

ALL PARISH COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING WORSHIP NOVEMBER 24, 2022

COME YE THANKFUL
PEOPLE COME (ELW
#693)



A Thanksgiving Liturgy

God eternal and righteous One, Who created the heavens and the earth, we gather to give you thanks.

**For breath that fills us with your life, For love that softens our hearts,
For beauty revealed at every turn.**

Christ redeeming and forgiving One, Who is always faithful and merciful.
We gather to give you thanks,

**For renewal, transforming our lives, For peace calming the chaos of
our souls, For hope restoring our faith.**

Spirit sustaining, and compassionate One, Who calls us into relationship
with the living God, We give you thanks,

**For caring when our hearts are aching, For friends supportive in times
of need, For generosity lavish and overflowing.**

God who created the earth and the heavens, Eternal, Redeeming and
Sustaining One, We gather to give you thanks,

**We come with hearts full of gratitude, For all things good, We give you
thanks for You.**

(Pause to express gratitude for your own areas of thanksgiving)

For the universe immense and unknown, For the earth on which we live,
For humankind made in your image.

Thanks and praise to God our creator.

For the way you entered human history as one of us For the sacrifice
you made for all of us, For dying that we might live.

Thanks and praise to Christ our redeemer,

For the wonder of your indwelling presence, For the comfort of your
guidance and direction, For drawing us together as one body.

Thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit our sustainer.

Through your will we are made whole, Through your love we are
renewed. Through your abiding presence we become one community.

**Thanks and praise to God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer through
all eternity.**

Psalm 105 1-8

Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.

Let the whole world know what he has done.

Sing to him; yes, sing his praises.

Tell everyone about his wonderful deeds.

Exult in his holy name;

rejoice, you who worship the Lord.

Search for the Lord and for his strength;

continually seek him.

Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given, you children of his servant Abraham, you descendants of Jacob, his chosen ones.

He is the Lord our God.

His justice is seen throughout the land.

He always stands by his covenant—

the commitment he made to a thousand generations.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Colossians 3:15-17

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. For as members of one body you are called to live in peace. And always be thankful. Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

John 6:25-35

25 They found him on the other side of the lake and asked, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” **26** Jesus replied, “I tell you the truth, you want to be with me because I fed you, not because you understood the miraculous signs. **27** But don’t be so concerned about perishable things like food. Spend your energy seeking the eternal life that the Son of Man can give you. For God the Father has given me the seal of his approval.” **28** They replied, “We want to perform God’s works, too. What should we do?” **29** Jesus told them, “This is the only work God wants from you: Believe in the one he has sent.” **30** They answered, “Show us a miraculous sign if you want us to believe in you. What can you do? **31** After all, our ancestors ate manna while they journeyed

through the wilderness! The Scriptures say, ‘Moses gave them bread from heaven to eat.’ **32** Jesus said, ‘I tell you the truth, Moses didn’t give you bread from heaven. My Father did. And now he offers you the true bread from heaven. **33** The true bread of God is the one who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.’ **34** ‘Sir,’ they said, ‘give us that bread every day.’ **35** Jesus replied, ‘I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry again. Whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.’

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

HOMILY

We Gather Together

1. We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing.
Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!
3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

OFFERING

Let us pray together in the words Jesus taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed by your name. Your kingdom come your 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Gracious and generous God we give you thanks, For the gift of life for we are made in your image, We think of all those in whom your divine image is still distorted.

We pray for your mercy and love to rest upon them. God in your mercy be with them.

Caring and providing God we give you thanks, For our homes that shelter and protect us, We think of those without shelter and water and protection today.

We pray for your generous provision to be poured out upon them.

God in your mercy be with them.

Abundant and giving God we give you thanks, For our food that nourishes and strengthens us, We think of those without adequate food and nourishment today.

We pray that you will feed them with the bread of life. God in your mercy be with them.

Loving and compassionate God we give you thanks, For our friends and family who love and comfort us in times of need, We think of those who are alone and feel abandoned.

God comfort and surround them that they may sense your presence.

God in your mercy be with them.

(Pause to offer your own prayers)

Gracious and generous God, We remember all the gifts you have given us,

We remember how lavishly you have provided. We remember how lovingly you have cared,

We remember especially that greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Saviour,

And we give you thanks. Amen

BENEDICTION AND THREEFOLD AMEN

Go in peace, love and care for one another in the name of Jesus; and may Christ our Lord bless you with a heart of reverent and joyful obedience; may God our Father bless you with a mind that knows his truth and his glory; and may the Holy Spirit guide and lead you on the way with power and love and wisdom, till at last you experience the wonder of the inheritance that has been prepared for you in the heavenly places. Amen.

FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH (ELW #879)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Nov. 27th 9:00 AM Worship at Fisher
11:00 AM Worship at Bygland