

# THANKSGIVING DAY

November 28, 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST (RITE II)

9:00 am



LET US  
ALL GIVE  
UNTIL  
ALL RECEIVE

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## The Word of God

### The Prelude

*We Gather Together*

arr. Robert Powell

*Please stand as you are able as the bell is rung.*

### The Opening Hymn 433 We gather together

*Kremser*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**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.**

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* 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 forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### The Lessons

#### A reading from the Prophet Joel (2:21-27)

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*People* The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 126** (*prayed antiphonally by half verse.*)

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
**then were we like those who dream.**
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \*  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
**“The Lord has done great things for them.”**
- 4 The Lord has done great things for us, \*  
**and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, \*  
**like the watercourses of the Negev.**
- 6 Those who sowed with tears \*  
**will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
**will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

**A reading from the First Letter of Timothy (2:1-7)**

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all – this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

*People*                   The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able for the sequence hymn and gospel.*

**The Sequence Hymn 291 We plow the fields**

*Wir pflügen*

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

### **Matthew 6:25-33**

Jesus said, "I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you-- you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

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

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

*Please stand as you are able for the Creed.*

### **The Nicene Creed**

**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 human. 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]. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. Who 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.**

*You may continue to stand or sit or kneel for the prayers as your personal piety guides you.*

## **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

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

**We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, Lord.**

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

**We thank you, Lord.**

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

**We thank you, Lord.**

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

**We thank you, Lord.**

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

**We thank you, Lord.**

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

**We thank you, Lord.**

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

**We thank you, Lord.**

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

**To Christ be praise and glory, with you, O God, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

## **The Peace**

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

## **The Greeting**

## The Holy Communion

**The Offertory Hymn 290** Come, ye thankful people, come

*St. George's, Windsor*

*Celebrant* All things come of thee, O Lord.

*People* **And of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

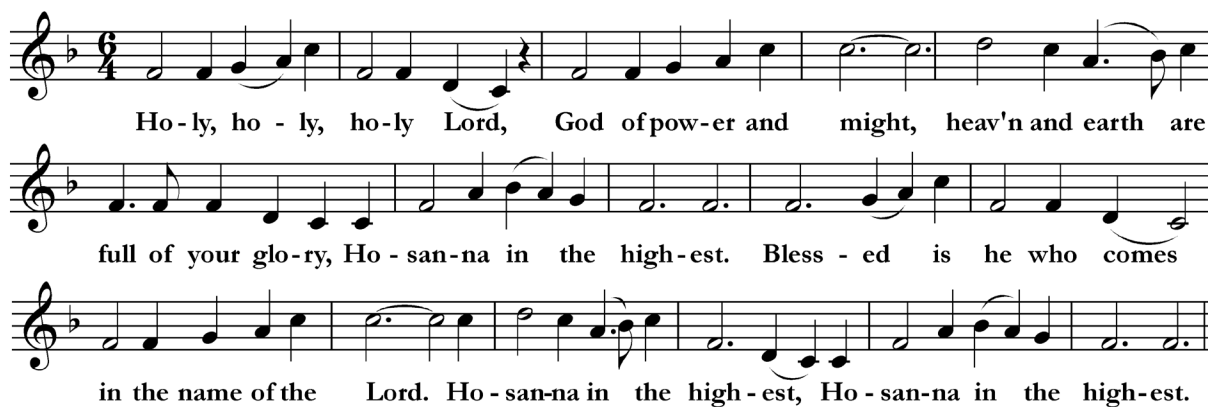
We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep, and by your Word, you brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, And taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away. And yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. You sought us out, delivered us from our captivity, and called us to live, once again, in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

**Sanctus WLP 858**

*Land of Rest*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are  
full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*You may remain standing, kneel or sit for the remainder of the Eucharistic prayer as your personal piety guides you.*

Glory and praise to you, holy and living God. In your everlasting mercy, you determined to set us free from sin and death, and reveal the riches of your grace.

You looked with favor upon Mary your willing servant that she might conceive and bear a Son: Jesus, your holy and eternal Word.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.

Then the time came for him to offer upon the Cross the Sacrifice of his life, to be glorified by you, and draw all the world to himself.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, Broke it and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, Gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, Which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, Do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, we remember Christ, crucified and risen; in whom we have been freed from sin and restored to the glory intended for us.

In grateful response, we present our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

And breathe your Spirit upon us, that in the abundance of Christ's Life, we may be made your new creation; the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

**Holy Jesus, Redeemer of the World, we believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of this altar. Even while some of us are unable to receive you in the elements of bread and wine, we invite you to enter our hearts and be our companion along the way. Awaiting in hope, we know that you are present in every moment of our lives and will never leave us comfortless. For all good things come from you O Lord, and from that goodness, lead us to the love of others. For you live with the Creator and the Holy Spirit now and forever. Amen.**

*All are welcome to receive the bread and/or the wine. You may stand or kneel to receive. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are also available; simply make your needs known to the person serving you. If you wish a blessing instead of the elements, cross your arms over your chest as the priest approaches you.*

## The Communion Music

*A Thanksgiving Medley*

arr. T. Keesecker

## The Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

**God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace. Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help those in need. Comfort the afflicted. Honor everyone. Love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And may God's blessing be upon you this day and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## The Closing Hymn 397 Now thank we all our God

*Nun danket alle Gott*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
*People*          **Thanks be to God.**



**The Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

arr. Wilbur Held

*Celebrant and Preacher*

The Rev. Patrick C. Ward

*Minister of Music*

Joan Kirchner

*Eucharistic Ministers*

Kate Paradise, Brian Ridgeway

*Reader*

Earle Bailey, John Harter

*Litany of Thanksgiving*

Brian Ridgeway

*Usher*

Mary Anne and Don Bragdon

*Altar Guild*

Georgia Schneider

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