we have been hurtful.

C Forgive us, O Lord.

P Instead of being joyful, we have been judgmental.

C Forgive us and free from all our disobedience.

(Please observe a time of quiet reflection for self-examination.)

P Give thanks for this good news: your sins are forgiven and you are granted a fresh start. The patterns of your old sinful selves have been replaced by the wonderful ways of Christ, who died yet was raised so that we might live in love for him in joyful response to all he has done.

C We thank you for your forgiveness, O Christ. We sing our praises to you for restoring us. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: Now Thank We All Our God LSB #895

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
To keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills of this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom heav'n and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

Prayer of the Day

Old Testament Reading ... Exodus 15:1-21

15 Then Moses and the people of Israel sang this song to the LORD, saying,

“I will sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider^a he has thrown into the sea. ²The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him. ³The LORD is a man of war; the LORD is his name. ⁴“Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea, and his chosen officers were sunk in the Red Sea. ⁵The floods covered them; they went down into the depths like a stone. ⁶Your right hand, O LORD, glorious in power, your right hand, LORD, shatters the enemy. ⁷In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries; you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble. ⁸At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up; the floods stood up in a heap; the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea. ⁹The enemy said, ‘I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them. I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.’ ¹⁰You blew with your wind; the sea covered them; they sank like lead in the mighty waters. ¹¹“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? ¹²You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. ¹³“You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy

abode.¹⁴ The peoples have heard; they tremble; pangs have seized the inhabitants of Philistia.¹⁵ Now are the chiefs of Edom dismayed; trembling seizes the leaders of Moab; all the inhabitants of Canaan have melted away.¹⁶ Terror and dread fall upon them; because of the greatness of your arm, they are still as a stone, till your people, O LORD, pass by, till the people pass by whom you have purchased.¹⁷ You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.¹⁸ The LORD will reign forever and ever.”¹⁹ For when the horses of Pharaoh with his chariots and his horsemen went into the sea, the LORD brought back the waters of the sea upon them, but the people of Israel walked on dry ground in the midst of the sea.²⁰ Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a tambourine in her hand, and all the women went out after her with tambourines and dancing.²¹ And Miriam sang to them: “Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.”

Epistle Reading ... 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— ⁶ even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— ⁷ so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ⁸ who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel Reading ... Luke 19:28-40

²⁸ And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹ When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³ And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸ saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰ He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

Sermon Hymn: Sing Praise To God, The Highest Good LSB #819

1. Sing praise to God, the highest good, the author of creation,
The God of love who understood our need for his salvation.
With healing balm our souls he fills and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty pow'r has made, in mercy he is keeping.
By morning glow or evening shade his eye is never sleeping.
Within the kingdom of his might all things are just and good and right:
To God all praise and glory!
3. We sought the Lord in our distress; O God, in mercy hear us.
Our Savior saw our helplessness and came with peace to cheer us
. For this we thank and praise the Lord, who is by one and all adored:
To God all praise and glory!
4. He never shall forsake his flock, his chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, he leads his own, his chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
5. All who confess Christ's holy name, give God the praise and glory.
Let all who know his pow'r proclaim aloud the wondrous story.
Cast ev'ry idol from its throne, for God is God, and he alone:
To God all praise and glory!

Sermon

Offering

Prayers

P O God of the earth and of the universe, you created each of us in your image. Mold us and shape us into the people you would have us be for you. Move our hands and feet to serve you wholeheartedly. Open our eyes and ears to see and hear what you are doing in our lives, and guide our lips to proclaim your goodness to all the world. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P O God our Father, you sent your Son into the world to become one of us and save us from sin,

death and the devil. Let your forgiveness flow through us and flow out from us to others. Strengthen us to resist all temptation and fill us with the hope we have in you for the life yet to come. In everything may our lives be thank offerings to you. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P Great God, who sent the Holy Spirit to spread the Good News of Jesus to every nation and land, energize us to witness for you. Inspire us to share the salvation story of your Son to people far and near. Stir up inside of us the desire to grow in our faith and remain in our faith in you that we might draw closer to you. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P Healing Lord, bless those who are suffering in body, soul and mind that they may find relief from their pain. Comfort those who are grieving the loss of loved ones and be present with all those who are hospitalized or home-bound. Grant peace to them all and bring recovery, according to your will. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P Generous God, as we celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday, help us to remember all the gifts you provide for us every day of the year. Fill us with gratitude in our hearts for the love of family and friends, the protection of clothing and shelter, and the abundance of food and drink that we enjoy. Grant safe travels to those who are journeying to be with loved ones and bless all gatherings with joy in you and in one another. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord.

P In every prayer we pray to you, we thank you for listening, we love you for caring and we trust you to answer us. Let us keep holding fast to you. In thankfulness and praise,

C we lift our prayers to you, O Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Benediction (from Philippians 4:8)

P Finally, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Now may the Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you his peace.

C All thanks and praise to God! Amen.

Hymn: Praise The Almighty, My Soul, Adore Him! LSB #797

1. Praise the Almighty, my soul, adore him! Yes, I will laud Him until death;
with songs and anthems I come before Him, As long as He allows me breath.
From Him my life and all things came; Bless, O my soul, His holy name.
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Trust not in rulers; they are but mortal; Earth-born they are and soon decay.
Vain are their counsels at life's last portal. When the dark grave engulfs its prey.
Since mortals cannot help afford, Place all your trust in Christ, our Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia!
3. Blessèd, oh, blessèd are they forever, Whose help is from the Lord Most High,
whom from salvation can nothing sever. And who in hope to Christ draw nigh.
To all who trust in Him, our Lord, Will aid and counsel now afford.
Alleluia, alleluia!
4. Penitent sinners, for mercy crying, Pardon and peace from him obtain;
ever the wants of the poor supplying, Their faithful God he will remain.
He helps his children in distress, The widows and the fatherless.
Alleluia, alleluia!
5. Praise, all you people, the name so holy Of Him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise Him solely, With happy heart its amen sings.
Children of God, with angel host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Alleluia, alleluia!