

# The appointed Psalm, Reading and Collect for Morning Prayer for Thanksgiving Day 2020

## 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.

## Psalm 147

Praise the Lord!

How good it is to sing praises to our God;  
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem;  
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

He heals the broken-hearted,  
and binds up their wounds.

He determines the number of the stars;  
he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;  
his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;  
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;  
make melody to our God on the lyre.

He covers the heavens with clouds,  
prepares rain for the earth,  
makes grass grow on the hills.

He gives to the animals their food,  
and to the young ravens when they cry.

His delight is not in the strength of the horse,  
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;  
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,  
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem!

Praise your God, O Zion!

For he strengthens the bars of your gates;  
he blesses your children within you.

He grants peace within your borders;  
he fills you with the finest of wheat.  
He sends out his command to the earth;  
his word runs swiftly.  
He gives snow like wool;  
he scatters frost like ashes.  
He hurls down hail like crumbs—  
who can stand before his cold?  
He sends out his word, and melts them;  
he makes his wind blow, and the waters flow.  
He declares his word to Jacob,  
his statutes and ordinances to Israel.  
He has not dealt thus with any other nation;  
they do not know his ordinances.  
Praise the Lord!

### **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.' When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: 'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me.' You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.