

THANKSGIVING EVE (VESPERS)

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PRAYER UPON ENTERING CHURCH

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We thank you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may continue to yield its increase. Hear our thankful prayer in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THANKSGIVING ACCORDING TO JESUS

"Oh, you shouldn't have. It's too expensive. I don't deserve it. You bought me a present? Why would you do that? Oh, I know you think you're being generous, but the foundation of gift giving is reciprocity. You haven't given me a gift. You've given me an obligation."

That's how we usually look at gift-giving. It's a transaction, bargain, or deal. And we treat Thanksgiving the same way. Somehow, we must give God a "thanks" worthy of His appreciation. But there's the problem. How could we possibly give enough thanks to repay all God gives us? If life and forgiveness is a transaction with God, our sin leaves us dead every time. We've got it all backwards.

For God's gift-giving ways are not like ours. In the fullness of time, God gave His only begotten Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. Jesus was given up and betrayed. He gave His hands to the nails, His head to the thorns, and His body to the cross in order to give you life. Jesus is the gift.

God gives unconditionally. No strings attached. No asterisks or fine print. It's not a deal-it's a gift. Jesus gives Himself on the cross, selflessly for you, wrapped in swaddling clothes. Hung on a cross. Raised from the dead.

That's the same way Jesus gave to those 10 lepers in Luke 17. Jesus didn't ask for permission to heal them. He just up and healed all ten, even the unlikely Samaritan.

Giving is risky business. Maybe it would be safer and smarter to not give at all then. No discouragement. No obligation. But also no love. Thankfully, Jesus takes the risk. He heals all ten. Then off He goes to Jerusalem, to Good Friday, to the cross for the lepers and you. Like the Samaritan we stand before Jesus as beggars. We receive everything as an undeserved gift from Him. Giving thanks simply shows that we have heard the gospel and have received God's grace and mercy.

You see, Jesus doesn't benefit from our thanking Him. It's the other way around. The more we thank God for all He's done for us in Christ, the more we recognize how generously and bountifully He deals with us.

This is God's gift-giving character. God can't help Himself. He loves giving out gifts to His children. He loves when His children receive His gifts of salvation.

So, what do we say to such gifts? A simple and joyous "Amen-gifts received with joy and thanksgiving!"
A blessed thanksgiving to you all.

Pastor Schuldheisz

OPENING VERSE

Pastor: This is the day the Lord has made.

Cong.: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)

✠ SERVICE OF VESPERS ✠

HYMN

“We Praise You, O God” [LSB hymn 785]



1 We praise You, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
2 We wor - ship You, God of our fa - thers, we bless You;
3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer



In grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
Through tri - al and tem - pest our guide You have been.
And glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.



We lay it be - fore You, we kneel and a - dore You;
When per - ils o'er - take us, You will not for - sake us,
With You, Lord, be - side us, Your strong arm will guide us.



We bless Your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.
And with Your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
To You, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

Stand

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen.

(Matthew 28:19b)

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Cong.: who made heaven and earth.

(Psalm 124:8)

Pastor: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

Cong.: But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

(Psalm 130:3-4)

Pastor: Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18:13b)

Cong.: Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

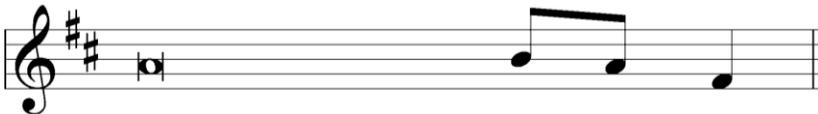
Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Cong.: Amen. (John 20:19-23)

OPENING VERSES

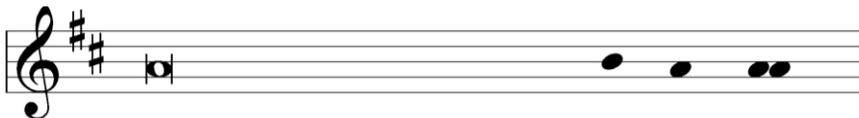


L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.

(Psalm 51:55)



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.

(Psalm 70:1)



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Common: Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

PSALMODY (Psalm 104:24, 27-28, 30; antiphon Psalm 104:33)

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;
the earth is full of your | creatures.

Cong.: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

Pastor: When you give it to them, they gather it up;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**Cong.: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.**

**All: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Pastor: I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being.

Sit

OFFICE HYMN

“Praise and Thanksgiving” [LSB hymn 789]



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed 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 -



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.

READINGS FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

A reading from **Deuteronomy**, chapter 8

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

“The whole commandment that I command you today you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land that the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember the whole way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the LORD your God disciplines you. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the 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 in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.”

