

St Albans Episcopal Church



Thanksgiving Eve Service
Wednesday ~ November 25, 2020
6:15 pm



The Rev. Dr. David Madsen - Rector
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The Rev. Dr. Paul Carmona - Guest Organist

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE

Welcome: Father Dave Madsen

Call to Worship

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever. Amen**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria (Say in unison)

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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 forever. **Amen.**

A period of silence is kept.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Reading ~ Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lector: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us."

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Lector: Here ends the reading.

People: Amen.

A period of silence is kept.

The Psalm~Psalm 100

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<p>1 Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; * serve the LORD with gladness and come before his presence with a song.</p> <p>2 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.</p>	<p>3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; * give thanks to him and call upon his Name.</p> <p>4 For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; * and his faithfulness endures from age to age.</p>
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The Epistle ~Philippians 4:4-9

Lector: A reading from the book of Philippians

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel ~ John 6:25-35

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

People: Glory to you Lord Christ.

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon ~ The Reverend Dr. David Madsen

A period of silence is kept after the sermon.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us remember before God and one another the ministries of every member of the universal church, saying,

People: "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: For missionaries and emissaries here and abroad; founders and members of Episcopal religious orders; and all Episcopal organizations, God of our sacred story,

People: "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: For those who labor for the Church; in parish, diocese, province, and nation; for deacons, priests, and bishops, God of our sacred story,

People: "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: For the diversity of ministries; for those who work for justice and peace; those who offer themselves in charity and outreach to those in need; people of vision and action, God of abundant blessing,

People: "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: For those who enrich the Church and the world with their intellectual and creative gifts; those who create, provide, and preserve the arts; and who tend the earth and protect its resources, God of abundant blessing,

People: "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: For those who offer hospitality, fellowship, and nurture as parents, friends, and neighbors, people of spiritual wisdom and prayer; those who are ministers of healing, to the sick, the troubled, the homebound, and the grieving, God of abundant blessing,

People: "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: For those who sustain the life of the Church by quiet acts of service, with children and youth, in worship, in the guilds, in the kitchen, in the classrooms, in meeting rooms, and in the offices, God of abundant blessing,

People: "We remember and give thanks."

Leader: Gracious God, source of life and giver of all good gifts, we thank you for all those who have ministered in your name throughout the ages. Grant us courage and compassion that we may stand ever receptive to your grace and faithful to your call.

People: Amen.

Leader: When we are free of fear and worry,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When our children return home safely,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When a new baby is born in our family,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When we receive your gifts of food, clothing and shelter,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When we see your creative hand in the beauty of nature,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When our loved ones return to you,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When the sick and suffering are healed,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When the right solution comes to some serious problem,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When we find the peace of God in pain and sorrow,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When we discover through faith that death is a gateway into eternal life with Christ,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader: When we have enjoyed good fellowship and friends,

People: “O God, accept our offering.”

Leader & People:

O God, we ask that we may ever be united in our response to your love, thankful for our many blessings and happy to give our offering; that by your Holy Spirit all nations and peoples may know the power of the love of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray,

“Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**”

Celebrant: A prayer of St. Chrysostom

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 in his name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petition as may be best for us; granting us in the world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen**

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Blessing

May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you, the love of God flow from you, and the strength of God protect and bring you safely through this day. In the name of the Holy Trinity, the Blessed Three in One.

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People : **Thanks be to God.**