

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD

THANKSGIVING DAY

NOVEMBER 26, 2015 | 10:00AM

Rev. Danny Hyde, Preaching | Mrs. Debby Rau, Pianist

Congregation—**Bold words** | ✖—Stand, if able

¶ *During the musical prelude, please reverently consider the many ways God has blessed you this past year.*

We Praise Thee, O God (#311)

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Pss. 106:1, 95:2, 100:4, 79:13*

OH give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

We your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever; from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

✖EXHORTATION

DEARLY beloved, we have assembled on this day of thanksgiving 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. Seeking his assistance and blessing in our thanksgiving, therefore, I urge you to join me with a thankful heart and humble voice, before the throne of heavenly grace, saying:

✖LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✖RESPONSIVE PRAYERS *Pss. 51:15, 135:1*

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

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

✖PSALMS OF THANKSGIVING

Psalm 147, *O Praise the Lord!* (insert; stanzas 1–3, 5–6)

Psalm 136, *O Thank the Lord* (insert; stanzas: 1–3, 6)

Psalm 145, *I'll Give You Praise* (insert; stanzas 1, 6, 9, 11, 12)

Gloria Patri (#492)

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE LAW—*Deuteronomy 26:1–15*

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.

"When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, which is the year of tithing, giving it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, so that they may eat within your towns and be filled, then you shall say before the LORD your God, "I have removed the sacred portion out of my house, and moreover, I have given it to the Levite, the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, according to all your commandment that you have commanded me. I have not transgressed any of your commandments, nor have I forgotten them. I have not eaten of the tithe while I was mourning, or removed any of it while I was unclean, or offered any of it to the dead. I have obeyed the voice of the LORD my God. I have done according to all that you have commanded me. Look down from your holy habitation, from heaven, and bless your people Israel and the ground that you have given us, as you swore to our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey."

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE PROPHETS—*Isaiah 12:1–6*

You will say in that day:

“I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
that you might comfort me.
“Behold, God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid;
for the Lord God is my strength and my song,
and he has become my salvation.”

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

And you will say in that day:

“Give thanks to the Lord,
call upon his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples,
proclaim that his name is exalted.
“Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously;
let this be made known in all the earth.
Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE EPISTLES—*1 Thessalonians 5:16–18*

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

PREACHING OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY—*Proposed Psalter Hymnal*

Our Sovereign God, who created all things for your pleasure and who gives to all life, breath, and every good thing, we praise you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life. For rain and sunshine, in abundance and in lack, we acknowledge that our times are in your hands. You supply all of your creatures with your good gifts: the just and the unjust alike.

Nevertheless, we especially give you praise for the surpassing greatness of your saving grace that you have shown to us in Christ Jesus our Savior. For our election in him before the foundation of the world; for our redemption by him in his life, death, and resurrection; for our effectual calling, justification, sanctification, and all of the blessings of our union with him, we give you our heartfelt thanks. And we look with great anticipation toward that day when you will raise us to life everlasting, glorified and confirmed in righteousness, so that we may sing your praises without the defilement of our present weaknesses, distractions, and sins.

As you have served us with these gifts, we ask that you would give us grateful hearts so that through us you may serve our neighbors. In the name of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

¶ *Please feel free to say aloud your prayers of thanks to God and your petitions for our church...*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ALMIGHTY 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.

OFFERING

✠SONG—*Give Thanks*

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One,
Give thanks because he's given
Jesus Christ his Son. *(repeat all)***

**And now let the weak say “I am strong,”
Let the poor say “I am rich,”
Because of what the Lord has done for us. *(repeat all)*
Give thanks!**

✠GOD'S BLESSING (BENEDICTION)

✠POSTLUDE