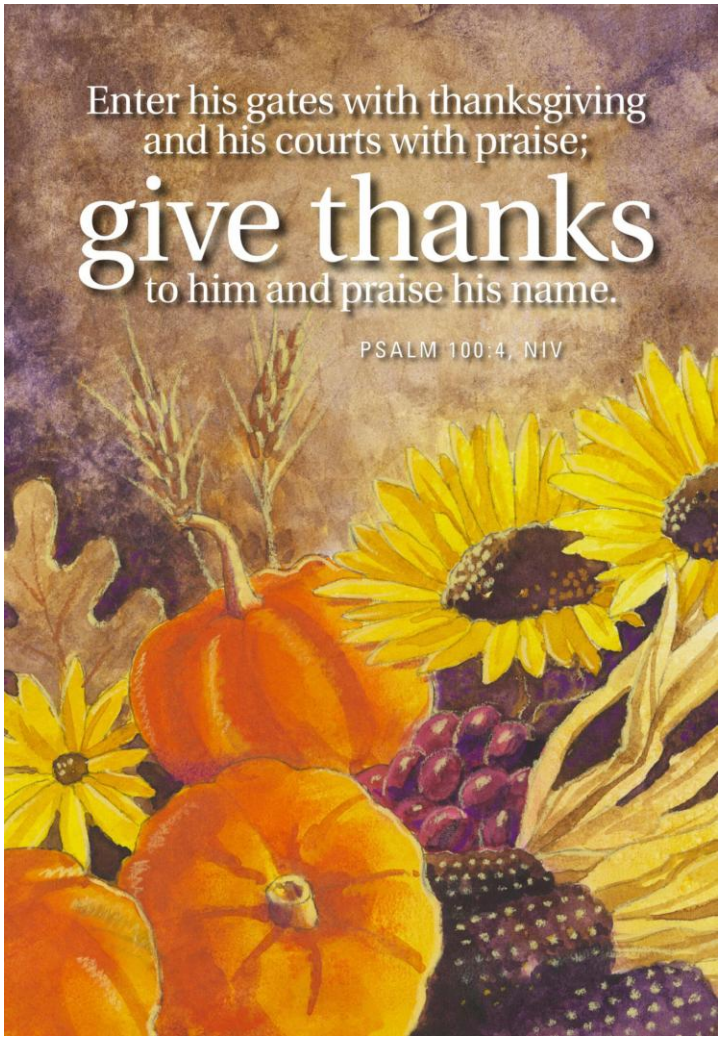
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WELCOME! We're honored that you're worshipping with us today. Masks are optional while in the Cathedral buildings. Please use the hand sanitizer that is provided throughout the building before and after touching any surfaces. If you're not familiar with our Episcopal worship service, we hope this service bulletin will help.

Please stand as indicated and be seated for lessons
Prelude *Dr. Kerry Heimann, Organ*

All stand as able
Processional Hymn Hymnal # 290 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Remain standing
Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. 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.**

All say together
Gloria in Excelsis

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 God, 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 People are seated

First Reading **Lector: Bobbie Powell**

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy (8:7-18)

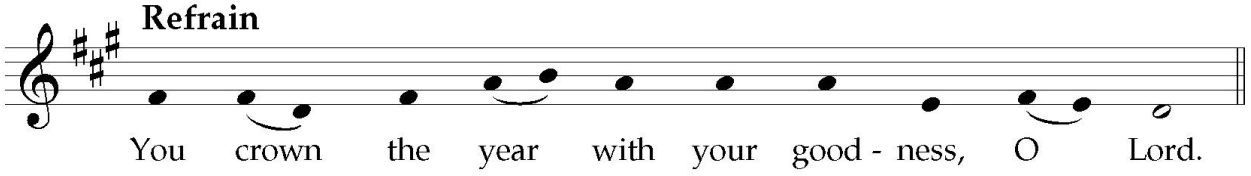
The Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated; all sing Refrain together

Psalm 65 **Cantor: Cn. Paul Cooper**



from *Gradual Psalms for the RCL,* ed. Bruce E. Ford, Church Publishing Incorporated

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.

Refrain

Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.

Refrain

You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your
marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

Refrain

You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.

Refrain

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.

