

Thanksgiving Eve Service- November 26th, 2025 Blended

God, the Giver of Every Good Gift

As We Gather

What is your family tradition for Thanksgiving? If you are like many families, you might have the yearly routine of gathering around the table and sharing one thing in which you are especially thankful before starting the Thanksgiving meal. There are so many things to be thankful for each year, health, home, family, food, clothes, and country, to name a few examples, but in our hurry to remember and list the things in which we are grateful, we sometimes forget the One who gives us the good gifts we daily receive. Romans 1:22-23 says, “Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.” On Thanksgiving we are rightly appreciative of so many things, and yet we should be careful to appreciate the Giver more than the gift. It was once said that every holiday, special event, and occasion is another opportunity to, with the help of the Holy Spirit, consider our God who truly gives us everything we need, and in response to these gifts, thank and praise Him. With this idea in mind, perhaps a good way to add on to the tradition listed above would be to conclude the list of everything in which everyone is thankful with a prayer of thanksgiving to our awesome and amazing God, the Giver of Every Good Gift.

“I Thank God”

By Housefires, Ft. JWLKRS & Ryan Ellis

Verse: Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide.
 This weary soul, this bag of bones.
 And I try with all my might,
 But I just can't win the fight.
 I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.

Pre-Chorus: And just when I ran out of road.
 I met a man I didn't know.
 And He told me that I was not alone.

Chorus: He picked me up, He turned me around!
 He placed my feet on solid ground!
 I thank the Master, I thank the Savior!
 Because He healed my heart, He changed my name!
 Forever free, I'm not the same!
 I thank the Master, I thank the Savior!
 I thank God!

Verse: I cannot deny what I see.
 Got no choice but to believe.
 My doubts are burning like ashes in the wind.
 So, so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness.
 You can just keep it moving!
 Nah, you ain't welcome here.

Pre-Chorus: From not till I walk the streets of gold,

I'll sing of how You saved my soul.
This wayward son had found his way back home.

Chorus: He picked me up, He turned me around!
He placed my feet on solid ground!
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior!
Because He healed my heart, He changed my name!
Forever free, I'm not the same!
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior!
Oh, I thank God!

Bridge: Oh, Hell lost another one, I am free.
Oh, I am free, oh, I am free.
Hell lost another one, I am free.
I am free, oh, I am free.
Hell lost another one, oh, I am free!
Oh, I am free, oh, yes, I am free!
Hell lost another one, I am free.
Oh, I am free!

Chorus: He picked me up, He turned me around!
He placed my feet on solid ground!
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior!
Because He healed my heart, He changed my name!
Forever free, I'm not the same!
I thank the Master, I thank the Savior!
Oh, I thank God!

Ending: Get up, get up, get up!
Get up outta that grave!
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Opening

A We gather together as God's people in the name of the God who gives every good gift,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen!

C Amen!

Confession and Absolution

A God, we too often forget You. In our busyness, we forget about You. In the middle of the things we want, we forget about You. When we focus on the things we have over the One who gives us everything we need, we forget about You. In our sin, we forget about You, so we come together, again, to confess our sins and ask You, the God who gives forgiveness, to forgive us for Jesus' sake.

C We are sinners. We're selfish, greedy, and cold hearted, and when we have the chance to help others, we more often than not choose the path that benefits us. In our sin, we break apart our relationships, and we cannot trust God to be there for us, to provide for us, and to care for us. God, we don't deserve your loving mercy, but for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who endured the cross on our behalf, we ask that You would forgive us, renew us, and help us to lead lives that reflect Your glory. Amen.

A Because Jesus gave His life on the cross for our sake, and for the sake of the whole world, the enduring message of the Bible assures us all that God is faithful to give the gifts of forgiveness and eternal life. Today we are encouraged and joyful in knowing that, for those who believe through faith in Jesus Christ, that those gifts are ours today. We pray that the Holy Spirit, that lives in us, always works to strengthen us in faith as we work to respond to the many gifts that we have been given by giving to others. Amen!

C Amen.

Prayer of the Day

A God, we believe that You made us and all creatures; that You have given us our body and soul, eyes, ears, and all our members, our reason and all our senses, and still take care of them. You also give us our clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, family, land, animals, and all that we have. God, You richly and daily provide us with all that we need to support our body and life. You defend us against all danger and guard and protect us from all evil. All this You do only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. For all this it is our duty to thank and praise, serve and obey, You, God. This is most certainly true.

C Amen.

