



Thanksgiving Day – Thanking God with His Word

*Hymn	#111	<i>Come, Ye Thankful People</i>
Scripture Reading		Psalm 98
Responsive Reading		Psalm 19
*Hymn	#430	<i>Count Your Blessings</i>
Scripture Reading		Isaiah 51:1-8
Responsive Reading		Psalm 138
Offering		
*Hymn	#110	<i>Thanks to God!</i>
Scripture Reading		Philippians 4:4-13
Meditation		Colossians 3:12-17
*Hymn	#113	<i>Let Us with a Gladsome Mind</i>
Scripture Reading		2 Corinthians 9:6-15
Responsive Reading		Psalm 103
Giving of Thanks		
Scripture Reading		Revelation 7:9-17
*Hymn	#36	<i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>
Benediction		
Doxology		

* = Please stand as you are able

Psalm 19

*The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.*

*Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they display knowledge.*

*There is no speech or language where their voice is not heard.
Their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the
ends of the world.*

*In the heavens he has pitched a tent for the sun,
which is like a bridegroom coming forth from his pavilion,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.*

*It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the
other;
nothing is hidden from its heat.*

*The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul.
The statutes of the LORD are trustworthy, making wise the
simple.*

*The precepts of the LORD are right, giving joy to the heart.
The commands of the LORD are radiant, giving light to the
eyes.*

*The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever.
The ordinances of the LORD are sure and altogether
righteous.*

*They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb.*

*By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.*

*Who can discern his errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.*

*Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule
over me.*

Then will I be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

*May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
O LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.*

Psalm 138

*I will praise you, O LORD, with all my heart;
before the “gods” I will sing your praise.*

*I will bow down toward your holy temple and will praise your
name for your love and your faithfulness,
**for you have exalted above all things your name and your
word.***

*When I called, you answered me;
you made me bold and stouthearted.*

*May all the kings of the earth praise you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth.*

*May they sing of the ways of the LORD,
for the glory of the LORD is great.*

*Though the LORD is on high, he looks upon the lowly,
but the proud he knows from afar.*

*Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
**you stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes,
with your right hand you save me.***

*The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
**your love, O LORD, endures forever— do not abandon the
works of your hands.***

Psalm 103

*Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*

*Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—*

*who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,*

*who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,*

*who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.*

*The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all the oppressed.*

*He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:*

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;*

*he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.*

*For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;*

*as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

*As a father has compassion on his children,
so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;*

*for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.*

*As for man, his days are like grass,
he flourishes like a flower of the field;*

*the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.*

*But from everlasting to everlasting
the LORD's love is with those who fear him,*

*and his righteousness with their children's children—
with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey
his precepts.*

*The LORD has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.*

*Praise the LORD, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.*

*Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.*

*Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.*

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

"To all ye Pilgrims:

In as much as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, peas, beans, squashes, and garden vegetable, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as he has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience;

"Now I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and ye little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th, of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and the third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings. William Bradford, Ye Governor of Ye Colony."

--William Bradford (1590-1657), Pilgrim father and second governor of Plymouth colony.

"We ought to give thanks for all fortune: if it is good, because it is good, if bad, because it works in us patience, humility and the contempt of this world and the hope of our eternal country."

--C.S. Lewis (1898-1963), Novelist, poet and Christian apologist.

"A thankful heart is one of the primary identifying characteristics of a believer. It stands in stark contrast to pride, selfishness, and worry. And it helps fortify the believer's trust in the Lord and reliance of His provision, even in the toughest times. No matter how choppy the seas become, a believer's heart is buoyed by constant praise and gratefulness to the Lord."

--John MacArthur, American pastor, teacher, speaker, author.

"The Lord afflicts us at times; but it is always a thousand times less than we deserve, and much less than many of our fellow-creatures are suffering around us. Let us therefore pray for grace to be humble, thankful, and patient."

--John Newton (1725-1807), English slave ship master turned Anglican minister.

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