



Reaching Ocala to Reach the World

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2017 Verse of the Year:
“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8a (NAS)

Lord’s Day Resurrection Service
November 26, 2017

At all times and in all places – Thank You, Father!

The words below come from a long prayer of thanksgiving from a Russian pastor who died in a Soviet labor camp. You are invited to make them your own:

I stand by Your cross; I was the cause of it.
I cast myself down in the dust before it.
Here is the triumph of love, the victory of salvation.
Here the centuries themselves cannot remain silent,
singing Your praises: Alleluia!

Glory to You for the unquenchable fire of Your grace.
Glory to You, building Your Church, a haven of peace in a tortured world.
Glory to You, restoring to those who repent purity white as the lily.
Glory to You for the Cup of Salvation and the Bread of eternal joy.
Glory to You for exalting us to the highest heaven.
Glory to You, O God, from age to age!

THE LORD CALLS HIS PRIESTLY PEOPLE TO GIVE THANKS

• Pastor: Let us rise to offer thanksgiving to God the Father
in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit!

All: Amen! Glory to God always and in everything!

• It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to Your Name, O Most High;
to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,
and Your faithfulness by night,
to the music of the lute and the harp,
to the melody of the lyre.

For You, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.

Alleluia! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the works of the LORD,
studied by all who delight in them.

Full of splendor and majesty is His work,
and His righteousness endures forever.

He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered;
the LORD is gracious and merciful.

He provides food for those who fear Him;
He remembers His covenant forever.

From Psalms 92 and 111

• **We call on the Spirit and ask the Father for the Kingdom**

• **“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”**

We pray with one voice:

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by Thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander — Lord, I feel it —
prone to leave the God I love:
here's my heart, Lord; take and seal it,
seal it for Thy courts above.

THE LORD DRAWS NEAR TO INSPECT US

You are invited to kneel before God for confession, or you may be seated.

Listen to what our Lord Jesus Christ said:

**“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind.**

This is the great and first commandment.

“And a second is like it:

You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

Matthew 22:37-40

We spend a moment in reflection on our unloving ways.

Most merciful God:

**We confess that we have sinned against You
in thought, word, and deed,**

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in Your will,

and walk in Your ways,

to the glory of Your Name.

We pray in silence.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

*The final portion of a long prayer of thanksgiving
from a Russian pastor who died in a Soviet labor camp*

Let us pray:

**All: Life-giving and merciful Trinity,
receive my thanksgiving for all Your goodness.
Make us worthy of Your blessings, so that,
when we have brought to fruit the talents You have entrusted to us,
we may enter into the joy of our Lord,
forever exulting in the shout of victory: Alleluia!**

**I was born a weak, defenseless child.
From birth until now,
Your love has illumined my path,
and has wondrously guided me toward the light of eternity.
From birth until now, the generous gifts of Your Providence
have been marvelously showered upon me.
I give You thanks, with all who have come to know You,
who call upon Your Name:**

**Glory to You for calling me into being.
Glory to You, showing me the beauty of the universe.
Glory to You for Your eternity in this fleeting world.
Glory to You for Your mercies, seen and unseen.
Glory to You, through every sigh of my sorrow.
Glory to You for every step of my life's journey,
for every moment of glory.
Glory to You, O God, from age to age!**

- **"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**
Hymnal No. 139

- **“Blessed Assurance”**

Hymnal No. 572

**We Offer Up Ourselves and the World
in the Giving of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings**
Children age 4-1st Grade may be dismissed for Children’s Worship.

Offertory Song “Give Thanks”

Hymnal No. 170

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ, His Son. *Repeat*

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,” let the poor say, “I am rich,”
because of what the Lord has done for us. *Repeat*
Give thanks!

- *Please rise to bless the Lord:*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow!
Praise Him, all creatures here below!
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host!
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

- **Prayer of Thanksgiving and Self-Offering**

THE LORD SPEAKS TO US BY HIS WORD

Scripture Text: Exodus 20:1-17

Sermon: “Playing Favorites”
Pastor Carl Brannan, Jr.

Prayers of God’s People

**THE LORD SENDS US OUT TO SERVE OTHERS
IN REDEMPTIVE WAYS**

- *Lift your face to receive God's blessing:*

The LORD bless you,
and keep you;

The LORD make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace:

in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

All: AMEN!

Numbers 6:24-26

Rejoice always;

pray without ceasing;

in everything give thanks:

For this is God's will for us in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

- **Departing Hymn "To God Be the Glory"**

Hymnal No. 56

“PLAYING FAVORITES”
Exodus 20:1-17

Theme: I fought The Law and The Law won.
Jesus fulfilled The Law and Love won.

I. **A Losing Battle** (Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 5:20-48; James 2:8-13)

II. **A Loving Battle** (Romans 2:14-16; 3:21-24, 28; 5:1-2; 7:21-8:11)

III. **A Living Blueprint** (Matthew 22:35-40)

Conclusion: Galatians 3:24-26