

Facebook Live Worship Outline
Thanksgiving Sunday - 11 October 2020

GATHERING

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Creator God, be with us in these times of trouble:
we are surrounded by images of violence;
we are called to wrestle with how to respond to the devastation, death, fear, and
hatred around us with compassionate and prophetic love.

We grieve for a cycle of violence that seems never-ending, and for a world that
values some lives more than others.

We grieve for the dead and accompany in prayer and love all those who mourn the
loss of life and security.

We confess that we who profess to follow Jesus have been unable or unwilling to
obey the command to love one another.

We acknowledge we have failed to break down systems that oppress and
marginalize because of race, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

We lift up the voices of all who experience oppression, discrimination, and hatred.
We listen carefully to hear the changes we need to make in our own lives and
institutions so that we include rather than exclude.

We give thanks for and offer support to the peacemakers and bridge-builders and
those who fight hatred and fear with love and understanding.

We give thanks for those faithful witnesses who speak truth to power and call for
conversion to Jesus' way of love.

We are called to imagine what new hope might look like in a world not filled with
such violence and fear.

Creator God, be with us in these times of trouble.

Gracious Creator, you have given us so much, but too often we take those gifts for
granted, or as something to which we are entitled.

You call us to live in caring community, but too often we place our wants and
needs first, with those of others a distant second.

You call us to share Your gifts with the world around us, but we are worried that
there may not be enough, and our worrying gets in the way of our sharing.

For all the times when we mistreat and misuse Your gifts,
for all the times we assume that we get what we have by ourselves,
forgive us and lead us back to the path of wisdom.

...time of silent prayer...

God is a gracious giver.
God is gracious in forgiveness.
God calls us to new patterns and new life.
We are a forgiven people!
Thanks be to God!

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG WB#879 *For the Beauty of the Earth*

- 1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:

Refrain:

Christ, our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon and stars of light: [*Refrain*]
- 3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [*Refrain*]
- 4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above;
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [*Refrain*]
- 5 For each perfect gift of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heav'n;
for thyself, best gift divine,
to our world so freely giv'n: [*Refrain*]

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Today we offer our thanksgiving and gratitude to the Giver of all good and perfect gifts,

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: For the tables we share and the bread we partake of within our communities, within our families, and within our homes,

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: For the hands of friendship that have been extended to us and the grace we have received,

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: For Your continual provision in our lives,

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: For the embrace of love,

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: For Your mercies that are new at dawn and sustain us through the day, echoing through the night,

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: For the gift of Your Son and His blood poured out.

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: For the new life that beats within us now.

C: **The Lord be praised.**

P: In all things, we give You thanks and join with creation's song,

C: **Great is the Lord and most worthy to be praised!**

P: May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into this service of thanksgiving and praise.

C: **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray. What mighty praise belongs to You, O God, for Your acts of love and faithfulness toward us! In Your mercy You hear our prayers, You forgive our sins,

You provide for our needs. From one end of the earth to the other, You inspire worship and praise! Even nature celebrates Your goodness. We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving for Your mercy and Your faithful love toward us. Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit make Your presence known among us that we may hear Your Word and know Your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING

Christian fellowship involves sharing with those in need. Here Paul is gathering a collection for the church in Jerusalem from all the Gentile churches he helped found. We can be extravagant in our giving because God is extravagant in providing for our lives. Reading from Paul's Letter to the church in Corinth, the 2nd chapter:

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives 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 your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Holy Wisdom, Holy Words. **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

A Samaritan leper becomes a model for thanksgiving. He does not take for granted the kindness shown to him but takes time to thank Jesus and to glorify God. This is the Holy Gospel according to Luke:

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud

voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Luke 17:11-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #733 *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

- 1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

- 2 Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [*Refrain*]
- 3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [*Refrain*]

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the work and all in need.

Gracious God, you send from your abundance the people, talents, and resources needed for all the ministries of your church. We give thanks for the work you have accomplished through your people, and we pray for your continued blessing in our ministry together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bountiful God, you feed us through the richness of the land, water, sunlight, and ample crops. Bless all those who cultivate the land to bring forth its bounty, especially farmers and migrant workers. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Merciful God, you order our lives by your providence. We give you thanks for laws, infrastructure, and leadership that structure and support our human endeavors. Align our purposes with your own, that all our undertakings might bring you glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Loving God, you open our hearts in compassion for one another. We give you thanks for the care and healing received through the hands and feet of your servants. Send us to love those most in need of your mercy. On this Thanksgiving day we pray for: Ferolyn, Jordan, Pat, Carol, Beryl, Elethia, Pat and for all those we name aloud or quietly in our hearts. *(Pause)* Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Hospitable God, you connect and strengthen us through meals and conversation with family and friends. In this time of thanksgiving, steer us from passive receiving to active response, from old quarrels to reconciliation, and from over-consumption to true gratitude. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the love and care we have received from saints who have gone before us. By their example, enrich the generosity of our witness to others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Amen

PEACE

MEAL

We now enter that portion of our service that is the Eucharist or Holy Communion. I invite you to have your wine and bread ready and let's begin with prayer.

P: God of all creation, Thank you for the wonderful things you have made.
Thank you for the universe full of stars and planets.
Thank you for our world, full of life.
Thank you for making each one of us.
Thank you for loving each one of us.
Take these gifts we now offer back to you.
May they be used to the glory of your name.
We offer you ourselves and all the gifts you have blessed us with.
Take us and use us to share your love with the world. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through Our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

P Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,
and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us
and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:
strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,
and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honour is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both now and forever.

C Amen

P: And now as our Saviour Jesus has taught us we are bold to pray:.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

The presiding minister may address the assembly in these or similar words.

P: The reign of God is at hand. Come taste the joy that is prepared for you.
These are the gifts of God for the Children of God.

After all have communed, the presiding minister may say a table blessing.

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his
grace.

C Amen

P: Let us pray.
O God, the host at every meal, at this table you spread out a feast for all peoples,
the bread of life and the cup of salvation. Send us from this banquet to invite
others into these good things, to let justice roll down like waters, and to care for
the least of our sisters and brothers; through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and our
Saviour. Amen.

CHARGE

P: Step forth in Joy.
Walk out in Song.
All the earth praise God,
for our God is an awesome God

BLESSING

The presiding minister proclaims God's blessing.

P: May the grace of God the father bless you with peace,
may the love of Christ, God's son, sustain you in joy,
and may the power of the Holy Spirit fill you with courage
this day and forevermore.

Almighty God, Father, + Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

ELW #881 *Let All Things Now Living*

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Christ is with you!

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Psalm 97

Tuesday Exodus 33:1-6

Wednesday John 6:25-35

Thursday Psalm 99

Friday 1 Peter 5:1-5

Saturday Matthew 14:1-12

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost - 18 October 2020: Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99 ;
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22