

# THANKSGIVING

## GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

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Greeting

### Hymn 235 Praise the Almighty; My Soul Adore Him

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

M: Praise the Lord, O my soul;

C: All my inmost being, praise his holy name.

### WE CONFESS OUR SIN

**Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for worldly wealthiness,  
While of your richer gifts we're unaware.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For words that speak at variance with deeds.  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways,  
Unmindful of a broken brother's needs.**

**Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom's goal.**

*(CW:482 "Forgive Us, Lord")*

### GOD SHOWERS US WITH HIS FORGIVENESS

M: God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! *(Romans 5:8,9)*

C: **Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God.** *(Romans 8:1-2)*

### OUR PRAYER OF THANKS AND PRAISE

**Teach us to thank you, Lord, for love and grace,  
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,  
For Christ, your Son, and for each human face  
That shows your message ever new and near.**

**Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,  
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,  
That knows no barrier of 'yours' and 'mine' –  
Assured that only what's withheld is lost.**

**Open our eyes to see your love's intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height.  
Let thankful days in loving labor spent  
Reflect the truly Christ-like and light.**

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### WE HEAR THE WORDS OF OUR GRACIOUS LORD

#### First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

*Remember the love of God and observe his commands.*

♪ **Praise to God, immortal praise,  
For the love that crowns our days;  
Bounteous Source of every joy,  
Let your praise our tongues employ.  
All to you, our God, we owe,  
Source whence all our blessings flow.**

**All the plenty summer pours,  
Autumn's rich, o'er flowing stores,  
Flocks that whiten all the plain,  
Yellow sheaves of ripened grain—  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise  
Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

#### Epistle Lesson: Philippians 4:6-20

*Saint Paul send a Divine "thank you" note to the congregation at Philippi.*

♪ **Peace, prosperity and health,  
Private bliss and public wealth  
Knowledge with its gladd'ning streams,  
True religion's holier beams—  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise  
Grateful vows and solemn praise.**

As your prospering hand has blest,  
May we give you of our best  
And by deeds of kindly love  
For your mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days  
Praise to God, immortal praise.

### Gospel Lesson-Luke 17:11-19

*Jesus acknowledges the thankfulness of the Samaritan.*

#### ACKNOWLEDGING OUR DAILY BREAD

**ALL: Give us this day our daily bread.**

M:: What does this mean?

**C: God surely gives daily bread without our asking, even to all the wicked, but we pray in this petition that he would lead us to realize this, and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.**

M: What then is meant by daily bread?

**C: Daily bread includes everything that we need for our bodily welfare, such as food and drink, clothing and shoes, house and home, fields and flocks, money and goods, a godly family, good workers, good government, honest leaders, good citizens, good weather, peace and order, health, a good name, loyal friends and good neighbors.**

### HYMN 610 Now Thank We All Our God

Sermon: Psalm 100

**Shout for Joy to the Lord.  
The Lord is God  
The Lord is good**

### Hymn 609 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

#### OFFERING

#### PRAYER

M: Heavenly Father, when you open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

**C: May your name be praised and your goodness glorified.**

M: Today we remember with joy the gifts you provide for us.

**C: Help us to remember that all we need for daily living comes from you.**

M: We are also reminded that every spiritual blessing comes from above.

**C: Thank you for the blessings given through your Son, our Savior.**

M: At times we are greedy and ungrateful, worrisome and full of complaints.

**C: Forgive us Lord. Keep Satan and his temptations far from us.**

M: On this Thanksgiving Eve, pour out your Holy Spirit on us.

**C: Bless us through his work, that we seek first your kingdom and your righteousness.**

M: Be with your people on this holiday. Protect those who travel, cheer those who are lonely, comfort all who mourn, and look with compassion on the poor and the needy.

**C: Fill us with your love that we too may love others.**

M: Fill us today and always with a humble and grateful heart that prays:

**C: Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

#### BENEDICTION

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another. Serve the Lord with gladness. The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. Amen. Amen.

### HYMN 334 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

St. Mark Staff Thank You: We thank God regularly for all of you. We thank him for the faith and love that he has started in your heart. We thank God for the service that he enables you to do. We thank God for your generosity and kindness. May God who has begun this great work in us, bring it to completion. May God bless you and your family with thankfulness and joy this Thanksgiving Day. To God be the glory.