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Thanksgiving Day

November 27, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude For the Beauty of the Earth (*Dix*) *Rudy Davenport*

Hymn in Procession #290 Come ye thankful people, come *St. George's Windsor*

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria *said together*

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God.
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray. Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

said responsively

- 1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- 2 Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
**he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**
- 3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.
- 4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

The Second Lesson

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #291

We plow the fields, and scatter

Wir pflügen

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Holy Gospel

John 6:25-35

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Prayers of the People

Please stand or kneel

Gathered together in Christ's Name on this Day of Thanksgiving, let us pray for the world and give thanks to God for the many blessings of this life. *A brief silence.*

We give you thanks for the beauty of earth, sky and sea: for the richness of mountains, plains, and rivers; for the songs of birds, the loveliness of flowers and the ever-changing pageant of the leaves. Grant that we may continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your good creation.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We give thanks for this parish and the joyful witness of its people. Guide us as we engage in ministries which demand our best efforts and reflect your love to the world.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are ill, including those on our prayer list, those in our hearts, and those whose suffering is known to you alone. Be with doctors, nurses and all care partners, that through their ministries the health of your people may be strengthened and your creation glorified.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

As we gather around tables today, many of us are mindful of those loved ones who dwell with you in glory. Comfort us in our sorrow for all whom we love but see no longer. Grant to the departed eternal rest. Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer.

You have blessed the earth with great abundance, yet many are left lacking. We pray for all those who are hungry: hungry for food, hungry for companionship, hungry for work, or hungry for a deeper knowledge of you. Feed and sustain us with the bread only you can provide, that not only our bodies, but our souls and minds might have their fill of your abundant grace.

Gracious and generous God, hear our prayer. Amen.

The Confession of Sin & Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A period of silence is kept, ended by the Celebrant.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.



Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chris Streeter

Offertory Solo

Nehmt meinen Dank, K. 38

W. A. Mozart

Shannah Yerofeyev, *soprano*

Nehmt meinen Dank, ihr holden Gönner!
So feurig, als mein Herz ihn spricht,
Euch laut zu sagen, können Männer,
Ich, nur ein Weib, vermag es nicht.
Doch glaubt, ich werd' in meinem Leben
Niemals vergessen eure Huld:
Blieb' ich, so wäre mein Bestreben,
Sie zu verdienen, doch Geduld!
Von Anbeginn was stetes Wandern
Der Musen und der Künstler Los:
Mir geht es so, wie allen andern,
Fort aus des Vaterlandes Schoß
Seh' ich mich von dem Schicksal leiten,
Doch glaubt es mir, in jedem Reich,
Wohin ich geh' zu allen Zeiten
Bleibt immerdar mein Herz bei euch.

*Accept my thanks, kind patrons!
Men could speak them aloud to you
with the ardor that my heart feels ~
but I, who am only a woman, cannot do so.
Yet believe me, never in my life
shall I forget your gracious favor.
Were I to stay, my aim would be
to merit it; but patience!
From the beginning, constant roving
has been the lot of Muses and of artists;
with me it is as with all the others;
I see myself led by Fate
from the bosom of my native land.
Yet believe me, in whatever country
I may be, for all time
my heart will always remain with you.*

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.

The Holy Communion Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People

It is right to give him thanks and praise.



Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus and Benedictus

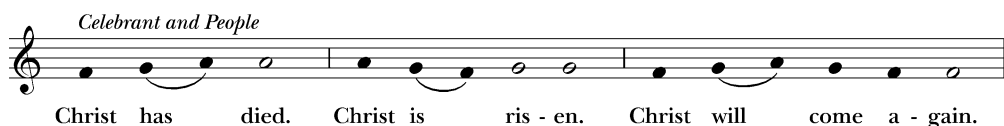
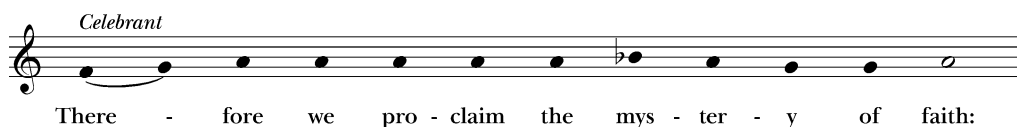
Hymnal S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."



Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,

now and for
ev - er. A - MEN.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
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.

The Fraction

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

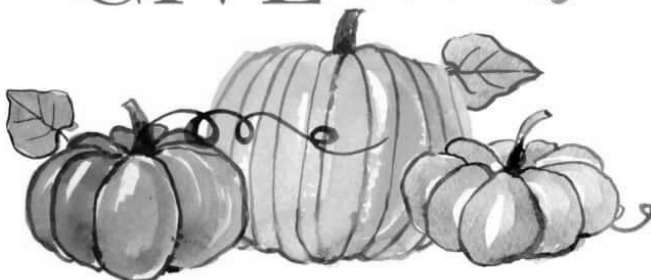
Celebrant Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

People There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

All are welcome at God's Table

Please come forward, at the direction of the ushers. The bread is received in the open palm. Gluten-free wafers are available by asking the priest. The wine, if desired, may be taken from the common cup by drinking (placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it). If you do not wish to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing from the priest.

In all things
GIVE thanks!



Communion

Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness

Daniel Burton

Communion Solo

In His Presence

Dick and Melodie Tunney

<i>In the quiet of this hour</i>	<i>There can be such sweet reward</i>
<i>As I kneel before You now</i>	<i>When we wait upon the Lord</i>
<i>I believe Your promise</i>	<i>As we take the time</i>
<i>To be faithful</i>	<i>He gives His perfect wisdom</i>
<i>I don't always understand</i>	<i>To be found in Him alone</i>
<i>What Your perfect will demands</i>	<i>All our deepest secrets known</i>
<i>But I learn to trust You more</i>	<i>We're surrounded by His grace</i>
<i>In Your presence Lord</i>	<i>When we seek His face</i>

<i>In Your presence</i>	<i>In Your presence</i>
<i>There is comfort</i>	<i>There is comfort</i>
<i>In Your presence</i>	<i>In Your presence</i>
<i>There is peace</i>	<i>There is peace</i>
<i>When we seek to know Your heart</i>	<i>When we seek the Father's heart</i>
<i>We will find such blessed assurance</i>	<i>We will find such blessed assurance</i>
<i>In Your holy presence Lord</i>	<i>An ever open door</i>
	<i>To know our Savior more</i>
	<i>In the presence of the Lord</i>

Thanksgiving after Communion

Please stand or kneel.

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn #397

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

The Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Voluntary

Now Thank We All Our God /
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

arr. Cindy Berry

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