



THE ORDER OF WORSHIP FOR THANKSGIVING

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THANKSGIVING

THE RINGING OF THE BELLS

THE INVOCATION AND OPENING SENTENCES

Pastor: As we come to worship and give thanks to our Lord, we come together in His Name!

People: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. / En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amen.

Pastor: We also come before the Lord as we are, without having to pretend.

People: You know us, Lord. You know our great need and our unworthiness. Yet you have loved us with an undying love. You have breathed into us your Spirit and raised us to life in union with your Son, Jesus.

Pastor: You have called us your children and have given us a purpose.

People: You have planted faith and hope within us, and have given us love to share.

Pastor: Your mercy and daily blessings are in plain view for all to see: In the air we breath, in the food we eat, in the friends and family with whom we share our lives, in your Word which you have given us and which points us to life in Christ.

People: How constant is your love, O Lord!

[Silent Prayer: A moment to consider the many blessings each has received from God's gracious hand.]

Pastor: All praise and all glory be to you, O Lord!

People: THANKS BE TO GOD!

HYMN OF PRAISE "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" (# 785)

*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator; in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you; we bless your holy name, glad praises we sing.*

*We worship you, God of our fathers, we bless you; through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us; and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.*

*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!*

THE FIRST READING: Psalm 100

¹ Sing to the LORD, all the earth! ² Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs! ³ Acknowledge that the LORD is God. He made us, and we belong to him; we are his people, we are his flock. ⁴ Enter the temple gates with thanksgiving, go into its courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise him. ⁵ The LORD is good; his love is eternal and his faithfulness continues through all generations.

THE SECOND READING: *Philippians 4:6-13*

⁶Don't worry about anything, but in all your prayers ask God for what you need, always asking him with a thankful heart. ⁷And God's peace, which is far beyond human understanding, will keep your hearts and minds safe in union with Christ Jesus. ⁸In conclusion, my brothers and sisters, fill your minds with those things that are good and that deserve praise: things that are true, noble, right, pure, lovely, and honorable. ⁹Put into practice what you learned and received from me, both from my words and from my actions. And the God who gives us peace will be with you. ¹⁰In my life in union with the Lord it is a great joy to me that after so long a time you once more had the chance of showing that you care for me. I don't mean that you had stopped caring for me—you just had no chance to show it. ¹¹And I am not saying this because I feel neglected, for I have learned to be satisfied with what I have. ¹²I know what it is to be in need and what it is to have more than enough. I have learned this secret, so that anywhere, at any time, I am content, whether I am full or hungry, whether I have too much or too little. ¹³I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me.

THE GOSPEL READING: *Luke 17:11-19*

¹¹As Jesus made his way to Jerusalem, he went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²He was going into a village when he was met by ten men suffering from a dreaded skin disease. They stood at a distance ¹³and shouted, "Jesus! Master! Take pity on us!" ¹⁴Jesus saw them and said to them, "Go and let the priests examine you." On the way they were made clean. ¹⁵When one of them saw that he was healed, he came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶He threw himself to the ground at Jesus' feet and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Jesus said, "There were ten men who were healed; where are the other nine? ¹⁸Why is this foreigner the only one who came back to give thanks to God?" ¹⁹And Jesus said to him, "Get up and go; your faith has saved you."

THE CONFESSION OF FAITH *(The First Article of the Apostles' Creed and Luther's Explanation)*

Pastor: I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

People: I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that he has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my senses, and still preserves them; Also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that he richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life; That he defends me against all danger, and guards and protects 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 it is my duty to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

THE HYMN: *"Himno de Alabanza"*

- 1) *Entonemos un canto de alabanza, entonemos un cántico al Señor,
Entonemos salmodias celestiales, entonemos mil cánticos de amor,
Entonemos salmodias celestiales, entonemos mil cánticos de amor.*
- 2) *Let us sing to the Lord a song of praises, let us raise all our voices to the Lord.
Let us sing psalms of glory unto heaven, let us join in a thousand songs of love.
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- 3) *Demos gracias al Padre por la vida, demos gracias al Padre por Jesús.
Y sigamos la senda de la gloria con la carga divina de la cruz
Y sigamos la senda de la gloria con la carga divina de la cruz.*
- 4) *Glory give unto God for every morning, for God's blessings o'erflowing and for love,
For our God in the goodness of His mercy gave us life, life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
For our God in the goodness of His mercy gave us life, life in Jesus Christ our Lord.*

THE MESSAGE

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE: "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice with us and sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam:
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise, him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let all things their Creator bless and worship him in humbleness. Oh, praise him. Alleluia!
Oh, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One.
Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

THE RECEIVING OF OFFERINGS

THE PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

THE HYMN: "God Bless Our Native Land" (# 965)

*God bless our native land; firm may it ever stand through storm and night.
When the wild tempests rave, Ruler of wind and wave, do thou our country save by thy great might.
So shall our prayers arise to God above the skies, on whom we wait.
Thou who art ever nigh, guarding with watchful eye, to thee aloud we cry: God save the state!*

SHARING GIFTS FROM JESUS (Holy Communion)

[Communion notes: *In the sacred meal of Holy Communion, it is our living Lord himself who serves, as, in the bread and wine, he truly gives us his Body and Blood, in ways beyond our understanding, so that we might remember his death for us and experience again right now the reality of his forgiveness, strength, and love as his gift. Baptized followers of Jesus who have been instructed in the meaning of this sacrament and believe this, and who desire to live for Jesus, are invited to take part in this meal.]*

PREPARATION:

People: We come before you, Lord, in our need and our sin. Forgive our self-serving and our lack of love towards others. Heal our blindness and our fear. Strengthen our weak faith. Set us free by your forgiveness and love so that we might serve you.

[Moment for Silent Prayer]

Pastor: In the name of Jesus who has conquered both sin and death for you, and by your faith in Him, I declare to you that your sins are forgiven. The burden of your inadequacy and failure is removed. This is the Lord's doing, and the reality of your faith! You are free to be the people of God!

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is truly right, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give You thanks, holy Father, eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and has scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. The risen Lord walks with us and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake the day, you summon us to live in endless light, the unending Sabbath of the Lord. So, with choirs of angels and with the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory!

People: Amen!

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His

body and His blood on the cross. Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us to faithfully eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us to in His own testament. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate, with all the faithful, the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone be all glory, honor, and worship, now and forever. Amen!

THE LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

THE CONSECRATION

THE ACCLAMATION AND THE INVITATION

Pastor: As often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Pastor: Behold the Lamb of God, behold Jesus who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

People: **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

DISTRIBUTION

THANK THE LORD

Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell everyone what He has done.

Let everyone who seeks the Lord, rejoice and proudly bear His name.

*He recalls His promises, and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You, that of Your mercy, You would strengthen us in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING

THE HYMN "Now Thank We All Our God" (# 895)

*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 blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love and still is ours today.*

*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 harm in this world and the next!*

*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 heaven adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.*

THE BLESSING

Go with thankful hearts and share your joy with each person you meet!