

"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"

November 22, 2023 – Thanksgiving Eve

Invocation

M: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Responsory.....(sung portions to the tune of CW #610 "Now Thank We All Our God")

M: Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our Salvation!

C: Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving!

M: Let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

*Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in Whom His world rejoices,
Who from our mother's arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.*

M: Let all the earth sing praise to God!

C: Let the sound of His praise be heard in all the world!

M: Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

C: Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together in the presence of the Lord.

M: Let us exult God's steadfast love!

*Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us
And keep us in His grace and guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.*

M: Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy Name!

C: My soul shall rejoice in the Lord, exulting in His deliverance.

M: Let all who take refuge in God rejoice; let them ever sing for joy!

C: My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast, and my mouth praises God with joyful lips.

M: Give thanks to the Lord with all your heart!

*All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given.
The Son, and Him Who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore!
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore!*

Prayer of the Day

C: Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning, and, though we have in no way deserved Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our needs of body and soul: Give us Your Holy Spirit that we may sincerely acknowledge Your merciful goodness to us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture and Verse(to the tune of CW #613 "Come, You Thankful People, Come")

Genesis 8:20-22

Noah gives thanks and the Lord promises seedtime and harvest as long as the world endures!

Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

***Come, you thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in ere the winter storms begin.
God our maker shall provide for our wants to be supplied,
Come to God's own temple, come; Raise the song of harvest home.***

Deuteronomy 8:6-11

Be thankful for this land the Lord has given us.

Observe the commands of the LORD your God, walking in his ways and revering him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with streams and pools of water, with springs flowing in the valleys and hills; a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills. When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

***All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and weeds together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.***

Psalms 145:15-21

The Lord provides for all our needs. Let us praise Him!

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time. You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing. The LORD is righteous in all his ways and loving toward all he has made. The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. He fulfills the desires of those who fear him; he hears their cry and saves them. The LORD watches over all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy. My mouth will speak in praise of the LORD. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever.

***For the Lord our God shall come and shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last in the fire the weeds to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.***

Luke 12:16-21

God provides for us bountifully. But let's make sure that our earthly blessings don't overshadow the matters of faith!

And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

*Even so, Lord quickly come to Your final harvest home;
Gather all Your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in Your garner to abide.
Come with all Your angels come; Raise the glorious harvest home.*

The Sermon....."Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread".....Pastor Mark Bartels
Matthew 6:11

A Statement of Belief..... The Catechism's explanation to the 1st article of the Apostles' Creed
C: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still preserves them; that He richly and daily provides me with food and clothing, home and family, property and goods, and all that I need to support this body and life; that He protects me from all danger, guards and keeps me from all evil; and all this purely out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me; for all which I am in duty bound to thank and praise, to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Offering Offertory Music: Adult Handbells....."For the Beauty of the Earth"

Offering Verse (to the tune of CW #614 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest")

*Bring to this sacred altar The gifts his goodness gave,
The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him When at his feet you fall,
And with your lives adore him, Who gave his life for all.*

The 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Oh, Be Joyful! (to the tune CW #169 "Hymn to Joy")

M: Lord of heaven and earth, You made all things beautiful. You have provided forests and streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

C: Thank You for the mountains and prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

M: Thank You for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank You for our work, for projects that are well done, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank You for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

C: Thank You for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendship.

*Oh, be joyful, all you peoples; in the Lord your God rejoice!
Ring your praise from highest steeples; cry it with exultant voice!
Oh, be joyful, all creation! Tell the praises all about
Of the Rock of our salvation; lo, the very stones must shout!*

M: Thank You for cities and our country-sides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for our government that protects us and grants us freedom.

C: Thank You for children at play, their boundless energy, their shouts of joy and laughter.

M: Thank You for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by You.

C: Thank You for Christian parents, for their affection and care, and for devoted spouses.

*Oh, be joyful, you who sorrow, who with tears go forth to sow:
God's great love awaits the morrow, shouts of joy to conquer woe.
Oh, be joyful! By God's caring all that torments now or grieves
Shall depart. See reapers bearing home with joy their bounteous sheaves.*

M: Thank You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for His coming to us in Word and sacraments, for His giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers.

C: Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

*Oh, be joyful, for your Maker opens wide His hands to bless.
Come, then, as a glad partaker of your Savior's righteousness!
Oh, be joyful in the Spirit for the hope God's Word provides:
Life eternal we inherit, gracious gift that e'er abides!*

Closing

M: God loves you and has chosen you as His own special people. Each of you is a part of the body of Christ, so let the peace that comes from Christ control your thoughts.... And be thankful! And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him. Amen.

Closing Stanza.....(to the tune of CW #609 "We, Praise You, O God")

*With voices united our praises we offer And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!*

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