



## THANKSGIVING LITURGY

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

**All: make known his deeds among the peoples!**

Leader: Sing to him, sing praises to him;

**All: tell of all his wondrous works!**

Leader: Glory in his holy name;

**All: let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! *Psalm 105:1-3***

### *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;

join me in glad adoration.

2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen, how all thy longings have been  
granted in what he ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.

Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriend thee.

4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.

Let the Amen sound from his people again;

gladly fore'er we adore him.



## SCRIPTURE READING

### *Psalm 145:1-10*

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.  
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.  
One generation shall commend your works to another,  
and shall declare your mighty acts.  
On the glorious splendor of your majesty,  
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.  
They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,  
and I will declare your greatness.  
They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness  
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.  
The Lord is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
The Lord is good to all,  
and his mercy is over all that he has made.  
All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!

### *Colossians 3:12-17*

Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.



## THANKSGIVING MEDITATION

### SHARING PERSONAL THANKS

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;  
All: **his steadfast love endures forever.**

*Personal words of thanks*

After each person shares, the one who shares leads this response:

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.  
All: **his steadfast love endures forever.**

### LITANY OF FEASTING WITH FRIENDS

Leader: To gather joyfully is indeed a serious affair,  
for feasting and all enjoyments gratefully taken are, at their heart, acts of war.  
May this our feast fall like a great hammer blow against that brittle night,  
shattering the gloom, reawakening our hearts,  
stirring our imaginations, focusing our vision  
on the kingdom of God that was, and is, and is to come.

All: **In celebrating this feast we declare  
that evil and death, suffering and loss, sorrow and tears,  
will not have the final word.**

Leader: But the joy of fellowship, and the welcome and comfort of friends,  
and the celebration of these blessings of food and drink  
and conversation and laughter  
are the true evidences of things eternal,  
and are the first fruits of that great glad joy that is to come  
and that will be unending.

All: **So let our feast this day be joined to those sure victories secured by Christ.**

Leader: Let it be to us now a delight,  
and a glad foretaste of his eternal kingdom.

All: **Bless us, O Lord, in this feast.**

Leader: All will be well!

All: **All will be well!**

Leader: Nothing good and right and true will be lost forever.



**All:**           **All good things will be restored.**

Leader:       Feast and be reminded!  
Now you who are loved by the Father,  
prepare your hearts and give yourselves wholly to this celebration of joy  
and to the abiding presence of Christ  
who is seated among us both as our host and as our honored guest,  
and still yet as our conquering king.

**All:**           **Amen.**

Leader:       In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
take seat, take feast, take delight!

***Great Is Thy Faithfulness***

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
there is no shadow of turning with thee.  
Thou changest not; thy compassions, they fail not.  
As thou hast been thou forever will be.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;  
thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.



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All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**BLESSING**

Leader: The almighty and merciful Lord,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us  
and give us his peace.

All: **Hallelujah, Amen!**