

PRAYER AND THANKSGIVING TO ALMIGHTY GOD

THANKSGIVING DAY

10:00A.M. | NOVEMBER 24TH | THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2016

Rev. Danny Hyde, Preaching | Mr. George Barton, Guitarist

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

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

Now Thank We All Our God (#316)

OPENING SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE *Prov. 3 & Deut. 33*

HONOR the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

The LORD by wisdom founded the earth; by understanding he established the heavens; by his knowledge the deeps broke open, and the clouds drop down the dew.

The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms...So Israel lived in safety, Jacob lived alone, in a land of grain and wine, whose heavens drop down dew. Happy are you, O Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by the LORD, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph!

✕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. 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

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

Psalm 65A, *Praise Waits for You in Zion* (insert)

Psalm 104A, *Praise the Lord, My Soul* (insert; 1, 4, 6, 9, 10)

Gloria Patri (#492)

OLD TESTAMENT READING—*Deuteronomy 8:1–20*

SCRIPTURE READING FROM THE EPISTLES—*1 Thessalonians 5:12–24*

RESPONSIVE PRAYERS

Let us pray.

LO Lord show your mercy upon us.

And grant us your salvation.

O God make clean our hearts within us.

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

PRAYER FOR THE DAY

OMOST 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.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL IN CIVIL AUTHORITY

OLORD, our heavenly Father, the high and mighty Ruler of the universe, who from your throne beholds all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech you, with your favor to behold and bless your servant the President of the United States, and all others in authority; and so replenish them with the grace of your Holy Spirit, that they may always incline to your will, and walk in your way. Endue them plenteously with heavenly gifts; grant them in health and prosperity long life; and finally, after this life, to attain everlasting joy and felicity; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE CLERGY AND PEOPLE

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift; send down upon our pastors and missionaries, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of your grace; and, that they may truly please you, pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

A PRAYER FOR ALL CONDITIONS OF PEOPLE

O GOD, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, 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 necessities giving them patience under their sufferings and a happy outcome out of all their afflictions. And this we beg for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

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.

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

MOST gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down the dew; we give you sincere thanks and praise, as for all your mercies, so especially for the returns of seedtime and harvest, and for crowning the year with your goodness, in the increase of the ground and the gathering in of the fruits thereof. And, we beseech you, give us a just sense of this great mercy; 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.

Amen.

OFFERING

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“The God of All Power is the God of All Grace”

✠SONG—*Give Thanks* (a cappella)

**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