THANKSGIVING EVE - HARVEST OBSERVANCE

November 24, 2021

OPENING HYMN 888 O Gladsome Light, O Grace

- O gladsome Light, O Grace Of God the Father's face,
 Eternal splendor wearing: Celestial, holy, blest,
 Our Savior Jesus Christ, Joyful in Thine appearing!
- 2 As daylight turns to night, We see the fading light, Our evening hymn outpouring, Father of might unknown, Thee, His incarnate Son, And Holy Ghost adoring.
- 3 To Thee of right belongs All praise of holy songs, O Son of God, Lifegiver; Thee, therefore, O Most High, The world doth glorify And shall exalt forever.

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+ CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION +

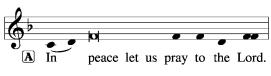
Stand

- P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
- C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
- C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- P 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.
- C Amen.

KYRIE





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,





C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise







A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.





SALUTATION and COLLECT OF THE DAY



P Let us pray.

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, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 26: 1-11 (ESV pg. 167)

"When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the Lord your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our fathers to give us.' Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the Lord your God.

"And you shall make response before the Lord your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. Then we cried to the Lord, the God of our fathers, and the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O Lord, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the Lord your God and worship before the Lord your God. And you shall rejoice in all the good that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you."

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67: 1-7 (ESV pg. 481, spoken responsively)

- P May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
- C that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.
- P Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- C Let the nations be glad and sing for you, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.
- P Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
- C The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
- P God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!
- C 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.

EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (ESV pg. 968)

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

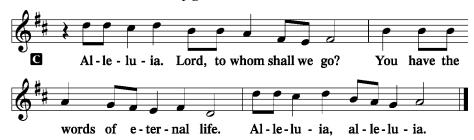
He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying

the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

- P This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Stand

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HOLY GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twelfth chapter. (vs. 13-21 pg. 871)



Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



NICENE CREED

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the

third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life + of the world to come. Amen.

Sit

HYMN OF THE DAY 892 Come, Ye Thankful People Come

- Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
 All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin;
 God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied.
 Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto His praise to yield; Wheat and tares together sown, Unto joy or sorrow grown. First the blade and then the ear, Then the full corn shall appear. Lord of harvest, grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be.
- For the Lord, our God, shall come And shall take His harvest home, From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away, Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast, But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore.
- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come To Thy final harvest home; Gather Thou Thy people in, Free from sorrow, free from sin, There, forever purified, In Thy garner to abide: Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious harvest home.

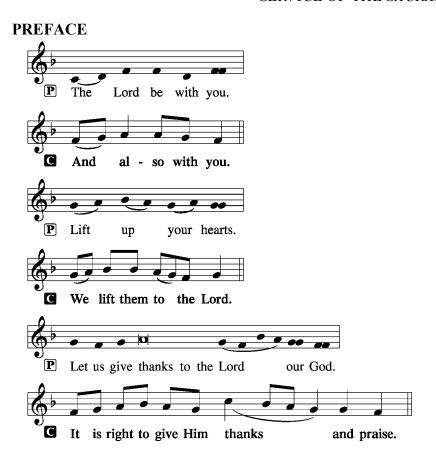
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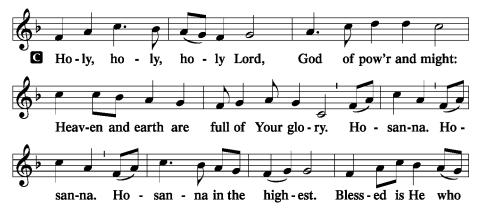


PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

+ SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT +



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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

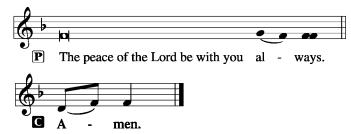
Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

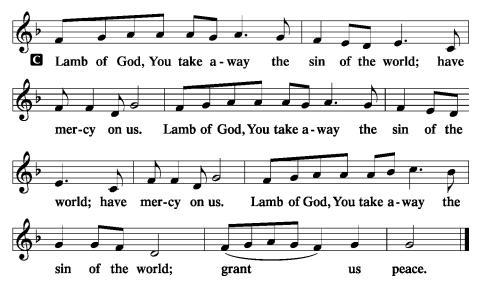
LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD





AGNUS DEI



DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS 894 For the Fruits of His Creation

- 1 For the fruits of His creation, Thanks be to God.
 For His gifts to ev'ry nation, Thanks be to God.
 For the plowing, sowing, reaping, Silent growth while we are sleeping, Future needs in earth's safekeeping, Thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
 In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
 In our worldwide task of caring For the hungry and despairing,
 In the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.
- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit, Thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, Thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, For the truths that still confound us, Most of all, that love has found us, Thanks be to God.

923 Almighty Father, Bless the Word

- Almighty Father, bless the Word
 Which through Your grace we now have heard.
 Oh, may the precious seed take root,
 Spring up, and bear abundant fruit!
- We praise You for the means of grace As homeward now our steps we trace. Grant, Lord, that we who worshiped here May all at last in heav'n appear.
- 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.

Stand

DISMISSAL

- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life ever-lasting. Depart + in peace.
- C Amen.

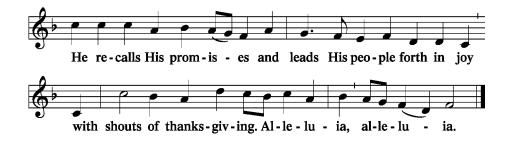
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Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud-ly bear His name.



Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you
and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.



CLOSING HYMN 895 Now Thank We All Our God

- Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

SILENT PRAYER

Holiday Worship Services

November 28, First Sunday in Advent
December 1, Advent Midweek Service, 4, 7 p.m.
December 5, Second Sunday in Advent
December 8, Advent Midweek Service 4, 7 p.m.
December 12, Third Sunday in Advent
December 15, Advent Midweek Service 4, 7 p.m.
December 16, Preschool Christmas Program 6:30 p.m.
December 19, Fourth Sunday in Advent
Sunday School Christmas Celebration 10:10 a.m.
December 24, Christmas Eve Worship Service, 4,7, 11 p.m.
December 25, Christmas Day Family Worship, 10 a.m.
December 31, New Years Eve Worship, 7 p.m.

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