

Morning Prayer: Rite Two
Wednesday, November 26, 2025
Thanksgiving Day

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Officiant 1 O give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. *Psalm 105:1*

Officiant 2 By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us, to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1:78-79*

Confession of Sin

Officiant 1 Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

Officiant 1 God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Officiant 2 Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant 1 O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

Officiant 2 And your glory all the day long.

Officiant 1 Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

Officiant 2 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen. Alleluia.

Officiant 1 God is the Rock of our salvation:

Officiant 2 Come let us adore him.

Jubilate *Psalm 100* *Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

serve the Lord with gladness

and come before his presence with a song.

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.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; *

give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; *

and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

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Psalm 111 *Said responsively breaking at the half verse*

Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,*
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *

and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *

the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; *

he is ever mindful of his covenant.

He has shown his people the power of his works *

in giving them the lands of the nations.

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *

all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast for ever and ever, *

because they are done in truth and equity.

He sent redemption to his people;

he commanded his covenant for ever; *

holy and awesome is his Name.

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; *

those who act accordingly have a good understanding;

his praise endures for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.

Amen.

The Lessons

Officiant 1 **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians**

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.

Officiant 1 The Word of the Lord

Officiant 2 Thanks be to God

Canticle **A Song of Praise** *Song of the Three Young Men, 29-34*
Said responsively breaking at the half verse

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; *
 you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
 on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
 in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.
Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
 we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
 Amen.

Officiant 2 **A Reading from the Gospel according to John**
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."

Officiant 2 The Word of the Lord
Officiant 1 Thanks be to God

The Apostles' Creed

Officiant 1

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

The Prayers

Officiant 2 The Lord be with you.

Officiant 1 And also with you.

Officiant 2 Let us pray.

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Suffrages (from A New Zealand Prayer Book)

V. Make your ways known upon earth, O God,

R. **your saving power among all peoples.**

V. Renew your Church in holiness,

R. **and help us to serve you with joy.**

V. Guide the leaders of this and every nation,

R. **that justice may prevail throughout the world.**

V. Let not the needy, O God, be forgotten,

R. **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Make us instruments of your peace,

R. **and let your glory be over all the earth.**

Officiant 1 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 Collect of the Day*

Officiant 2 God of hope, When Christ your Son appears, may he not find us asleep or idle, but active in his service and ready; through the same Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen. *A Collect for Advent, A New Zealand Prayer Book*

Officiant 1 Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *A Collect for Guidance*

Officiant 2 Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen. *Prayer for Mission*

The Peace and Greetings

Officiant 2 The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

Officiant 1 **And also with you**

The worshippers exchange the Peace and greet one another.

One of the Officiants prays Thanksgivings and Intercessions shared in Chat.

Officiant 1 Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

Officiant 2 We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

Officiant 1 We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

Officiant 2 We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Officiant 1 Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Officiant 2 Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know Christ and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

A General Thanksgiving

Officiant 1 Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant 1 Let us bless the Lord.

Officiant 2 Thanks be to God.

Officiant 1 May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.