Reading of the Day

Mark 10:35-45

³⁵ cAnd James and John, ^dthe sons of Zebedee, came up to Him and said to Him, "Teacher, we want You to do for us ^ewhatever we ask of You." ³⁶ And He said to them, ^f"What do you want Me to do for you?" ³⁷ And they said to Him, "Grant us ^gto sit, one at Your right hand and one at Your left, ^hin Your glory." ³⁸ Jesus said to them, ⁱ"You do not know what you are asking. Are you able ^jto drink the cup that I drink, or ^kto be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" ³⁹ And they said to Him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, ^l"The cup that I drink ^myou will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized, ⁿyou will be baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at My right hand or at My left is not mine to grant, ^obut it is for those for whom it has been ^pprepared." ⁴¹ And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. ⁴² qAnd Jesus called them to Him and said to them, "You know that those who are considered rulers of the Gentiles ^rlord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority

over them. ⁴³ But ^sit shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant,⁴⁴ and whoever would be first among you must be ^lslave⁵ of all. ⁴⁵ For even the Son of Man came not to be served but ^uto serve, and ^vto give His life as a ransom for ^wmany.”

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ,
His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.

Offering

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

Based on Hymn #770

Verse: What a friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear—
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

Verse: Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness—

Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Verse: Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Reprise: Jesus knows our every weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Message “The Right Posture”

DCE Derek Jareske

Based on Mark 10:35-45

“What An Awesome God”

By Phil Wickham

Verse: God is great, give Him all the praise.
Hallelujah, Name above all names.
Fire in His eyes, healing in His veins.
Everywhere His glory on display.
Take a look at those stars, He can name them all.
Before His throne every knee falls.
The demons have to run, the angels have to praise.
Even the wind and waves obey.

Chorus: Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power, and love.
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With wisdom, power, and love.
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Verse: And even when I ran, He didn't run away.
He came and put death back in its place.
Friday on a cross, broken for my shame.
Sunday morning rose up from that grave.
Take a look at those scars on His hands and feet.
He saved our souls for eternity.
Worthy is the Lamb, glory to the King.
Oh, let all the saints and the angels sing.

Chorus: Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power, and love.

Our God is an awesome God.

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He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God.

Verse: Eyes on the sky, there will be a day.
He will come and wipe our tears away.
No more fear, no more pain.
No more sorrow, sin, or shame.
The King is coming back again.
A reign of love that will never end.
For everything You've done and everything You do,
And everything You are I'll sing to You.

Pre Chorus: My God, You're an awesome God.
You're great, in all You do.
I'm made to worship You.
My God, You're an awesome God.

Chorus: Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God.

Our God is an awesome God.
He reigns from heaven above,
With wisdom, power, and love.
Our God is an awesome God.

Ending: Our God is an awesome God.
Our God is an awesome God.

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Prayers of the Church

A God, Your faithful presence is always with Your people, believers in Jesus by faith, so as we stand together again in prayer, we ask that You would hear us and answer us according to Your will. To the God who gives every good gift!

C **We respond with thanks to You!**

A As we think about our needs, of body and spirit, You, through the work of the Holy Spirit, draw us to remember that You truly satisfy our every need. You feed us, clothe us, sustain us, and support us with everything we need for this life, and as we rest our hopes on eternity in heaven, we know, through faith, that You provided us with

everything we need for forgiveness of sins and eternal life through the cross of Jesus Christ, Who lived, died, and rose again. To the God who gives every good gift!

C We respond with thanks to You!

A God, we pray that You would continue to rise up leaders and church workers in our congregations all over the world, and we thank You for the gift of the intentional interim pastor, Pastor Huesmann, who will be joining us in just a short time from now. Bless the colleges and seminaries of our church body for the important work they do of educating future workers in the harvest fields of ministry and support those who already serve in our churches. To the God who gives every good gift!

C We respond with thanks to You!

A We thank You, God, for the gift of another successful harvest season, and we ask that You would be with all those that labor in their respective fields. To the God who gives every good gift!

C We respond with thanks to You!

A God, this congregation needs You, at all times, but we specifically look to You to guide us in this unique time. Be with Your people, as You always have been. Be with Mari, Nate, Shawn, Dawn Tucker, Lavonne, Dawn Flinn, Rayleen, Pastor Birtell, Addie, Les, Natalie, Darrel, and Josie in their time of need and recovery. We ask that You would give them healing, recovery, and strength according to their needs and according to Your good and gracious will. To the God who gives every good gift!

C We respond with thanks to You!

A For all these things, and the prayers unsaid in our hearts, we pray with the help of the Holy Spirit to You, mighty God, in great name of Jesus. Amen!

C Amen!

Lord's Prayer

**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

A The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Sending

- A** The service is ending.
- C** **The work now begins!**
- A** Go and serve the Lord.
- C** **We will serve Him with thanks and praise.**

Closing Hymn: #801 “How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy pow’r throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
2. When though the woods and forest glades I wander,
I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in—
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take a-way my sin;

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: “My God, how great Thou art!”

Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

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