

COME,
LET US SING FOR
JOY
TO THE LORD;
LET US SHOUT ALOUD
TO THE
ROCK OF OUR
SALVATION.

PSALM 95:1

FRENCH PRESS MORNINGS

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Worship Service



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The Worship of God

Christ the King Sunday

A Celebration of Thanks-giving

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing of Our Vision



Preparing Ourselves for Worship During the Musical Prelude....

Thanksgiving is that quiet holiday nestled between Halloween and Christmas that beckons us to slow down and reflect on God's bountiful blessings. But with all the busyness of the surrounding holiday season, it is easy to become frazzled and anxious and miss the purpose and joy of the occasion.

Philippians 4: 6,7 says "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and pleading with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." In this scripture we are given the solution for our anxiousness and worry.

We are to pray with thanksgiving. The promised result of such praying is that the peace of God will guard our hearts and minds. So, throughout this season, make sure to "call a time out" when stress comes, and pray with thanksgiving. When you do, you will discover a peace that surpasses all human understanding.

Preparing to Meet God

Call to Worship

- Based on Psalm 100

L: Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth.

P: **Serve the Lord with jubilation.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courtyards with praise.

P: **Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

L: For the Lord is good and his mercy is everlasting.

P: **His faithfulness is to all generations.**

*Hymn of Praise

Let All Things Now Living

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*1-Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.*

2-By law God enforces the stars in their courses,
 The sun in its orbit obediently shine;
 The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
 The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
 We, too, should be voicing our love and rejoicing
 With glad adoration, a song let us raise:
 Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving,
 To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.



Prayer of Confession

Eternal and Almighty God, to you is due all our praise and thanksgiving. You are a gracious, loving Lord! But we create false gods we choose to worship. Money, power, and pleasure guide our steps, not your life-giving Holy Spirit. We put our trust in our efforts, not in your grace and truth. We value what our culture offers, not the clear teachings of Scripture. Forgive us for our idolatry, O God. Help us to live as your Son's disciples to the glory and honor of your name. And now holy God we turn to you in silent prayer to share our concerns and to seek your forgiveness.....Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

- L: Friends, hear the Good News: We have been justified through faith in Jesus Christ.
- P: **We have been received into the sphere of God's grace.**
- L: Believe the Good News of the Gospel -
- P: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

Meeting God in the Word

Children's Message

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson	Isaiah 12	Thanksgiving Expressed	Lay Leader
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God is my
salvation
 I will trust,
 and will not be afraid;
 for the LORD GOD
 is my
strength
 & my
song

Isaiah 12:2

Then you will say in that day: I will give thanks to you, O Lord; for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, and you comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid, for the Lord God is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known his deeds among the nations; proclaim that his name is exalted.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously; let this be known in all the earth. Shout aloud and sing for joy, o royal Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

- L: This is the Word of the Lord.
- P: **Thanks be to God.**

Special Music

Second Lesson *Psalm 92: 1-5 & Psalm 95: 1-7* *Thanksgiving and Praise* *Paul*

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O Lord, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have formed.

O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Thanksgiving



Let us sing the Doxology as our closing prayer to my sermon, that we might be reminded of the One who provides us with all our needs and the One to whom we should all be very thankful – every morning, afternoon, and evening of our lives.

Let us join together in praising God from whom all blessings flow.

Responding to the Word

*Hymn

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

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*1-Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

Affirmation of FaithThe Apostles' Creed (ecumenical version)*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer*The Sharing of Things for Which We Are Thankful*

Cares Chorus: *I cast all my cares upon you. I lay all of my burdens down at your feet.*

And anytime I don't know what to do, I cast all my cares upon you.

The Call to Celebrate Our Gifts

God provided all that we need, and so we are called to return a portion of our blessings to God to be used in God's service. We so appreciate all that each of you shares for our church's ministry. May we all give sacrificially for God's glory.

**Going Out to Serve****Closing Hymn***Now Thank We All Our God*

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*1-Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrously things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.*

*2-O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.*

*3-All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son,
And Spirit now be given,
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.*



Blessing

L: Let the peace of Christ, to which you were indeed called in one body, rule in your hearts and be thankful.

P: May the Word of Christ richly dwell within us with all wisdom, teaching, and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in our hearts to God.

L: Whatever you do in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father.

Response

He Is Lord - He is Lord, he is Lord. He has risen from the dead, and he is Lord. Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess, that Jesus Christ is Lord.

