

# The Holy Friendship

of

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Thanksgiving Prayer Service

9:00 AM

Via Zoom and Facebook  
Streamed to  
St. James Episcopal Church Preston  
Grace Episcopal Church Yantic

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The Reverend Ronald Steed, Deacon

## THANKSGIVING PRAYER SERVICE

Officiant: Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name: make known his deeds among the peoples.

### **The Invitatory and Psalter**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant & People:

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

Officiant: The earth is the Lord's for he made it:

People: **Come let us adore him.**

### **Jubilate**

**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.**

### **Psalm 65**

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.
- 4 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.
- 5 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.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves,  
and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 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.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,  
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

Officiant & People:

**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**

### **2 Corinthians 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!

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 11 The Third Song of Isaiah

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations Will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night, they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation, \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

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 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, "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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Reflection:**

The Rev, Kim J. Litsey

**The Apostles' Creed**

**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: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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. Amen**

#### **The Collect**

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.*

#### **Prayers of Thanksgiving**

Deacon: Lord God, we are forever grateful grace and mercy will always be with us.

Lector: We give thanks for our families and friends, and we pray for their continued health and well being.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Lector: We give thanks for our parish communities of St. James and Grace; may each parish continue to grow in faith and become beloved communities centered in mission.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Lector: We give thanks that you provide us with good and healthy food to eat and enough to share with others.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Lector: We give thanks for providing us with new and different ways to gather for worship, prayers, and study; may we continue to learn about scripture, history, and our society and ways to shape our world.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Lector: We give thanks for providing us with new and different ways to gather for worship, prayers, and study; may we come to know your will through all that we learn about scripture and society.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Lector: We give thanks that we are finding our voices and our patience as we learn from others who do not believe what we believe.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Lector: We give thanks for all the people in our lives that have died and will be missed this Thanksgiving.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Lector: We give thanks for your abundant love that sustains and unites us.

People: **Grant us your peace.**

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

**Officiant and People:**

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.*

Officiant: Let us bless the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal