



**Thanksgiving Eve**

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## Pre-Service Music: “Come Ye Thankful People Come”

Brass

## Opening Hymn: “Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness”

LSB 788

- 1 Forgive us, Lord, for shallow thankfulness,  
For dull content with warmth and sheltered care,  
For songs of praise for food and harvest press,  
While of Your richer gifts we’re unaware:
- 2 Teach us to thank You, Lord, for love and grace,  
For life and vision, for a purpose clear,  
For Christ Your Son, and for each human face  
That shows Your message ever new and near.
- 3 Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise,  
For words that speak at variance with deeds;  
Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways  
Unmindful of a broken brother’s needs:
- 4 Teach us, O Lord, true thankfulness divine,  
That gives as Christ gave, never counting cost,  
That knows no barrier of “yours” and “mine,”  
Assured that only what’s withheld is lost.
- 5 Forgive us, Lord, for feast that knows not fast,  
For joy in things that meanwhile starve the soul,  
For walls and wars that hide Your mercies vast  
And blur our vision of the Kingdom goal:
- 6 Open our eyes to see Your love’s intent,  
To know with minds and hearts its depth and height;  
May thankfulness be days in service spent,  
Reflection of Christ’s life and love and light.

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## Opening Versicles

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- L** O Lord, open my lips,  
**C** and my mouth will declare Your praise.  
**L** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;  
**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.  
**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Reading

*Deuteronomy 26:1–11*

<sup>1</sup>“When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.’ <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God.

<sup>5</sup>“And you shall make response before the LORD your God, ‘A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.’ And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.”

## Reading Response

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

*Psalm 65*

<sup>1</sup>Praise is due to you, O God, in | Zion,\*  
and to you shall vows | be performed.

<sup>2</sup>O you who | hears prayer,\*  
to you shall | all flesh come.

<sup>3</sup>When iniquities prevail a- | gainst me,\*  
you atone for our trans- | gressions.

<sup>4</sup>Blessèd is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell | in your courts!\*

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your | temple!

<sup>5</sup>By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,  
O God of our sal- | vation,\*

the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the | farthest seas;

<sup>6</sup>the one who by his strength established the | mountains,\*  
 being girded | with might;  
<sup>7</sup>who stills the roaring of the seas,  
 the roaring | of their waves,\*  
 the tumult of the | peoples,  
<sup>8</sup>so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth are in awe | at your signs.\*  
 You make the going out of the morning and the evening to | shout for joy.  
<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it;  
 you greatly enrich it;  
 the river of God is full of | water;\*  
 you provide their grain,  
 for so you have pre- | pared it.  
<sup>10</sup>You water its furrows abundantly,  
 settling its | ridges,\*  
 softening it with showers,  
 and bless- | ing its growth.  
<sup>11</sup>You crown the year with your | bounty;\*  
 your wagon tracks overflow with a- | bundance.  
<sup>12</sup>The pastures of the wilderness | overflow,\*  
 the hills gird them- | selves with joy,  
<sup>13</sup>the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
 the valleys deck them- | selves with grain,\*  
 they shout and sing together | for joy.

## Gloria Patri

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**☩ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Hymn of Praise: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”

LSB 892

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;  
 Raise the song of harvest home.  
 All be safely gathered in  
 Ere the winter storms begin;  
 God, our maker, doth provide  
 For our wants to be supplied.  
 Come to God’s own temple, come;  
 Raise the song of harvest home.
  
- 2 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.

3 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.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In Thy garner to abide:  
Come with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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## Reading

*2 Corinthians 9:6–15*

<sup>6</sup>The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. <sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup>As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;  
his righteousness endures forever.”

<sup>10</sup>He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup>You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

<sup>12</sup>For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints, but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. <sup>13</sup>By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission flowing from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, <sup>14</sup>while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

<sup>15</sup>Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!

## Reading Response

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Anthem: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

Vocal Choir

## Reading

*Luke 12:13–21*

<sup>13</sup>Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup>But he said to him, “Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup>And he said to them, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” <sup>16</sup>And he told them a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, <sup>17</sup>and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup>And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup>And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup>But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup>So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

## Reading Response

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

## Hymn of the Day: “For the Fruits of His Creation”

LSB 894

- 1 For the fruits of His creation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For His gifts to ev’ry nation,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
Silent growth while we are sleeping,  
Future needs in earth’s safekeeping,  
Thanks be to God.
- 2 In the just reward of labor,  
God’s will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God’s will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
For the hungry and despairing,  
In the harvests we are sharing,  
God’s will is done.

- 3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
Thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
For the truths that still confound us,  
Most of all, that love has found us,  
Thanks be to God.

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## Sermon

## Kyrie

*LSB 285*

- L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Christ,  
**C** have mercy.  
**L** O Lord,  
**C** have mercy.

## Lord's Prayer

- C** 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 forever and ever. Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

- C** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## Versicles

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;  
**C** **let my cry come to You.**
- L** In the day of my trouble I call upon You,  
**C** **for You answer me.**
- L** Hide Your face from my sins,  
**C** **and blot out all my iniquities.**
- L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**C** **and renew a right spirit within me.**
- L** Cast me not away from Your presence,  
**C** **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
- L** Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,  
**C** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
- L** Because Your steadfast love is better than life,  
**C** **my lips will praise You.**
- L** For You have been my help,  
**C** **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
- L** Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;  
**C** **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
- L** I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,  
**C** **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
- L** May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.  
**C** **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
- L** Save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
**C** **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
- L** Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
**C** **listen to my plea for grace.**

## Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.  
 Almighty God, You crown the fields with Your blessing and permit us to gather in the fruits of the earth. As stewards of Your creation, may we receive Your gifts in humble thankfulness and share Your bounty with those in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

**C** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.  
Amen.

## Benedicamus

*LSB 287*

**L** Let us bless the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Blessing

*LSB 287*

**L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C** Amen.

## Closing Hymn: “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

**LSB 893**

- 1 Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
Sing songs of love and praise;  
With joyful hearts and voices  
Your alleluias raise.  
By Him the rolling seasons  
In fruitful order move;  
Sing to the Lord of harvest  
A joyous song of love.
- 2 God makes the clouds rain goodness,  
The deserts bloom and spring,  
The hills leap up in gladness,  
The valleys laugh and sing.  
God fills them with His fullness,  
All things with large increase;  
He crowns the year with blessing,  
With plenty and with peace.
- 3 Bring to this sacred altar  
The gifts His goodness gave,  
The golden sheaves of harvest,  
The souls Christ died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before Him  
When at His feet you fall,  
And with your lives adore Him  
Who gave His life for all.

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