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***Healthy Christian Hearts
Beat with a
Gratitude Attitude***

PROCESSION

PROCLAMATION OF THE DAY:

P: In the first year of the presidency of George Washington in 1789, a National Day of Thanksgiving was set aside for the last Thursday of November. Since that time, Americans have celebrated this day in remembrance of all the blessings which God has poured down upon this nation and her citizens.

In the presidential proclamation for Thanksgiving Day in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln had this to say: *It is the duty of nations as well as of citizens to owe their dependence*

upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the LORD.

We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth, and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us. We have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success, we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

THE HYMN OF INVITATION: 892

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

- 1 Come, ye thankful people,
come;
Raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
For our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple,
come;
Raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown,
Unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may
be.

3 For the Lord, our God, shall
come
And shall take His harvest home,
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
Free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
In Thy garner to abide:
Come with all Thine angels,
come,
Raise the glorious harvest home.

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THE CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good.

C: **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

P: Give thanks to the LORD and call upon His
name.

C: **Make known His deeds among the
peoples!**

P: God blesses us with gifts of love;

C: **With food and clothing, home and
family.**

P: God blesses us with daily work:

C: And all we need from day to day.

P:God protects us in time of danger:

C: And guards us from every evil.

P:God calls us into relationship with Himself:

C: And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.

P:Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the LORD our God.

C: O LORD our God, we will give thanks to You forever.

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P:The LORD be with you.

C: And also with you.

P:Let us pray together with thankful hearts.

C: Almighty God our Father your generous goodness comes to us new every day.By the work of your Holy Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

READING FROM AMERICAN

HISTORY:*The Mayflower Compact, 1620*

The Mayflower Compact - originally titled *Agreement Between the Settlers of New Plymouth* - was the first governing document of Plymouth Colony.It was written by the male passengers on the ship *Mayflower*, consisting of separatist Puritans, adventurers, and tradesmen.

In the Name of God, Amen.

We, whose names are underwritten, the loyal subjects of our dread sovereign Lord, King James, by the grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland ... king, defender of the faith ...

Having undertaken for the glory of God and the advancement of the Christian faith, and honor of our king and country, a voyage to plant the first colony in the northern parts of Virginia: Do by these present, solemnly and mutually, in the presence of God and of one another, covenant and combine ourselves together into a civil body politic, for our better ordering and preservation, and furtherance of the ends aforesaid;

And by virtue hereof do enact, constitute, and frame such just and equal laws, ordinances, acts, constitutions, and offices, from time to time, as shall be thought not meet and convenient for the general good of the colony; unto which we promise all due submission and obedience.

In witness whereof we have hereunder subscribed our names at Cape Cod, the eleventh of November, in the year of the reign of our sovereign Lord, King James of England, France and Ireland the eighteenth, and of Scotland the fifty-fourth. Anno Domini 1620.

THE RESPONSE OF GRATITUDE (Luke 1:46-49)

P: My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

C: **My spirit rejoices in God, my Savior.**

P: For He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

C: **From this day, all generations will call Me blessed.**

P: The Almighty God has done great things for me.

C: **And holy is His name.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, ⁸ a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, ⁹ a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. ¹⁰ And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ "Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, ¹² lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, ¹³ and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, ¹⁵ who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought

you water out of the flinty rock, ¹⁶ who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. ¹⁷ Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' ¹⁸ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

¹¹ On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers,[a] who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

HYMN OF THANKS: 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

1 Rejoice, O pilgrim throng!
 Rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
 Your festal banner wave on
 high,
 The cross of Christ your king.
 Refrain

ref Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give
 thanks, and sing!

2 With voice as full and strong
 As ocean's surging praise,
 Send forth the sturdy hymns of
 old,
 The psalms of ancient days.
 Refrain

3 With all the angel choirs,
 With all the saints on earth

Pour out the strains of joy and
bliss,
True rapture, noblest mirth.
Refrain

4 Yet on and onward still,
With hymn and chant and
song,
Through gate and porch and
columned aisle
The hallowed pathways
throng. Refrain

5 Still lift your standard high,
Still march in firm array,
As pilgrims through the darkness
wend
Till dawns the golden day.
Refrain

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at
last,
Jerusalem the blest. Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore. Refrain
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**MESSAGE FROM THE WORD: The
Healthy Heartbeat (Luke 17:11-19)**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS TO THE LORD

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P:O Almighty God and Father: You desire good things for all your creatures. Satisfy our hunger - not just for food and drink - but for freedom, truth, justice, and the love of Christ.

C: O Risen Christ: You reveal yourself to us as One who gives to the poor and cares for all people in need. Hear us as we dedicate our lives and our offerings to your service.

P: O Holy Spirit: Bless our gifts of thanksgiving and abide in our hearts.

C: Grant that our gifts and our actions may live out our faith - and bring forth a fruitful harvest for the Kingdom of God, and our communities and world; through Jesus Christ, our LORD. Amen

HYMN OF THE DAY 895 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and
voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love
And still is ours today.

2 Oh, may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer
us
And keep us in His grace
And guide us when perplexed
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next!

△ 3 All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heav'n
adore;
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

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PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift your hearts.

C: **We lift them high to the LORD.**

P: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: Blessed are You, LORD of heaven and earth, for you have had mercy on those whom You created and sent your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy, we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and blood on the Cross.

C: **Grant that we now in Spirit and in truth may receive His body and blood - given and shed for the forgiveness of all our sins. We pray in the name and in the power of Christ. Amen**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

P As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

☩ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to 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.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

SHARING THE PEACE OF THE LORD

(Turning to someone near to you)

P: The peace of the LORD be with you.

C: **And also with you**

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Distribution: 789 Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer
For all things living,
Created good:
Harvest of sown fields,
Fruits of the orchard,
Hay from the mown fields,
Blossom and wood.

2 Bless, Lord, the labor
We bring to serve You
That with our neighbor
We may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
We would work with You,
Harvesting, milling
For daily bread.

- 3 Father, providing
Food for Your children,
By Your wise guiding
Teach us to share
One with another,
So that, rejoicing
With us, all others
May know Your care.

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DISTRIBUTION HYMN: 785 We Praise You, O God

- 1 We praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before You, we kneel and adore You;
We bless Your holy name, glad praises we sing.
- 2 We worship You, God of our fathers, we bless You;
Through trial and tempest our guide You have been.
When perils o’ertake us, You will not forsake us,
And with Your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.
- 3 With voices united our praises we offer
And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With You, Lord, beside us, Your strong arm will guide us.
To You, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!

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THE LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING

P: O LORD: Keep us from being unfaithful in our lives as Christian citizens to our liberty in this nation - and to the spiritual hopes and dreams which our earliest American ancestors brought to this country.

C: **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P: To all of the spiritual desires of the pioneers and prophets and people,

C: **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P: To their belief in the possibilities of a common and united people.

C: **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P: To their passion for freedom under God and their readiness to die in its defense,

C: **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P: As our ancestors trusted in You, O LORD, and you delivered them,

C: **Keep us ever close to You and immersed in your Holy Word. AMEN**

THANKSGIVING BLESSING

P: May the LORD of all creation shower His cascading blessings upon you.

C: **Amen. It shall be so.**

P: May the LORD of the Harvest grace your Thanksgiving Table with His presence and fill your loved ones with peace and the simple joys of family.

C: **Amen. It shall be so.**

P: May the LORD of grace and salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of His eternal kingdom in heaven.

C: **Amen. It shall be so.**

P: And may the Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: **Amen and Amen. It shall be so.**

893 Sing to the Lord of Harvest

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

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