

Intercessions:

Leader: Almighty God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we lift up our voices in thanksgiving:

For all the gifts You have bestowed upon us

ALL: We thank you, Lord!

For the life You have given us “
For the world in which we live “
For the beauty and wonder of God’s creation “
For the work we are empowered to do “
For the beauty and bounty of the world “
For seed-time and harvest and the varied gifts each season brings “
For all the gladness of life “
For the comfort of home and the charm of companions “
For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women “
For the constancy and change of nature “
For the achievement of freedom in well ordered communities “
For laws which advance justice and equality of opportunity “
For education which enhances life through the arts and sciences of power “
For minds to think and hearts to love and hands to serve “
For the knowledge of You by which we experience the world “
For prophets and seers who are open to new truth “
For all lovers and helpers of humanity “
For the disciplines of freedom which enlarge our souls “
For endless opportunities to help those in need “
For occasions of rest and relaxation which encourage us toward new adventure “
For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity “
For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice “
Above all, for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. “

(Our Father)

Leader: Father all-powerful, your gifts of love are countless and your goodness infinite. As we celebrate Thanksgiving Day, we come before you with gratitude for your kindness. Open our hearts to concern for our fellow men and women and draw us closer to all our brothers and sisters in the human family, so that we may share our gifts in loving service, through Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

Blessing, Dismissal



Morning Prayer on Thanksgiving Day

Invitatory (Ps 136):

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

ALL: and my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

(After each invocation):

ALL: God’s mercy endures for ever!

Praise the God of gods; “
Praise the Lord of lords; “
Who alone has done great wonders, “
Who skillfully made the heavens, “
Who spread the earth upon the waters, “
Who made the great lights, “
Who made the sun to rule the day, “
Who made the moon and stars to rule the night, “
Who led Israel from their midst, “
With mighty hand and outstretched arm, “
Who led the people through the desert, “
And made their lands a heritage, “
The Lord remembered us in our low estate, “
Freed us from our foes, “
And gives bread to all flesh, “
Praise the God of heaven, “
Praise God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit “
both now and always and for ever. Amen. “

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

ALL: God’s mercy endures for ever!

Thanksgiving Hymn of Choice

Proclamation of Thanksgiving (1 Chr 29:10-13):

Leader: I thank your holy name

ALL: and make it my glory to praise you. (Ps 106:47)

1: Blessed may you be, O Lord,

God of Israel, our Father,

from eternity to eternity.

2: Yours, O Lord, are grandeur and power, majesty, splendor, and glory.

For all in heaven and on earth is yours;

1: yours, O Lord, is the sovereignty:

you are exalted as head over all.

2: Riches and honor are from you, and you have dominion over all.

1: In your hands are power and might;

it is yours to give grandeur and strength to all.

2: Therefore, our God, we give you thanks and we praise the majesty of your name.

1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

2. As it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: I thank your holy name and make it my glory to praise you. (Ps 106:47)

Old Testament Canticle (Is 12:4-6):

Leader: You are my God; I thank you.

ALL: My God, I praise you. (Ps 118:29)

1: Give thanks to the Lord,
acclaim his name;

**2: Among the nations make known his deeds,
proclaim how exalted is his name.**

1: Sing praise to the Lord
for he has done glorious things.

**2: Let this be known throughout all the earth;
shout with exultation, City of Zion,**

1: for great in your midst
is the Holy One of Israel!

**2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.**

1. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: You are my God; I thank you. My God, I praise you.

Psalmondy of Thanksgiving:

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Father,

ALL: for having made me worthy to share the lot of the saints in light. (Col 1:12)

1: I thank you, Lord, for your love,
for the wonders you do for us.

**2: For you satisfy the thirsty soul;
you fill the hungry with good things.** (Ps 107:8-9)

1: I give thanks to you, O God, I give you thanks
and call upon your name.

I recount your wonderful deeds. (Ps 75:1)

**2: To you, O God of my ancestors,
I give thanks and praise
because you have given me wisdom and
power.** (Dan 2:23)

1: I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart
in the meeting of the just and their assembly.

Great are your works, O Lord. (Ps 111:1-2)

**2: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.**

1: In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore you before your holy temple.

**2: I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.**

1: For on the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (Ps 138:1-3)

**2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.**

1. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: I give thanks to you, O Father, for having made me worthy to share the lot of the saints in light.

Reading from Scripture (Dan 3:26-27):

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel: Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our ancestors, and glorious forever is your name. For you are just in all you have done; all your deeds are faultless, all your ways right, and all your judgments proper. The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Silence or Reflection; then:

Leader: For all things give thanks to God,

ALL: because this is what God expects of you in Christ Jesus (1 Thes 5:18)

Benedictus:

Leader: I thank your holy name (Ps 106:47)

ALL: and make it my glory to praise you.

1: Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel
who has come to his people and set them free.

**2: He has raised up for us a mighty Savior,
born of the house of his servant David.**

1: Through his holy prophets God promised of
old to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

**2: To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

1: This was the oath God swore to our father
Abraham:

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

**2: Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

1: And you, child, shall be called the prophet of
the Most High,

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

**2: To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

1: In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

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

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

**2: Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.**

1: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever.