Elder: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

A reading from **Philippians**, chapter 4

Philippians 4:6-20

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.

Finally, brothers, 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. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And you Philippians yourselves know that in the beginning of the gospel, when I left Macedonia, no church entered into partnership with me in giving and receiving, except you only. Even in Thessalonica you sent me help for my needs once and again. Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that increases to your credit. I have received full payment, and more.

I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

Elder: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

Stand

A reading from **Luke**, chapter 17

Luke 17:11-19

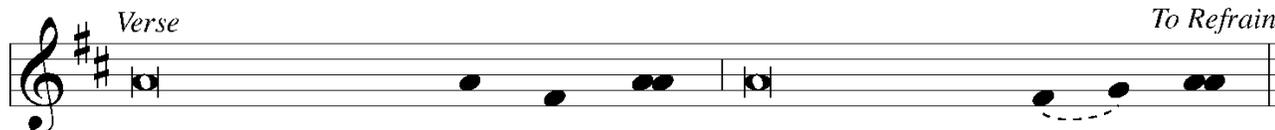
On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Pastor: O Lord, have mercy on us.

Cong.: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORY

(Psalm 86:11; 119:105)



- L** 1 Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth.
2 Unite my heart to fear Your name that I may walk in Your truth.
3 Glory be to the
Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it.



C Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

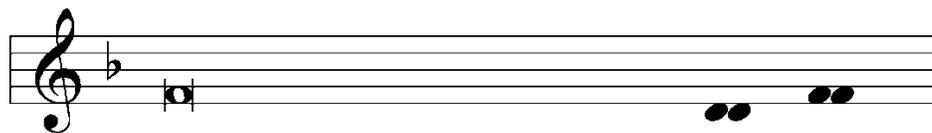
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SERMON

(Pastor Jeong)

Stand

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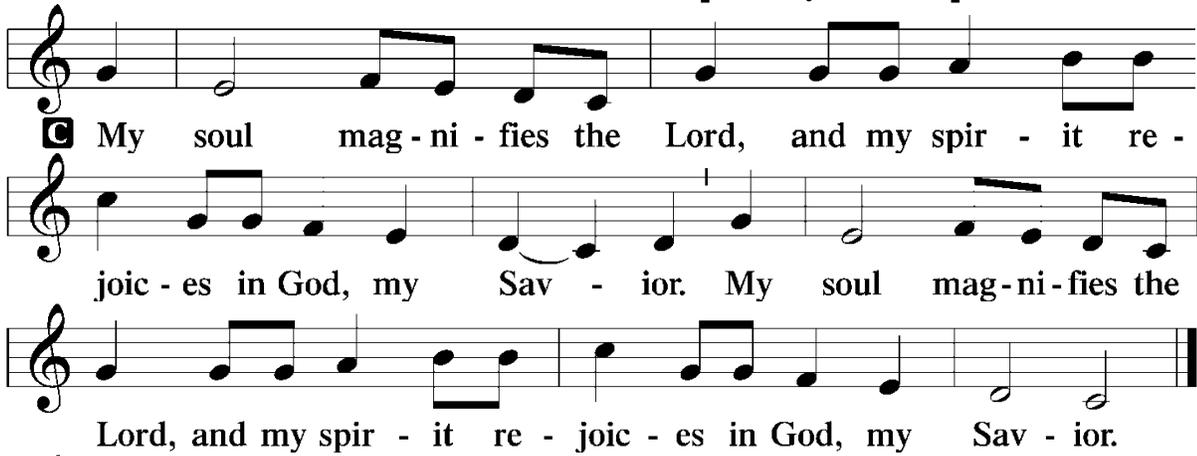
L Let my prayer rise before You as in - cense,



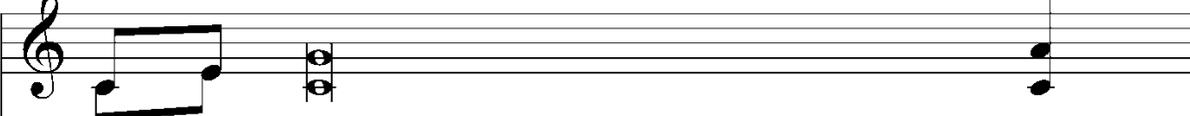
C and the lifting up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

