

Thanksgiving Eve Service

November 25, 2015 – Service of the Word (page 38)

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Hymn - #615 “We Thank You for Your Blessings”

The Confession of Sins & Absolution

Prayer and Praise

Song of Praise – Oh, Taste and See

Prayer of the Day

The Word

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Psalms of the Day – Psalm 100

Congregation sings Hymn #233 “All People that On Earth Do Dwell”

Second Lesson – Philippians 4:10-20

Verse of the Day – Alleluia! The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end. Alleluia!

The Gospel – Luke 17:11-19

Hymn of the Day - #610 “Now Thank We All Our God”

THE SERMON

Apostles’ Creed

Thanksgiving

Offering & Offering Anthem - “Sing to the Lord of Harvest”

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Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise.

With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move.

Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love.

God makes the clouds rain goodness, the deserts bloom and spring.

The hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.

God fills them with His fullness, all things with large increase.

He crowns the year with blessing, with plenty and with peace.

Bring to this sacred altar the gifts His goodness gave:

The golden sheaves of harvest, the souls Christ died to save.

Your hearts lay down before Him when at His feet you fall,

And with your lives adore Him Who gave His life for all.

Prayer of the Church

Lord’s Prayer

Closing Prayer & Benediction

Closing Hymn - #618 “Before the Lord We Bow”

First Lesson – Deuteronomy 8:10-18

When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Be careful that you do not forget the LORD your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, then your heart will become proud and you will forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. He led you through the vast and dreadful desert, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water out of hard rock. He gave you manna to eat in the desert, something your fathers had never known, to humble and to test you so that in the end it might go well with you. You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.” But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today.

Second Lesson – Philippians 4:10-20

I rejoice greatly in the Lord that at last you have renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you have been concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength. Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. More-over, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid again and again when I was in need. Not that I am looking for a gift, but I am looking for what may be credited to your account. I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen

Gospel – Luke 17:11-19

Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”