

THANKSGIVING EVE CELEBRATION

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

WELCOME/OPENING BLESSING

OPENING SONG "Red Book" 407 Come, You Thankful People, Come

NOTE: Only part of the song recorded

Come, you thankful people come, Raise the song of harvest home.
All is safely gathered in, Ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, does provide, For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come, Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, Fruit unto his praise to yield.
Wheat and tares 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.

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 tares to cast.
But the fruitful ears to store, In his garner evermore.

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!

PRAYER

PSALM READING Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, Selah that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Selah Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; let all the ends of the earth fear him!

SONG OF THANKSGIVING "Green Book" 409 Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise and thanksgiving, Father we offer
For all things living, Created good:
Harvest of sown fields, Fruits of the orchard
Hay from the mown fields, Blossom and wood.

Bless, Lord, the labor We bring to serve you,
That with our neighbor We may be fed.

Sowing or tilling, We would work with you,
Harvesting, milling For daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
By your wise guiding Teach us to share
One with another, So that, rejoicing
With us, all others May know your care.

Then will your blessing Reach ev'ry people,
Freely confessing Your gracious hand.
Where all obey you, No one will hunger;
In your love's sway you Nourish the land.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

P: Gracious God, you know our hearts, our desire to serve you with our lives,

C: but you also know how human we are, Lord.....how we are tempted to put our desires first, to put our selfish wants before the needs of others. We admit our selfishness at times, our distraction with material things over loving relationships.....and our failure to thank you for all those blessings we do enjoy day by day.

Forgive us for these our failures, O God, free us by your grace to live in joyful gratitude for all our blessings in our lives.

P: And God we thank you for your gracious forgiveness, which gives us the freedom to live as your blessed children. Thanks and praise to you for your forgiving love, O God, through Jesus, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SONG "Green Book" 561

For The Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies;
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

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:
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above; For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

For yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv'n:
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n
Christ our Lord, to you we raise This our sacrifice of praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Timothy 2:1-4

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices, 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 cleansed. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

TAKING OUR THANKS AN EXTRA STEP

SONG

Give Thanks With a Grateful Heart

**Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son
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,
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son
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,
Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One
Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son,
Give thanks.....give thanks.....give thanks.**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

P: For all good gifts from your gracious hand,
C: We give you thanks, good Lord.
P: For the daily food we receive so abundantly,
C: We give you thanks, good Lord.
P: For health and strength, and joy in living,
C: We give you thanks, good Lord.
P: For those who toil to raise our food
C: We give you thanks, good Lord.

P: For those who practice the healing arts to nurture our lives

C: We give you thanks, good Lord.

P: For family and friends, for employment and income

C: We give you thanks, good Lord.

P: For those who care for us in our ups and downs,

C: We give you thanks, good Lord.

P: For those support systems in our times of need and crisis,

C: We give you thanks, good Lord.

P: And for all those blessings we cannot even remember and name,

C: We give you thanks, good Lord.

P: And most of all for your Son, our Savior,

C: We give you thanks and praise, good Lord. Amen.

SHARING ENCOURAGEMENT "I'm thankful for....."

WE BRING OUR OFFERINGS

CLOSING PRAYER

CLOSING SONG OF THANKS "Green Book" 557 Let All Things Now Living

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, His 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.

His law he enforces, 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 him divine.
We too should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song lets us raise
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC