

Thanksgiving Eve

YEAR B, RCL

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Welcome to Saint John's! We're so glad you are here. We ask you to wear a mask while you're present, and to sign in, as part of our Covid protocols. Since the Sung Mass is longer than the Diocesan recommendation, please feel free to come or go as needed. Thank you!

HARVEST HYMNS WITH LOW MASS

RITE I

at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening

Prelude *The Enchanted Garden*, Maurice Ravel (1875-1937)

Hymn 290 St. George's, Windsor

Introit (Tobit 12:6) *Benedicta sit*

Blessed be the Holy Trinity and the undivided Unity: we will praise and glorify him, because he hath shewed his mercy upon us. O Lord our Governor: how excellent is thy name in all the world! Glory be... and to the Holy Ghost. As it was... and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Blessed be the Holy Trinity...

Salutation Book of Common Prayer (BCP) Page 323

Collect for Purity BCP Page 323

Kyrie eleison BCP Page 324

Gloria in excelsis BCP Page 324

Collect of the Day

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Lesson Joel 2:21-27

"Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Fear not, you beasts of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. "Be glad, O sons of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord, your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before. "The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will restore to you the years which the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent among you. "You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Gradual (Psalm 126) *In convertendo*

REFRAIN: The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.

1. When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,*
then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter,*
and our tongue with shouts of joy. **REFRAIN**
3. Then they said among the nations,*
"The Lord has done great things for them."
4. The Lord has done great things for us,*
and we are glad indeed. **REFRAIN**
5. Restore our fortunes, O Lord,*

like the watercourses of the Negev.

6. Those who sowed with tears *

will reap with songs of joy.

7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *

will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves. **REFRAIN**

Epistle 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, the testimony to which was borne at the proper time. For this I was appointed a preacher and apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Alleluia *Laudate Dominum quoniam*

Alleluia. **Alleluia.**

O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful. **Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

At that time, Jesus said: "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon Father Solon

The Nicene Creed BCP Page 326

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks unto God our heavenly Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of thy children, revealing the image of Christ,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

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

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We give thanks unto thee, O Lord.

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

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

Confession of Sin & Absolution BCP Page 330

The Peace BCP Page 332

Offertory verse (Tobit 12:6)

Blessed be God the Father, and the only-begotten Son of God, and the Holy Spirit: because he hath shewed his mercy upon us.

Offertory Hymn 377 Old 100th

During the Offertory, we offer our gifts to God. Please make your own offering to St. John's [here](#) or in the offering plate as you leave.

Orate Fratres

Celebrant: Pray brothers and sisters that this my Sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God the Father Almighty.

Response: **May the Lord receive the Sacrifice at thy hands, to the praise and glory of his name, both to our benefit and that of all his holy Church.**

Secreta said by Celebrant in a low voice

O Lord, who hast vouchsafed to hear the prayers of thy servants, and hast preserved them from all perils, accept the savour of this sacrifice of thanksgiving, and grant: that they being defended here-after against all adversities; may devoutly serve thee more and more, and continually increase in thy love. Through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, one God (*aloud*) Throughout all ages, world without end. **Amen.**

Sursum corda BCP Page 340

Sanctus & Benedictus BCP Page 341

Eucharistic Prayer II BCP Page 340

Lord's Prayer BCP Page 336

Agnus Dei BCP Page 337

Prayer of Humble Access BCP Page 337

Ecce Agnus Dei

Celebrant: ☧ Behold the Lamb of God. Behold Him that taketh away the sins of the world.

Response: **Lord, I am not worthy that Thou shouldest come under my roof, but speak the word only and my soul shall be healed.**

All baptized Christians who may receive in their own traditions are most welcome to receive the Holy Communion.

As part of our Covid protocols, for now, only the Host will be administered, standing by the first pew, and in the hand only. Line up in the center aisle, maintaining social distancing of at least six feet, and be masked. Once you have received the Host, you should walk left or right, past the pulpit or lectern. You may consume the Host once you return to your seat.

Communion verse (Tobit 12:6)

We bless the God of heaven, and will praise him in the sight of all that live: because he hath shewed his mercy upon us.

Hymn 397 after Communion Nun danket alle Gott

Post Communion Prayer

Blessing and Dismissal

Hymn 405 Royal Oak

WELCOME AND NOTICES

Father Solon, the Wardens, and Vestry wish you a very happy Thanksgiving Day.

You may join us each Sunday for Mass at 8:00 am and at 10:30 am EST both in-person and livestreamed on our Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The Thrift Shop is open - Regular hours are Tuesdays and Saturdays from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Masks are required, as is social distancing, and hand sanitizer is available at the door.

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