

# THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD

10:00A.M. | NOVEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup> | THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2018

Congregation—Bold words | ✕—Stand, if able

## ENTERING GOD'S HOLY PRESENCE

### OPENING SCRIPTURE

**M**AKE a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness!

**Come into his presence with singing!**

Know that the LORD, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

For the LORD is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### EXHORTATION

**D**EARLY beloved, we have assembled on this day particularly to give thanks for the great benefits that we have received at the Lord's hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are necessary for body and soul. Therefore I urge you to join me with a thankful heart and humble voice, before the throne of heavenly grace, saying:

### RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

**O**LORD, open my lips.  
**And my mouth shall show forth your praise.**

Praise the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

## PSALMS

✕ *Psalm 147* (#147B:1–3) | *Psalm 65* (#65C:1, 4–6) | *Psalm 104* (#104A:1, 4, 5, 9)

## READING THE SCRIPTURES

*Old Testament: Deuteronomy 8:1–20 | New Testament: 1 Thessalonians 5:12–24*

## PRAYERS

¶ *Pastor Danny will pray a series of short prayers, each concluding: "And all of God's people say, Amen."*

### PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

**O**MOST merciful Father, who hast blessed the labors of farmers in the returns of the fruits of the earth; we give you humble and hearty thanks for your bounty; beseeching you to continue your loving kindness to us; that our land may still yield her increase, to your glory and our

comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. And all of God's people say, **"Amen."**

### A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE

**O**GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all humanity, we humbly beseech you for all sorts and conditions of people; that you would be pleased to make your ways known to them, your saving health to all nations. More especially we pray for your holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by your good Spirit that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life. Finally we commend to your fatherly goodness all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed in mind or body; that it may please you to comfort and relieve them according to their needs giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy outcome out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake. And all of God's people say, **"Amen."**

¶ *At this time, you are invited to pray aloud your thanks to God and your petitions for our church...*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**A**Lmighty God, Father of all mercies, we, your unworthy servants, do give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us, and to all men.

We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we beseech you, give us that due sense of all your mercies, that our hearts may be sincerely thankful; and that we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

### CONCLUDING PRAYER

**M**OST gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; we give to you sincere thanks and praise for the return of seed-time and harvest, for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof, and for all the other blessings of thy merciful providence bestowed upon this nation and people. And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these great mercies; such as may appear in our lives,

by a humble, holy, and obedient walking before you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all glory and honor, world without end. And all of God's people say, **"Amen."**

OFFERING

"Giving Thanks in All Circumstances"  
1 Thessalonians 5:17–19

LEAVING GOD'S PRESENCE

✠SONG—*For the Beauty of the Earth* (on back)

✠GOD'S BLESSING (BENEDICTION)