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## *Thanksgiving Day Worship*

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### WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #679 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.

For these 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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### THE LITANY OF PRAISE

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name!

**Congregation: Make known to the nations what he has done!**

Leader: With his mighty hand, God took the dust of the ground and  
formed human life.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for the life he has given  
to us.**

Leader: With his voice, God commanded that there be land and  
vegetation, sky and sea.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for the good things of this  
earth.**

Leader: With the sound of a baby's cry in Bethlehem, God introduced  
his one and only Son into the world.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for sending Jesus for our  
salvation.**

Leader: With the written words of the Bible, God declares to all people  
his promise and plan for our future with him.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for the Good News of the  
Gospel.**

Leader: With the watchful eye, God guards and protects us from evil.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for his loving care.**

Leader: With a desire to bind his people into one, God places us in  
relationships with one another.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for our brothers and  
sisters in Christ.**

Leader: With a generous heart, God graciously seeks to provide food  
and drink to all who hunger and thirst.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for healthy bodies and a  
bountiful harvest.**

Leader: With compassion, God comforts those in need.

**Congregation: We give thanks to the Lord for his healing power.**

Leader: Look to the Lord and his strength, seek his face always.

**Congregation: Today and always, may we glory in his name and  
remember the wonders he has done.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

**Almighty God, our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new  
every day. By the work of your Holy Spirit lead us to live daily in  
appreciation for all good things, and so lead us that we may be  
servants of your kindness to the stranger, the seeker, and the lost.  
Amen**

### CHILDREN'S TIME

### GOSPEL READING

Luke 17:11-19

### THE THANKSGIVING MESSAGE – The First Word

- Scripture – Opening Verses from Paul's Letters

HYMN #689 "Praise and Thanksgiving"

1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer  
for all things living, you have made good:  
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,  
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,  
that with our neighbor we may be fed.  
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,  
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

3 Father, providing food for your children,  
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.

4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,  
freely confessing your gracious hand.

Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;  
your love sustaining showers the land.

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THE OFFERING OF GIFTS

OFFERTORY #682 "To God Our Thanks We Give"

Sing 3 times

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PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTON

Leader: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

SENDING HYMN #694 "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

1 Sing to the Lord of harvest your 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 drop fatness, 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  
and crowns the year with goodness, 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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