Refrain

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

Refrain

Remain seated

Second Reading **Lector: Gabrielle Lee**

A Reading from Paul's Second letter to the Church in Corinth (2 Cor. 9:6-15)

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as able
Sequence Hymn **Hymnal # 291** **We Plow the Fields, and Scatter**

Remain standing
The Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The People are seated
Sermon **The Very Reverend Terence Alexander Lee, M.Div.**
Acting Dean

Remain Standing
Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Remain standing
Prayers of the People **Lector: Suzette Price**

Celebrant: Oh Heavenly Father, Jesus told us that "just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Inspire all of us to provide for those who need. We ask you to help us watch over all the less fortunate in the world. Help us open the door of opportunity for those who need it. Help us feed those who lack the daily nutrients you have provided. All this we ask in your name. **Amen**.

Celebrant: Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth. (Psalm 54:2)

Lector: Empower the church in not only giving food to the hungry but also in helping farmers all around the world to have the resources to grow better crops.

People: **Hear my prayer, O God.**

Lector: Guide the United States in sharing all its resources with all those who live in every city, county and state.

***People*:** **Hear my prayer, O God.**

Lector: We acknowledge that one in every seven persons goes to bed hungry every night. Help us to share all that we have.

***People*:** **Hear my prayer, O God.**

Lector: Help us to reach out and nourish all who suffer from hunger. Teach us to be great stewards of your gifts.

***People*:** **Hear my prayer, O God.**

Lector: We remember all who have died due to lack of basic food requirements. Assist us in making immediate changes here and throughout the world.

***People*:** **Hear my prayer, O God.**

Celebrant: O God, you said, "ask, and it shall be given; seek, and you shall find; knock, and it shall be opened to you." We ask that you bless all those who are hungry this day. Help us to seek out those who have little and find the way to open our hearts to be generous givers of all your gifts. **Amen**.

The Confession and Absolution
Stand or kneel as able

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

All say together:
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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**.

Please remain in your pew for the Peace
The Peace
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Please remain seated while Ushers collect the offertory
All stand, as able
Offertory Hymn Hymnal # 309 O Food to Pilgrims Given

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, food donations to the Cathedral Food Pantry, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or Celebrant.

Holy Communion

All stand, as able
The Great Thanksgiving:
Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Celebrant proceeds . . .
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 with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being: and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you, O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All say together:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues . . .
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." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

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 ever. **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray . . .
Celebrant and People:
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.

Fraction
The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said . . .
Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
***People*:** **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

All say together
Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Solo *Dr. Kerry Heimann, Organ*

The Post-Communion Prayer
Celebrant and People: **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

All stand as able
Recessional Hymn **Hymnal # 397** **Now Thank We All our God**

Blessing
Celebrant: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Dismissal
Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Dr. Kerry Heimann, Organ*

A Season of Gratitude

I am thankful for my health, freedom, family and friends ~ Suzette Price

I am eternally grateful for my family, past and present, for the joy of children and grandchildren and for all those who have shared my life's journey so far and have showered me with the love of God through good times and bad. I am grateful for this fragile earth, our island home, for the splendor, beauty and mystery of this most precious gift, and for the creatures we share it with, both domestic and wild.

I am grateful for relatively good health, a comfortable home, and the gift of meaningful work. Lastly but certainly not least, I am grateful for Trinity Cathedral and for the opportunity to worship and to serve the Lord with the many living saints who inhabit this place. Thanks be to God! ~ Dcn. Christopher Cox

We are thankful for the Good News of Jesus. It is increasingly obvious that so many people are looking for money, position, free time, sex or almost anything else you can imagine, instead of the love of God, to make their lives better. It is the outcome of our not being willing to discuss our faith and for so many to not understand that while the customs and structures of the Church can be helpful nothing replaces taking time to be with God to understand that Christianity is the answer to the metaphysics.

Once we figured that out then everything else has fallen in place: we can better enjoy every day and see how it leads to a brighter future; we can enjoy the fruits of enlightened capitalism and know that money is just a tool; we can take care of our physical body and see that living into old age, even 120, can be wonderful; while, also knowing that, as Paul says, when God is ready for us we're ready. ~ Canon Dr. Phil Lewis & Dr. Gail Lewis

I am thankful for good health and a loving and supportive family. ~ Georgia Koenig

I am thankful for all of God's blessings on my life: my supportive husband Joe, my loving furbabe Stormy, my cozy home, my dear family and friends, my health, and my work with all of you here at Trinity Cathedral. The beautiful earth, the amazing universe, and LIFE! ~ Patrice D'Angelo

I thank God for my awesome family, and I am grateful that everybody who visited our Food Pantry got a turkey! ~ Lourdez "Cookie" Hernandez