

# TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

THANKSGIVING DAY

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A SERVICE OF ANTE-COMMUNION RITE II

A PLACE OF WELCOME, HOPE & HEALING



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WITHOUT THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION)

PRELUDE

WELCOME

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

*All* Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

*People And also with you.*

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People Amen.*

FIRST READING

DEUTERONOMY 8:7-18

Moses said to all Israel: For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you.

Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

*People Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 **To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \***  
**because of their transgressions.**
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.
- 4 **Happy are they whom you choose**  
**and draw to your courts to dwell there! \***  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,  
by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,  
O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 **You make fast the mountains by your power; \***  
**they are girded about with might.**
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 **Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \***  
**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; \*  
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
- 10 **You prepare the grain, \***  
**for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 **You crown the year with your goodness, \***  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, \***  
**and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;**  
let them shout for joy and sing.

THE SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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!

Reader       The word of the Lord.  
*People*       *Thanks be to God.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

Presider       The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.  
*People*       *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

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.”

*Presider*       The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*       *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

SERMON

The Rev. D. Littlepage

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

We believe in one God,  
    the Father, the Almighty,  
    maker of heaven and earth,  
    of all that is, seen and unseen.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
    the only Son of God,  
    eternally begotten of the Father,  
    God from God, Light from Light,  
    true God from true God,  
    begotten, not made,  
    of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANTHEM: Father, We Thank Thee

Albright

Margaret Rousseau, soprano

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

BCP 837

*Leader* Let us give thanks to God for gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For the beauty and wonder of creation, in earth and sky and sea.

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

*People* *We thank you, Lord.*

*Leader* Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ  
Jesus our Lord;

*People* *To him be praise and glory, with you, O God and with the Holy Spirit, now and for  
ever. Amen.*

THE PEACE

Presider                   The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*                    *And also with you.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BCP 364

Presider   As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*All*           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 for ever. Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

*Celebrant*   Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People*        Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

## Thanksgiving Blessing

O God, We thank you for this earth, our home;  
for the wide sky and the blessed sun,  
for the ocean and streams,  
for the towering hills and the whispering wind,  
for the trees and green grass.

We thank you for our senses  
by which we hear the songs of birds,  
and see the splendor of fields of golden wheat,  
and taste autumn's fruit, rejoice in the feel of snow,  
and smell the breath of spring flowers.

Grant us a heart opened wide to all this beauty;  
and save us from being so blind  
that we pass unseeing  
when even the common thornbush  
is aflame with your glory.

For each new dawn is filled with infinite possibilities  
for new beginnings and new discoveries.  
Life is constantly changing and renewing itself.  
In this new day of new beginnings with God,  
all things are possible.  
We are restored and renewed in a joyous awakening  
to the wonder that our lives are and, yet, can be.

Amen.

-Walter Rauschenbusch

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