ALL: I thank your holy name and make it my glory to praise you.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Reader: For the wealth of this land; for the minerals in the earth; for the plants and waters and animals on the earth; for the birds, the clouds and rain; for the sun and moon in the sky and the gifts they gave to our peoples that enabled the rise of new world economies.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Reader: For the many foods, coaxed from the heart of Mother Earth; for the skills we were given to develop foods that now belong to the world: potatoes, corn, beans, squash, peanuts, tomatoes, peppers, coffee, cocoa, sugar and many more.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Reader: For the medicines first discovered by our ancestors now known to the world: quinine, ipecac, iodine, curare, petroleum jelly, witch hazel and others; for the healing skills of our people and those who now care for us. For natural leaves, sage, sweet grass, and cedar that give spiritual healing by the power of their meaning.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Reader: For the friendship that first welcomed all to our shores; for the courage of those who watched their worlds change and disappear and those who led in the search for new lives; for our leaders today who fight with courage and great heart for us.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Reader: For the friends who suffered with us and stand with us today to bring the promise and the hope that the New World meant to their ancestors.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Reader: For the strength and beauty of our diverse native and indigenous cultures; for the traditions that give structure and meaning to our lives, that define who we are; for the skills of our artists and crafts people and the gifts of their hands.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Reader: For the spirituality and vision that gave our people the courage and faith to endure; that brought many to an understanding and acceptance of the love that Christ, our Brother and Savior, brought to us.

ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.

Leader: So, with praise and thanksgiving we pray:

ALL: Our Father...

Leader: We give you thanks, God our Father, for from your hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Help us to reach out in love to all your people, so that we may share with them the goods of time and eternity, through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

Blessing and Dismissal



Evening Prayer on the Vigil of Thanksgiving

Introductory Dialogue (Is 12:5-6):

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim God's name;

ALL: among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is God's name.

Leader: Sing praise to our God for his glorious achievement;

ALL: Let this be known throughout all the earth.

Thanksgiving Hymn of Choice

Psalm 111:

Leader: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you our God.

ALL: The holy Church throughout the world worships you.

1: I will praise our God with all my heart in the assembled congregation of the upright.

2: Great are the works of our God, to be treasured for all their delights.

1: Majestic and glorious is your work; your wise design endures forever.

2: You won renown for your wondrous deeds; gracious and merciful is our God.

1: You gave food to those who fear you, mindful of your covenant forever.

2: You showed powerful deeds to your people, giving them the lands of the nations.

1: The works of your hands are right and true, reliable all your decrees,

2: Established forever and ever, to be observed with loyalty and care.

1: You sent deliverance to your people, ratified your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

2: The fear of our God is the beginning of wisdom; prudent are all who live by it. Your praise endures forever.

1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

2: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

ALL: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you our God. The holy Church throughout the world worships you.

Psalm 138:

Leader: I will give thanks to your name,

ALL: because of your kindness and truth.

1: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;

before the gods to you I sing.

**2: I bow low toward your holy temple;
I praise your name for your fidelity and love.**

1: For you have exalted over all
your name and your promise.

**2: When I cried out, you answered;
you strengthened my spirit.**

1: All the kings of earth will praise you, Lord,
when they hear the words of your mouth.

**2: They will sing of the ways of our God:
"How great is the glory of our God!"**

1: Our God is on high, but cares for the lowly
and knows the proud from afar.

**2: Though I walk in the midst of dangers,
you guard my life when my enemies rage.**

1: You stretch out your hand;
your right hand saves me.

**2: Our God is with me to the end.
Lord, your love endures forever.
Never forsake the work of your hands!**

1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

**2. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

**ALL: I will give thanks to your name,
because of your kindness and truth.**

New Testament Canticle, (Eph 1:3-6):

Leader: Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness.

**ALL: Give thanks to God the Father through
Christ.**

1: Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**2: who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,**

1: As he chose us in him,
before the foundation of the world,

**2: to be holy and without blemish
before him.**

1: In love he destined us for adoption to himself
through Jesus Christ,

in accord with the favor of his will,

**2: for the praise of the glory of his grace
that he granted us in the beloved.**

1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.

**2. As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.**

**ALL: Go forth and proclaim the news of the
kingdom; freely share with others what God has
given you.**

Scripture Reading (Is 63:7,9):

A reading from the Book of the Prophet
Isaiah: The loving deeds of the Lord I will
recall, the glorious acts of the Lord, because
of all the Lord has done for us, the immense
goodness to the house of Israel, which he
has granted according to his mercy and his
many loving deeds. Because of his love and
pity the Lord redeemed them, lifting them
up and carrying them all the days of old.
The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!
Silence or Reflection, then (Is 12:3-5):

Leader: I give your thanks, Lord, I acclaim your name;
**ALL: among the nations I make known your deeds
and proclaim how exalted is your name.**

The Magnificat

Leader: For all things give thanks to God

**ALL: because this is what God expects of you
in Christ Jesus.**

1: My soul proclaims the greatness of our God;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

**2: For God has looked upon the handmaid's
lowliness;
behold, from now on will all ages call me
blessed.**

1: The Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is God's name.

**2: God's mercy is from age to age
to those who fear him.**

1: God has shown might with his arm,
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

**2: God has thrown down the rulers from their
thrones
but lifted up the lowly.**

1: God has filled the hungry with good things;
the rich God has sent away empty.

**2: God has helped Israel his servant,
remembering his mercy,**

1: According to God's promise to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

**2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit.**

1. As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**ALL: For all things give thanks to God, because
this is what God expects of you in Christ Jesus.**

Intercessions:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for our God is good!

*Reader: For our ancestors who built nations and
cultures; who thrived and prospered here long
before the coming of strangers; for the forfeit of
their lives, their homes, their lands, and their
freedoms sacrificed to the rise of new nations and
new worlds.*