

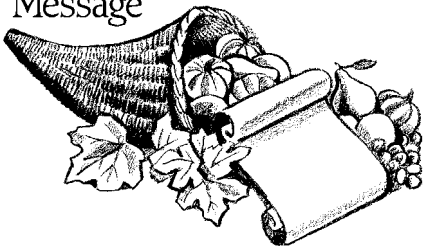
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Thanksgiving Message:..... Psalm 37:1-7, 17b-19, 25-29

(1) Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. (2) For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. (3) Trust in the LORD, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. (4) Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart. (5) Commit your way to the LORD, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. (6) He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday. (7) Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him; Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way, Because of the man who brings wicked schemes to pass. ... (17) For the arms of the wicked shall be broken, But the LORD upholds the righteous. (18) The LORD knows the days of the upright, And their inheritance shall be forever. (19) They shall not be ashamed in the evil time, And in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. ... (25) I have been young, and now am old; Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, Nor his descendants begging bread. (26) He

is ever merciful, and lends; And his descendants are blessed. (27) Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. (28) For the LORD loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off. (29) The righteous shall inherit the land, And dwell in it forever. (NKJV™)

Pastor's Thanksgiving Message



Never Forsaken Through the Ages!

Hymn:..... TLH 36: Now Thank We All Our God

Offering:

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer:

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: (A) Amen. Amen. Amen.

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



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† *The ORDER of THANKSGIVING Worship* †

Worship Preparation:..... Psalm 100, TLH p. 144 f.

Hymn:..... TLH 568: We Praise Thee, O God

Responsory:.... Psalm 103 & "Children of the Heavenly Father"

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: Lord God, with hearts full of appreciation because of Your goodness, we come here today to praise and adore You. Throughout the year You have opened Your hands and poured out on us blessing after blessing for both body and soul. In Your grace, receive our worship, for Jesus sake.

C: (A) Amen.

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul;

C: And all that is within me, bless His holy name!

P: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C: And forget not all His benefits:

P: Who forgives all your iniquities,

C: Who heals all your diseases,

P: Who redeems your life from destruction,

C: Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,



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

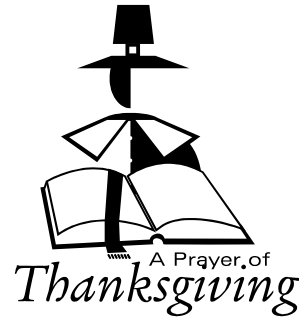
P: The LORD executes righteousness

C: And justice for all who are oppressed.

P: He made known His ways to Moses,

C: His acts to the children of Israel.

**Sing(♬): Children of the heav'nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird or star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.**



P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.

P: He will not always strive with us,

C: Nor will He keep His anger forever.

P: He has not dealt with us according to our sins,

C: Nor punished us according to our iniquities.

P: For as the heavens are high above the earth,

C: So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

P: As far as the east is from the west,

C: So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

**Sing(♬): God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish
From all evil things He spares them
In His mighty arms He bear them.**

P: As a father pities his children,

C: So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

P: For He knows our frame;

C: He remembers that we are dust.

P: As for man, his days are like grass;

C: As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.

P: For the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

C: And its place remembers it no more.

*P: But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting On those
who fear Him,*

C: And His righteousness to children's children,

P: To such as keep His covenant,

C: And to those who remember His commandments to do them.

**Sing(♬): Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.**

P: The LORD has established His throne in heaven,

C: And His kingdom rules over all.

P: Bless the LORD, you His angels, Who excel in strength,

C: Who do His word, Heeding the voice of His word.

P: Bless the LORD, all you His hosts,

C: You ministers of His, who do His pleasure.

P: Bless the LORD, all His works, In all places of His dominion.

C: Bless the LORD, O my soul!

**Sing(♬): Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne'er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.**

Choir:..... A Canon of Praise

First Reading:..... 1 Kings 17:1-16
The LORD shows us through Elijah that He meets all our needs.

Second Reading:..... 2 Corinthians 8:1-9
*Paul uses the Macedonian Christians as an example of abounding even
during poverty. Ultimately Christ became poor that we would become rich.*

Children:..... US, Liturgy p. 10

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 572: Praise to God, Immortal Praise

