

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT
OF CHRIST THE KING
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

THANKSGIVING DAY
LOW MASS WITH HYMNS

Hymn 433 *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing*

Kremser

Introit *Protexisti me, Deus*

Ps. 64: 2

The Celebrant: The Lord fed his people *

All: **with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

The Celebrant: Sing with joy to God our strength

All: **and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

The Celebrant: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

All: **The Lord fed his people with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.**

Opening Acclamation & Collect for Purity

Prayer Book, page 355

Gloria in excelsis

Prayer Book, page 356

Collect

Prayer Book, page 246

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you

All: **And also with you.**

The 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 Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The Reader: 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.

Psalm 100 *Jubilate Deo*

The Reader: Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *

All: **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.**

The Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

The Reader: 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.

The Alleluia *Laudate Dominum*

Ps. 147: 1, 7

The Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia.

All: **Alleluia, alleluia.**

The Celebrant: How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise. Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving.

All: **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel

Saint John 6:25-35

The Reader: 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."

Homily

The Prayers of the People *Litany of Thanksgiving*

Prayer Book, page 836

The Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us. For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

All: **We thank you, Lord.**

The Celebrant: Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

All: **To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect after the Prayers of the People

The Celebrant: Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths are broken up and the clouds drop down the rain: we give you unending thanks and praise for the seasons, the fertility of the earth, and for the harvest and for all other blessings of your merciful love; grant our prayers for our family and nation, that there may be peace and tranquility in the world. Grant this, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Offertory *Laudate Dominum*

Ps. 147: 7

The Celebrant: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;

All: **make music to our God upon the harp.**

Hymn 290 *Come, ye thankful people, come*

St. George's, Windsor

The Canon of the Mass (Prayer A)

Prayer Book, page 361

The Communion Verse *Laudate Dominum*

Ps. 147: 13-15

The Celebrant: Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; *

All: **praise your God, O Zion. For he has strengthened the bars of your gates and blessed your children within you; the Lord has established peace on your borders and satisfies you with the finest wheat.**

Hymn 302 *Father, we thank thee*

Rendez á Dieu

The Postcommunion Prayer

Prayer Book, page 365

The Solemn Blessing

The Celebrant: May the Lord bless you and keep you. **Amen.**

May the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you. **Amen.**

May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. **Amen.**

May God Almighty, † Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity, guard you, save you, and bring you to that heavenly City, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Dismissal

The Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 291 *We plow the fields, and scatter*

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