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Thanksgiving Day

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OH, GIVE THANKS
UNTO THE
LORD FOR HE
IS GOOD,
FOR HIS MERCY
ENDURES FOREVER.



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✠ Order of Divine Worship ✠

OPENING PRAYER

Hymn: WS #793:1,2

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

G Amen.

INTROIT

Ps. 136:1-7, 23-26

A collection of passages that set the tone for the service.

P Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever.

G Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever.

P Oh give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever.

G To Him who alone does great wonders, For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who by wisdom made the heavens,
For His mercy endures forever;

G To Him who laid out the earth above the
waters, For His mercy endures forever;

P To Him who made great lights, For His mercy
endures forever;

G Who remembered us in our lowly state,
For His mercy endures forever;

P And rescued us from our enemies, For His mercy endures forever;

G Who gives food to all flesh, For His mercy endures forever.

P Oh, give thanks to the God of heaven! For His mercy endures forever.



CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We come before God recognizing that we are sinful and daily need His forgiveness.

P Dear friends in Christ, aware of God’s providence and grace, let us humble ourselves in sincerity before God to confess our sins and receive His forgiveness.

G O Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in our thoughts, desires, words, and actions. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We pray: In Your mercy forgive our sins against You and direct what we do in the future; that in everything we may delight in Your gracious and perfect will, walk in Your ways, and give thanks in every circumstance through Jesus Christ our Lord.

P Having confessed your sins, and trusting in God’s grace in Christ, hear

the Good News: By the direction of our Savior Jesus, in His place and in His name, you are forgiven!

☑ All glory be to God! Amen.

Hymn: WS #793:3

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

2 Corinthians 8:8-15 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. ¹⁰ And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. ¹¹ So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. ¹² For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. ¹³ For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness ¹⁴ your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. ¹⁵ As it is written, "Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack."

✠ Oh, Give Thanks unto the Lord ✠

Hymn: TLH #36

“Now Thank We All Our God”

John 6:22-27 On the next day the crowd that remained on the other side of the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not entered the boat with his disciples, but that his disciples had gone away alone. ²³ Other boats from Tiberias came near the place where they had eaten the bread after the Lord had given thanks. ²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal."

✠ For He is Good ✠

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Explanation to the 1st Article

The Apostles' Creed is a summary of Christian faith as taught by the Apostles.

I believe that God has made me and all creatures, giving me my body and soul, eyes, ears and all my members, my reason and all my senses; and that He still preserves me; richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, cattle, and all my goods, and all that I need to keep my body and life; defending me against all danger, and guarding and protecting me from all evil; All of this He does out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank and praise, and to serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

Hymn: TLH #30:1,3-5

“Oh, that I Had a Thousand Voices”

Lamentations 3:21-24 But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: ²² The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; ²³ they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. ²⁴ "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."



✠ For His Mercy Endures Forever ✠

Hymn: TLH #546:1,2,5

“How Lovely Shines the Morning Star”

- OFFERING OF THANKFUL HEARTS -

Followed immediately by the Offering Hymn printed below:

OFFERING HYMN: TLH #441:1

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

- G** **♩ We give Thee but Thine own, Whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.**

PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER, and BENEDICTION

- P** The LORD bless you and keep you; The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you; The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you His peace.

G **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: TLH #15

“From All that Dwell below the Skies”