

# Thanksgiving “Eve Eve” Virtual Worship

Tuesday, November 22, 2022

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## Gathering Hymn: “We Praise You, O God” (#870)

1 We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
3 With voices united our praises we offer

in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
through trial and temptation our guide you have been.  
and gladly our songs of thanks-giving we raise.

We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
When perils overtake us, you will not forsake us,  
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.  
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.  
To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray... Almighty God, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Reading (Philippians 4:4-9) and Reflection

<sup>4</sup>Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup>Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup>Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup>Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup>Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

## Hymn of the Day: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (#679)

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.  
2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.  
3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.  
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.  
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,  
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,  
For the wonders that surround us, for the truths that still confound us,

future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.  
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.  
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## **Reading (John 6:25-35) and Reflection**

<sup>25</sup>When [the disciples] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup>Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup>Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup>Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" <sup>29</sup>Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup>So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup>Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.' " <sup>32</sup>Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup>For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup>They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup>Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

## **Prayers**

God whose giving knows no ending, you invite the whole world to your table of mercy. Hear us as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

God, you give all people a place at the table. Support all parts of the church that meet people where they are and offer accompaniment through daily challenges and joys. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You give nourishment to the birds of the air and the lilies of the fields. Sustain all creatures who rely on the earth for sustenance. Water parched ground, dry flooded fields, temper heat waves and frosts, and give sunlight and shade. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give wisdom to your people. Enlighten all leaders, especially those who represent us in our government. Give them patience and perspective to choose wisely for our common good. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give nourishment to those who hunger. Bring poverty and food insecurity to an end. Give dignity and adequate employment to those who are unemployed and underemployed. Sustain us all at your welcoming banquet of love and justice. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, you give community to those who are lonely. Be with our biological families, our chosen families, and our church family as we gather for the Thanksgiving holiday. Send your compassionate presence to those who are lonely, those who are separated or estranged from their families, and those whose loved ones have died. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God, your welcome is wider than we can imagine. Receive our prayers for the sake of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us. **Amen.**

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.**

## Blessing

May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you. May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace. May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom. And may almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song: "Give Thanks"

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  
*Last time*  
rich," be-cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

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