

November 22nd, 2023
Thanksgiving Eve



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*At Abiding Word
We gather around the Word (worship)
We grow in the Word (education)
And we share the Word with the world (outreach).*

INVOCATION

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

DIALOGUE FOR THANKSGIVING *from Psalms 103 and 145*

M: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

C: **I will exalt you, my God the King;
I will praise your name forever and ever.
Every day I will praise you
and extol your name forever and ever.**

M: He forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases; he redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion.

C: **The Lord is gracious and compassionate,
slow to anger and rich in love.
The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.**

M: He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

C: **The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made.
The Lord upholds all those who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.**

M: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him. From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear him.

C: **The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the
proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.**

M: Praise the Lord, all his works everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the Lord, O my soul.

C: **My mouth will speak in praise of the Lord.
Let every creature praise his holy name forever and ever.**

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE LESSON: 2 SAMUEL 7:18–22

¹⁸Then King David went in and sat before the LORD, and he said:

“Who am I, Sovereign LORD, and what is my family, that you have brought me this far? ¹⁹And as if this were not enough in your sight, Sovereign LORD, you have also spoken about the future of the house of your servant—and this decree, Sovereign LORD, is for a mere human!

²⁰“What more can David say to you? For you know your servant, Sovereign LORD. ²¹For the sake of your word and according to your will, you have done this great thing and made it known to your servant.

²²“How great you are, Sovereign LORD! There is no one like you, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

HYMN: ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL

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SCRIPTURE LESSON: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON: LUKE 7:36–50

³⁶When one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. ³⁷A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume. ³⁸As she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

³⁹When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner."

⁴⁰Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to tell you."

"Tell me, teacher," he said.

⁴¹"Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴²Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?"

⁴³Simon replied, "I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven."

"You have judged correctly," Jesus said.

⁴⁴Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. ⁴⁵You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. ⁴⁷Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little."

⁴⁸Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

⁴⁹The other guests began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?"

⁵⁰Jesus said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

M: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

HYMN: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

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CONFESSION OF FAITH: OH, THAT I HAD A THOUSAND VOICES

- 1 Oh, that I had a thousand voices
to praise my God with thousand tongues!
My heart, which in the Lord rejoices,
would then proclaim in grateful songs
to all, wherever I might be,
what great things God has done for me.

- 2 Dear Father, endless praise I render
for soul and body, nobly joined;
I praise you, guardian kind and tender,
for all the daily joys I find
so richly spread on ev'ry side
and freely for my use supplied.

- 3 I praise you, Savior, whose compassion
has brought you down to ransom me.
Your pitying heart sought my salvation;
you bore the cross triumphantly,
brought me from bondage full release,
made me your own, and gave me peace.

- 4 Glory and praise, still onward reaching,
be yours, O Spirit of all grace,
whose holy pow'r and faithful teaching
give me among your saints a place.
Whatever good by me is done
is worked by grace divine alone.

- 5 Shall I not then be filled with gladness?
Shall I not praise you evermore
and triumph over fear and sadness,
although my cup of woe runs o'er?
Though heav'n and earth shall disappear,
your endless love is ever near.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

M: We are here Lord to praise you for the truth that indeed you do provide for all that lives. All food and everything we need for our bodily welfare is provided by your powerful hand both to the just and the unjust. Forgive us that we have taken you for granted and taken the credit for our successes and fruits of our labor for ourselves. Thanks be to you, O Lord!

C: **♪For the fruit of his creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping, thanks be to God.**

M: Lord, if our will would stand, we would complain of how you treat us. We would help our neighbor only when it suited us, and we certainly wouldn't give other parts of the world as much as a thought. Break our will, O Lord, and create in us an active thankfulness for your abundant grace. Thanks be to you, O Christ!

C: **♪In the just reward of labor, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvest we are sharing, God's will be done.**

M: Among all the gifts for which we humbly bow in thanks to you, Lord, your over abundant grace in Jesus our Savior is easily the greatest. No food, clothing, shelter, or pleasures of any kind hold any relevance had you not sent your Son to die for our sins. Forgive us for using and abusing your gifts for our own ends and not for the purpose of the Gospel. May our thankfulness ever show through in our dedication to use all that you have given for the advancement of your kingdom in our own hearts, our family's hearts, and throughout the world. Thanks be to you, O Lord.

C: **♪For the harvest of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

The Lord's Prayer

M: With gratitude that we can talk to you as dearly loved children talk to their loving father, we pray:

**C: 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

M: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: Amen.

HYMN: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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OUR THANK OFFERINGS

One of the ways we express our thanks to God is through offerings given. Our motive for supporting the Lord's work is gratitude for his grace. The offering for this special service will go to WELS Christian Aid and Relief.