

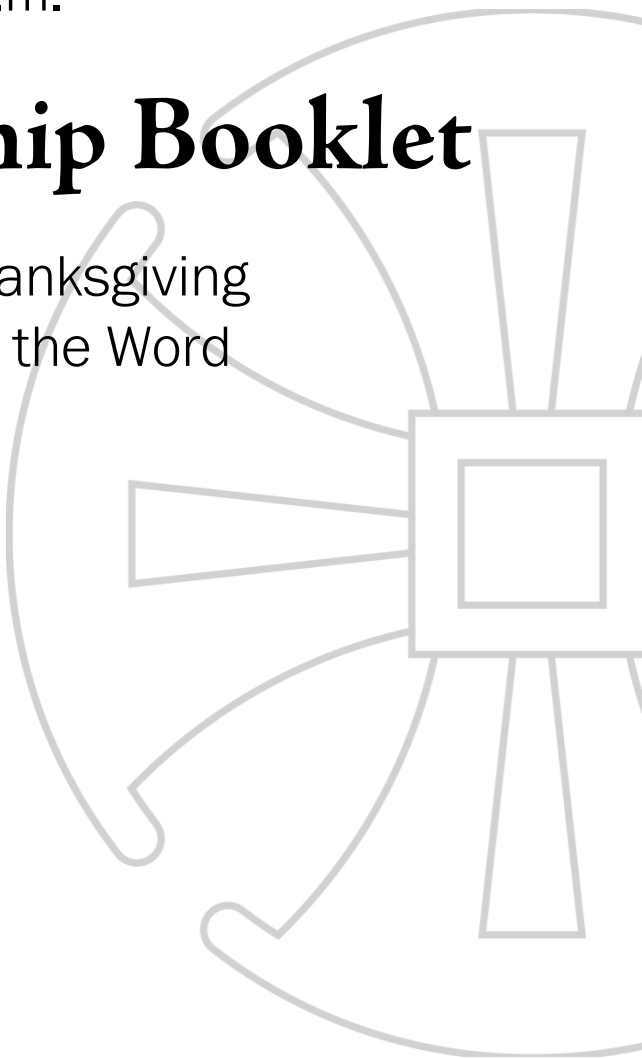
Sunday, October 10, 2021

At 10:00 a.m.

# Worship Booklet

Harvest Thanksgiving

A Liturgy of the Word



**ASCENSION**

## **Links for Sunday Mornings**

Join our livestream at 10am on Zoom:

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## **Land Acknowledgement**

*Ascension gathers on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishnaabeg people.*

**Opening** | *All Things Bright and Beautiful*

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
the Lord God made them all.*

Each little flower that opens,  
Each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors,  
God made their tiny wings.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

The purple-headed mountains,  
The river running by,  
The sunset and the morning  
That brightens up the sky.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden:  
God made them every one.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

God gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.

*All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.*

## **Opening Prayers and Penitential Rite**

God is with us

**O come, let us worship!**

Although we have come together in digital space, we each stand in place on solid ground that is the ancestral territory of peoples who were here long before the Europeans crossed the ocean. I live in the City of Ottawa which is located on the unceded territory of the Algonquin Anishinaabeg people. On whose territory do you live?

*Silence*

Let us pray,

Loving God,  
**help us to live respectfully on these lands,  
seeking justice and peace. Help us to pray  
to you in faith, to sing to you with  
gratitude, and to listen to your word with  
eagerness; so that we might follow Christ  
our Lord. Amen.**

Confident in God's loving kindness, let us  
call to mind our sins, and those of our  
society, in the misuse of God's creation.

*Silence*

Holy One,  
**we have taken your gifts for granted and  
treated your creation as if it belonged to  
us alone. Heal us from our selfishness and  
show us the way to wholeness for the**

**whole world, in this day and for generations to come.**

God brings new life for all. You are forgiven. Take hold of this forgiveness and live your life in the Spirit of Jesus Christ to bring God's healing to the world. **Amen.**

## **Gloria**

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth  
Peace to people of good will.

*Repeat*

## **Collect**

God of evolving diversity, made known in seed and soil, and in the wonder of animal worlds: free our hearts from anxiety and open them to learn from the life which surrounds us; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.**

## **First Reading** | *Joel 2:21-27*

*A Reading from ...*

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice,  
for the Lord has done great things!  
Do not fear, you animals 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.

O children of Zion, be glad 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 later rain, as before. The threshing-floors  
shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow  
with wine and oil. I will repay you for the  
years that the swarming locust has eaten,  
the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter,  
my great army, which I sent against 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 no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

**Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm 126**

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, then were we like those who dream. **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy.**

Then they said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

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

Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the  
watercourses of the Negev.

**Those who sowed with tears will reap  
with songs of joy.**

Those who go out weeping, carrying the  
seed,  
**will come again with joy, shouldering  
their sheaves.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*Repeat*

**Gospel Reading** | *Matthew 6:25-33*

God is here

**The Spirit is with us**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to ...

## **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. 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 can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry 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 clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which

is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, “What will we eat?” or “What will we drink?” or “What will we wear?” For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Sermon**

**Post Sermon** | *Seek Ye First*

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and God’s righteousness -

and all these things  
will be added unto you.

Allelu, alleluia

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia!*

Ask and it shall be given unto you;  
seek and you shall find; -  
knock and the door  
shall be opened unto you.

Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia!*

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Together, let us affirm our faith:

**We believe and trust  
in God, the Source of all being,  
who spoke all creation into being.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,  
Jesus Christ, who redeemed the world.**

**We believe and trust In God the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the people of God.**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

**Our Mother, our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our  
daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we  
forgive those who sin against us. Save us  
from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory are yours, now  
and for ever. Amen.**

## **Closing Prayers**

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy. As we go forth this day, renewed by your word and strengthened by your people, open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Glory to God**

**whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Receive God's blessing that you might be  
God's blessing: in the name of the Holy  
Trinity who creates, redeems, and sustains  
us. **Amen.**

**Closing** | *For the Beauty of the Earth*

For the beauty of the earth,  
For the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
Sun and moon and stars of light,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.



For the joy of ear and eye,  
For the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony  
Linking sense to sound and sight,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above,  
For all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
To our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven,  
Christ our God, to thee we raise  
This our sacrifice of praise.

*Repeat!*

## **Dismissal**

Go in the name of Christ to treasure and to tend God's beloved world.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **Acknowledgements**

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