



# Order of Worship

November 19th, 2017



## *Thanksgiving Sunday*

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# LITURGY

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† SONG OF APPROACH      “Give Thanks With A Grateful Heart”  
*words and music by Henry Smith, 1978*

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks to the Holy One  
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

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And now let the weak say, "I am strong"  
Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"  
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Let the poor say, "I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us"

Gives thanks.

**WELCOME****†PRAYER OF ADORATION**

Elder: Let us pray....Gracious Father, Who is the first in all things, we come to You with hearts of adoration and love. With works of goodness, You have filled to the brim, and overflow before You with thanks and praise.

Elder: For the bodies You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: For the strength You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: For the joy You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: For the faith, hope, and love You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: For the grace and peace You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: For the tables, here and at home, You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: For the people and places You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: For the Spirit You have given us....

*People: We thank You!*

Elder: And for the Christ You have give us....

*People: We thank You!*

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Elder: We thank You Lord, for You are good, and all Your gifts shall know no end. No praise is enough to bless Your name, so we offer up the prayer of Christ:

**ALL: Vater unser im Himmel**

**Geheiligt werde dein Name.**

**Dein Reich komme.**

**Dein Wille geschehe,**

**wie im Himmel, so auf Erden.**

**Unser tägliches Brot gib uns heute.**

**Und vergib uns unsere Schuld,**

**wie auch wir vergeben unsern Schuldigern.**

**Und führe uns nicht in Versuchung,**

**sondern erlöse uns von dem Bösen.**

**Denn dein ist das Reich**

**und die Kraft und die Herrlichkeit**

**in Ewigkeit.**

**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.**

## † SONG OF ADORATION

## “How Firm A Foundation”

*words by Robert Keen, 1787; music by Joseph Funk, 1832 (Norton Hall Band)*

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He has said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you; O be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid.  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,  
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;  
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,  
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

## † CONFESSION OF SIN

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, please join me in the prayer of confession.

**ALL: Gracious Father, we confess to you and to one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed. We have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as we love ourselves. And we have not always had in us the mind of Christ, Who calls us to follow Him and serve the world with humble hearts. Lord, You alone know how often we have buried our talents and wasted Your gifts, and we ask that You forgive us and set us free. Amen.**

(Confess in Silence)

## † SONG OF CONFESSION

## “Shepherd Me, O God”

*words and music by Marty Haugen, 1986*

**[CHORUS - ALL]: Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,  
beyond my fears, from death into life.**

Cantor (Ver. 1): God is my Shepherd, so nothing shall I want  
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love  
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.  
**[CHORUS - ALL]**

Cantor (Ver. 2): Gently You raise me and heal my weary soul,  
You lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth  
My Spirit shall sing the music of Your name.  
**[CHORUS - ALL]**

Cantor (Ver. 3): Though I should wander the valley of death,  
I fear no evil, for You are at my side  
You rod and Your staff, my comfort and my hope.  
**[CHORUS - ALL]**

## CONFESSION OF FORGIVENESS

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, our God (Who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love) loves us just as we are. Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Church of Jesus Christ, I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all of our sins. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**ALL: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and made righteous!  
Thanks be to God!**

## † CONFESSION OF FAITH

### Apostles Creed

Elder: Let us confess our faith together saying:

**ALL: 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 to the dead;  
On the third day He rose again;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And He 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 word *catholic* means “universal” or “for all people” (not the Roman Catholic Church).

## † PASSING OF PEACE

Elder: Friends, the peace of the Lord be with you!

*People: And also with you!*

Elder: Please take this time to offer the peace of Christ to those around you.

## † SONG OF PEACE

### “10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

*words and music by Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin, 2011*

*[CHORUS]*

*Bless the Lord, oh my soul, oh my soul*

*Worship His holy name*

*Sing like never before, oh my soul*

*I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.

It's time to sing Your song again.

Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,

Let me be singing when the evening comes *[CHORUS]*

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger.

Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.

For all Your goodness I will keep on singing

10, 000 Reasons for my heart to find *[CHORUS]*

And on that day when my strength is failing.

The end draws near and my time has come.

Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,

10, 000 Years and then forever more *[CHORUS]*

## EPISTLE READING

James 1:19-27 (ESV)

*Hearing and Doing the Word*

Elder: Children of God and friends of Christ, hear these words from the letter of James:

<sup>19</sup> Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup> for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God. <sup>21</sup> Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup> But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

<sup>23</sup> For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. <sup>24</sup> For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. <sup>25</sup> But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

<sup>26</sup> If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup> Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

Elder: This is the Word of God for you, the people of God.

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mathew 25:14-21; 24-29 (ESV)

*The Parable of the Talents*

Elder: And now friends, a reading from the parables of Jesus.

