



**Prelude** - “Song of Thanksgiving”  
- “We Gather Together”

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**Welcome and Call to Worship**

Give thanks to God!  
**We thank God for joy, for laughter,  
for abundant blessings of every kind.**  
Give thanks to God  
at all times and for everything!  
**We thank God, when we can and as we can,  
for struggles, for solitude, for fears.**

Give thanks to God  
at all times and for everything  
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**We thank God that, in Christ,  
our joys as well as our pain,  
our losses as well as our laughter,  
are in God's heart and hands.**

**Opening Hymn**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”



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,  
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



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:  
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:



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

## Litany of Thanksgiving

God Most High,  
Before your son fed the multitudes, he first gave thanks.  
Before he raised his friend Lazarus, he first gave thanks,  
that all might know your glory.

And so, as we are blessed to do your works in the world,  
that all, indeed, might know your glory  
we thank you and praise you, O Lord.

For the grace to feed the poor  
**we thank you and praise you, O Lord.**

For the grace to heal the sick  
**we thank you and praise you, O Lord.**

For the grace to lift up the broken  
**we thank you and praise you, O Lord.**

For the grace to harbor the refugee  
**we thank you and praise you, O Lord.**

For the grace to aid the endangered  
**we thank you and praise you, O Lord.**

For the grace to speak on behalf of the marginalized and vulnerable  
**we thank you and praise you, O Lord.**

For the grace to be  
for the prisoner, the addict,  
the lost, the outcast, the dying  
what your son has been for us:  
a comfort, a beacon, a shepherd, a rabbi,  
a healer, a hope  
the salt of the earth, the light of the world  
**we thank you and praise you, O Lord. Amen.**

## Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Moses said to all Israel: 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.

## Psalm 65

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, \*  
because of their transgressions.

3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

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.

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 clamor of the peoples.

8 Those 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.

9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

## Gospel - Luke 17:11-19

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

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## Hymn

"Praise and Thanksgiving"



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.

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## Prayers of Intercession

Loving God,  
You are our Creator and Sustainer.  
When You open Your hand,  
You satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing.  
And so we look to You whenever we are in need,  
trusting in Your love and Your abundant goodness.

As You once fed the hungry crowds with five loaves and two small fish,  
we ask that You would again fill those who are empty this day.  
Pour out Your Spirit on all who hunger and thirst.

We pray for those who are physically hungry—whose stomachs are empty,  
who are facing critical food shortages;  
    who are suffering the effects of malnutrition and starvation;  
    and watching helplessly as loved ones die.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

We pray for those who are empty emotionally—  
who are lonely and long for companionship and love,  
    who are caught in the grip of depression,  
    or overwhelmed with grief.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

We pray for those who are spiritually empty—  
who are troubled, but don't know where to turn;  
    who long for purpose and meaning, but don't know where to look;  
    who need You, but do not yet know You.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that they may be filled.**

God, we praise You for Your abundant gifts in our lives.  
Pour out Your Spirit on us as well.  
Fill us with Your compassion and love,  
so that we would willingly share some of our abundance  
with those who have need.

**Lord, in Your mercy, open Your hand.  
Pour out Your Spirit, so that we may be filled.**

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ,  
who came so that all of humanity might come to know  
the abundant life that comes from You. **Amen.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## Blessing

Go now into the world, strengthened by the gifts  
with which Christ has fed you.  
Be generous to others, for Christ has given extravagantly.  
Live by God's word, avoiding lies and violence.  
Walk in God's paths and never stray.

And may God's wonderful love be with you everywhere;  
May Christ Jesus feed you with his body and word;  
And may the Holy Spirit confirm the truth in you  
and fill you with God's presence always. Amen.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. May we be forever thankful!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Closing Hymn

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!  
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,  
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.  
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.  
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,  
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.  
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.  
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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