

# The Service of Morning Prayer for Thanksgiving Day, 2021

*Officiant* Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Psalm 105:1

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

**Amen.**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People* And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

*Officiant and People*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as

it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Then the Officiant and People say together the Venite (Psalm 95:1-7)*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*The Officiant and People then say together the Psalm Appointed for Thanksgiving Day*  
**Psalm 147 (1-20)**

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! \*  
how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem; \*  
he gathers the exiles of Israel.

He heals the brokenhearted \*  
and binds up their wounds.

He counts the number of the stars \*  
and calls them all by their names.

Great is our Lord and mighty in power; \*  
there is no limit to his wisdom.

The Lord lifts up the lowly, \*  
but casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; \*  
make music to our God upon the harp.

He covers the heavens with clouds \*  
and prepares rain for the earth;

He makes grass to grow upon the mountains \*  
and green plants to serve mankind.

He provides food for flocks and herds \*  
and for the young ravens when they cry.

He is not impressed by the might of a horse; \*  
he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;

But the Lord has pleasure in those who fear him, \*  
in those who await his gracious favor.

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.  
He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **The Lesson**

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.

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

*The Officiant and People then say together*

***Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah*** (Luke 1:68-79)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; \*

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, \*

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers \*

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, \*

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, \*

holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, \*

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

To give his people knowledge of salvation \*

by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God \*

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, \*

and to guide our feet into the way of peace..

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen..

*The Officiant and People together then say the Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **The Prayers**

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People*

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.

*Then follows this set of Suffrages or Pleas to God*    *V = Presider*    *R=People*

*V.* Show us your mercy, O Lord;

*R.* And grant us your salvation.

*V.* Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

*R.* Let your people sing with joy.

*V.* Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

*R.* For only in you can we live in safety.

*V.* Lord, keep this nation under your care;

*R.* And guide us in the way of justice and truth.

*V.* Let your way be known upon earth;

*R.* Your saving health among all nations.

*V.* Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

*R.* Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

*V.* Create in us clean hearts, O God;

*R.* And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*The Presider says* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Presider* Let us pray.

## **The Collect of the Day**

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **For our Congress (BCP p821)**

O God, the fountain of wisdom, whose will is good and gracious, and whose law is truth: We beseech thee so to guide and bless our Senators and Representatives in Congress assembled, that they may enact such laws as shall please thee, to the glory of thy Name and the welfare of this people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **For our Election (BCP p822)**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for the Renewal of Life**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Grace**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **A Collect for Mission**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

## **A Litany of Thanksgiving**

*The Officiant and People then say together*

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 men and women, 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 Jesus our Lord;

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

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*The Officiant says*

Please give to God your intercessions, your thanksgivings, your fears, your hopes, your loves, and your grief for those you see no longer, either silently or aloud.

*(A silence)*

*Then the Officiant says*

Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

*The Officiant says*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**