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## † The ORDER of THANKSGIVING Worship †

Worship Preparation:.....Psalm 118, TLH p. 148 F.

Entrance:.....US 793: Sing to the LORD of HARVEST

Opening Dialog:.....Based on Psalm 136:1-3

*P: We begin our service of Thanksgiving in the name of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.*

**C: [Spoken] Amen.**

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C: And also with you.**

*P: Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

**C: For His mercy endures forever.**

*P: Oh, give thanks to the God of gods!*

**C: For His mercy endures forever.**

*P: Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords!*

**C: For His mercy endures forever:**

Hymn:.....TLH 574: Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Responsory:..... Selected Passages with TLH 200

(Job 19:25-27)

*P: For I know that my Redeemer lives,*

**C: And He shall stand at last on the earth;**

*P: And after my skin is destroyed, this I know,*

**C: That in my flesh I shall see God,**

*P: Whom I shall see for myself, And my eyes shall behold, and not another.*

**C: How my heart yearns within me!**

**SING: I know that my Redeemer lives;  
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!  
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;  
He lives, my ever-living Head.**

(Romans 1:3-6)

*P: Jesus Christ our Lord, ... was born of the seed of David according to the flesh,*

**C: and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.**



# Let All Things Now Living

Musical staff 1: *Let all things now liv-ing A song of thanks-giv-ing To*

Musical staff 2: *God the Cre- a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise, Who*

Musical staff 3: *fash-ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us, Who*

Musical staff 4: *still guides us on to the end of our days.*

Musical staff 5: *God's ban - ners are o'er us; His light goes be -*

Musical staff 6: *fore us, A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the*

Musical staff 7: *night, Till shad-ows have van-ished And dark-ness is*

Musical staff 8: *ban-ished, As for-ward we trav-el from light in - to light.*

Response after Sermon Text:.....TLH 151, st. 1

**SING:** Christ, the Life of all the living,  
Christ, the Death of death, our foe,  
Who, Thyself for me once giving  
To the darkest depths of woe,--  
Through thy sufferings, death, and merit  
I eternal life inherit:  
Thousand, thousand thanks shall be,  
Dearest Jesus, unto Thee.

Response after Sermon:.....TLH 207, st. 2

**SING:** Thanks to Thee, O Christ victorious!  
Thanks to Thee, O Lord of Life!  
Death hath now no power o'er us,  
Thou hast conquered in the strife.  
Thanks because Thou didst arise  
And hast opened Paradise!  
None can fully sing the glory  
Of the resurrection story.

Hymn:.....TLH 188, st. 1-4: Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!

Offering of Thanksgiving:

Prayer:

*Each petition ends with the following:*

*P: ... we give You thanks,*

**C: and bless Your holy name.**

*Prayer &  
Thanksgiving*



The Lord's Prayer:

Choir:.....Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Benediction:

*P: Go in peace and serve the Lord.*

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*P: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all!*

**C: [♪] Amen. Amen. Amen.**

Hymn:.....WS 792: Let All Things Now Living



*P: Through Him we have received grace and apostleship for obedience to the faith among all nations for His name,*

**C: among whom you also are the called of Jesus Christ;**

**SING:** He lives triumphant from the grave,  
He lives eternally to save,  
He lives all-glorious in the sky,  
He lives exalted there on high.

(Psalm 107:8-9)

*P: Oh, that men would give thanks to the LORD for His goodness, And for His wonderful works to the children of men!*

**C: For He satisfies the longing soul, And fills the hungry soul with goodness.**

(Psalm 103:1-5)

*P: Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name!*

**C: Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits:**

*P: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases,*

**C: Who redeems your life from destruction,**

*P: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,*

**C: Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

**SING:** He lives to bless me with His love,  
He lives to plead for me above.  
He lives my hungry soul to feed,  
He lives to help in time of need.

(Psalm 30:1-4)

*P: I will extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, And have not let my foes rejoice over me.*

**C: O LORD my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me.**

*P: O LORD, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.*

**C: Sing praise to the LORD, You saints of His, And give thanks at the remembrance of His holy name.**

(Psalm 145:15-17)

*P: The eyes of all look expectantly to You,*

**C: And You give them their food in due season.**

*P: You open Your hand And satisfy the desire of every living thing.*

**C: The LORD is righteous in all His ways, Gracious in all His works.**

**SING:** He lives to grant me rich supply,  
He lives to guide me with His eye,  
He lives to comfort me when faint,  
He lives to hear my soul's complaint.

(Psalm 30:8-12)

*P: I cried out to You, O LORD; And to the LORD I made supplication:*

**C: "What profit is there in my blood, When I go down to the pit?"**

*P: Will the dust praise You? Will it declare Your truth?*

**C: Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; LORD, be my helper!"**

*P: You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;*

**C: You have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,**

*P: To the end that my glory may sing praise to You and not be silent.*

**C: O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever.**

**SING: He lives to silence all my fears,  
He lives to wipe away my tears  
He lives to calm my troubled heart,  
He lives all blessings to impart.**

(John 15:12-15)

*P: Jesus said: "This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

**C: "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.**

*P: "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.*

**C: "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing;**

*P: but I have called you friends,*

**C: for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.**

**SING: He lives, my kind, wise, heavenly Friend,  
He lives and loves me to the end;  
He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing;  
He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.**

(Psalm 150:6)

*P: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.*

**C: Praise the LORD!**

(John 14:2-3)

*P: Jesus said: "In My Father's house are many mansions;*

**C: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.**

*P: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself;*

**C: that where I am, there you may be also."**

**SING: He lives and grants me daily breath;  
He lives, and I shall conquer death:  
He lives my mansion to prepare;  
He lives to bring me safely there.**

(1 Corinthians 15:55-57)

*P: "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?"*

**C: The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.**

*P: But thanks be to God,*

**C: who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**SING: He lives, all glory to His name!  
He lives, my Jesus, still the same.  
Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives,  
"I know that my Redeemer lives!"**

First Reading:.....Romans 14:5-9

*Whether we eat or don't eat, the Lord deserves our thanks. He is the God who supplies all that is needed for the living. For this reason Jesus died and is now living, that He may rule over all things and provide what is needed.*

Second Reading:.....John 6:1-13

*Prior to feeding the 5,000, Jesus gives thanks for the food. The people ended up being supplied with more than they needed.*

Children:.....Now Thank We All Our God

Thanksgiving Creed:.....Explanation to First Article

**I believe that God has created me and all creatures. He has given me my body and life, eyes, ears, and all my bodily members, my mind and all my senses, and still keeps them for me.**

**God also preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing, and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all my property and all I need to support this body and life. He protects me from all danger. He guards and defends me from every evil.**

**God does all this because He is my good and gracious Father in heaven, not because of anything I have done to earn or deserve it. For all of this it is my duty to thank, praise, serve, and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**

Hymn:.....TLH 570: PRAISE, Oh, PRAISE, OUR God and King

The Thanksgiving Message:.....Ephesians 1:15-23

(15) Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, (16) do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: (17) that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, (18) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, (19) and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power (20) which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, (21) far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. (22) And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, (23) which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all. (NKJV™)

Easter & Thanksgiving Go Hand-in-Hand