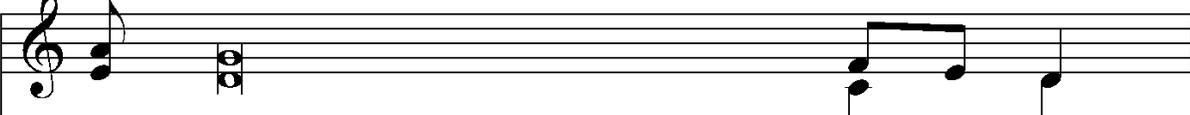
(Psalm 141:2)

MAGNIFICAT [LSB hymn 248]

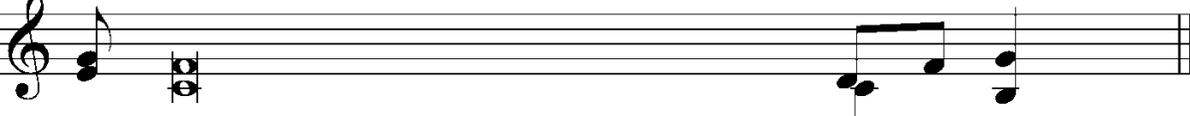


My soul mag - ni - fies the Lord, and my spir - it re -
 joic - es in God, my Sav - ior. My soul mag - ni - fies the
 Lord, and my spir - it re - joic - es in God, my Sav - ior.

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- 1 For _____ He has re - - - - - garded
 - 2 For the Mighty One has done great things to me,
 - 3 He has shown strength with His arm;
 - 4 He has filled the hungry with good things,
 - 5 Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son

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- 1 the lowliness of His hand - maiden.
 - 2 and holy is His name;
 - 3 He has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
 - 4 and the rich He has sent emp - - - - - ty a - way.
 - 5 and to the Ho - ly Spirit;

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- 1 For be - hold, from this day
 - 2 and His mercy is on those who fear Him
 - 3 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
 - 4 He has helped His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy
 - 5 as it was in the be - - - - - ginning,

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- 1 all generations will call me blessèd.
 - 2 from generation to gen - er - ation. *Refrain*
 - 3 and has exalt - - - - - ed the lowly.
 - 4 as He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his seed for - ever.
 - 5 is now, and will be forever. A - - - - - men. *Refrain*

OFFERINGS

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” [LSB hymn 805]

△ Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all
crea - tures here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

KYRIE

(Mark 10:47)

☐ Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

LORD'S PRAYER

(Mathew 6: 9-13)

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray:

**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.**

COLLECTS

☐ O Lord, hear my prayer.
☐ And let my cry come to You.

(Psalm 102:1)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Pastor: Almighty God, Your mercies are new every morning and You graciously provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your goodness, give thanks for Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience all our days; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

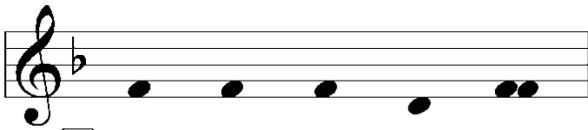
Cong.: Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

Pastor: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Cong.: Amen.

BENEDICAMUS



L Let us bless the Lord.

(Psalm 103:1)



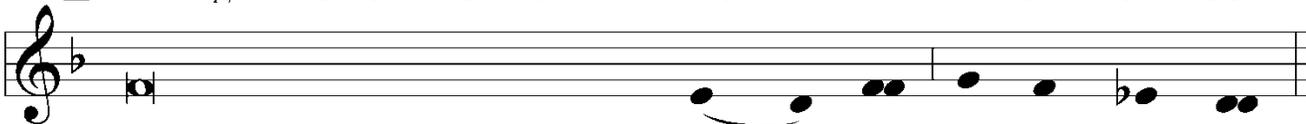
C Thanks be to God.

BENEDICTION

(2 Corinthians 13:14)



P The grace of our Lord Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with you all.



C A - men.

HYMN

HYMN "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" [LSB hymn 790]



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who has fear - ful - ly, won - drous - ly,
4 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -
5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise Him, for He is your
reign - ing And, as on wings of an ea - gle, up -
made you, Health has be - stowed and, when heed - less - ly
fend you; Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore Him! All that has life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! Let all who hear Now to His
lift - ing, sus - tain - ing. Have you not seen All that is
fall - ing, has stayed you. What need or grief Ev - er has
dai - ly at - tend you. Pon - der a - new What the Al -
prais - es be - fore Him! Let the A - men Sound from His



tem - ple draw near, Join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
need - ful has been Sent by His gra - cious or - dain - ing?
failed of re - lief? Wings of His mer - cy did shade you.
might - y can do As with His love He be - friends you.
peo - ple a - gain; Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore Him!

DISMISSAL

Pastor: Let us bless the Lord.

Cong.: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

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