Listen and hear the Word of God:

<sup>14</sup> A master called three servants and entrusted them with money. <sup>15</sup> To one he gave five talents, to another he gave give two, to another he gave one, and then he went away. <sup>16</sup> The servant who had five talents traded them, and made five more. <sup>17</sup> The servant who had two talents traded them, and made two more. <sup>18</sup> But the servant with one talent dug a hole and buried it, and did nothing with what the master had given. <sup>19</sup> Now when the master returned, he called the servants before him <sup>20</sup> and to the first two he rewarded them for doubling their talents. <sup>21</sup> “Well done, good and faithful servants”, he said, “You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.”

<sup>24</sup> But when he questioned the servant with one talent he heard, “Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.” <sup>26</sup> Then the master answered him, “You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? <sup>27</sup> You ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was mine with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.”

Elder: This too is the Word of God for you, the people of God!

*People: Thanks be to God!*

## MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Scotty J. Williams

## WORSHIP IN GIVING

If you are our guest today, please feel under no compulsion to give.

## † DOXOLOGY

words by Thomas Ken, 1674; music by Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise \*him, all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise \*him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise  
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

## † INVITATION TO THANKSGIVING (Eucharist)

Pastor: In the ancient Church a greeting was given at the breaking of bread, and like those before us I greet you with the joy of God. Friends, the Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them up to the Lord.*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.*

Pastor: It is our duty and delight that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to You, O God, through Jesus Christ, Who calls us to follow His way of humble service and love. And so with saints, angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we praise Your name and join them saying:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might!**

**Heaven and earth are full of Your glory!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Hosanna!**

**Hosanna!**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

"Sung Eucharist"

*words by Isaac Watts, 1719; music by Cologne, 1623*

**ALL:** From all that dwell below the skies.  
 Let the Creator's praise arise.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 Let the Redeemer's name be sung  
 Through every land, in every tongue.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Pastor: The night that Jesus was betrayed  
 He blessed and broke the loaf and said,

*People: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Pastor: "This is my body here for you,  
 My gift that frees and makes you new."

*People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Pastor: Then Jesus also took the cup  
 After those gathered had all supped.

*People: Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Pastor: "This is my life blood shed for you,  
 The measure of my love for you."

*People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

**ALL:** Jesus Your feast we celebrate.  
 We eat the food You consecrate.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
 We glimpse that glad eternal feast,  
 To which You welcome great and least.  
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## + SONG OF THANKSGIVING

"The Summons"

*words by John L. Bell, 1987; music by Traditional Scottish Melody (Kelvingrove)*

Will you come and follow Me if I but call your name?  
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
 Will you let My love be shown? Will you let My name be known,  
 Will you let my life be grown in you and you in Me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in Me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
 And admit to what I mean in you and you in Me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?  
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in Me?

Lord your summons echoes true when You but call my name.  
 Let me turn and follow You and never be the same.  
 In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in You and You in me.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Elder: Friends, as we prepare to leave this place of rest, and go back into a restless world, let us pray to the Lord with all our hearts, souls, and minds saying...

*People: Lord have mercy.*

Elder: For the peace from above, for the loving-kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

*People: Lord have mercy.*

Elder: For the peace of the world, for the freedom of the oppressed, for the wisdom of all rulers, for the unity of all people, for those who are suffering and feel exiled from others, and for those in need of hope as they face the works of terror and war. Let us pray to the Lord.

*People: Lord have mercy.*

Elder: For the peace of the Church and the unity of all believers. For the unity of Protestants, Catholics, Orthodox Christians, and those without denominations. And for the unity and ministry of our brothers and sisters at the *Meetinghouse Church of Edina*, let us pray to the Lord.

*People: Lord have mercy.*

Elder: For the peace of Switzerland and all who live here, for the Bundesrat and leaders of St. Gallen, and for the Kirchenrat and leaders of our Synod, let us pray to the Lord.

*People: Lord have mercy.*

Elder: And for the life we are called to live. May we walk in faith, hope, and love until we see our Savior face to face.

*People: Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy.*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Elder: Gracious Father, as a parent gives hope to a troubled child, You have given us hope through Jesus Christ. Thank You for feeding us at His Table, giving us Your Holy Word to show us Your perfect will, and watching over us with eyes of love. Father accept our prayers, give us the grace to accept Your answers, even when Your answers disappoint us, and let us always find joy in You, the Son, and the Holy Spirit Who keep us, guide us, and set us free from every ill. We ask all this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, both now and forever. Amen.

## + SONG OF SENDING

## “Now Thank We All Our God”

*words by M. Rinckart (translated by C. Winkworth), 1636; music by J. Crüger, 1647*

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav-en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re-joice - es;  
with ev-er joy-ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;  
to Fa-ther and to Son and Spir-it now be giv-en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
the one e-ter-nal God, whom heaven and earth a-dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev-er-more.



