

## Thanksgiving Liturgy of the Word



**"I rejoice in the Lord greatly." – Phillipians 4**

### **Opening Prayer:**

God our creator, your gifts to us are countless and your goodness without limit. As we come in thanksgiving, teach us to use wisely the riches of land and seas and all the blessings which come from you. Grant us hearts that know the needs of others that we may give as freely as we have received from you.

### **Reading (Paul's Letter to the Colossians 3:12-17):**

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord, Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

The word of the Lord.

### **Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 113)**

#### **R. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever**

Praise, O servants of the Lord; praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time on and forevermore. **R.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. **R.**

Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? **R.**

He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of people. **R.**

### **Gospel (Matthew 7:7-12)**

Gathered on the hillside with the disciples, Jesus began to teach them:

“Ask, and it will be given you; search and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!

“In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.”

### **Prayers of Gratitude**

**Response:** We are grateful

For all of our five senses that perceive creation around us. **R.**

For the treasure of loved ones who encourage us to be who we are. **R.**

For the eyes of faith, for seeing and believing in the presence of God. **R.**

For the messengers of God- people, events, written or spoken word- that came to us at just the right time and helped us to grow. **R.**

For God calling us to work with our gifts, grateful that we can be of service to others. **R.**

That we have the basic necessities of life, and the means and the ability to hear the cries of the poor and respond to them. **R.**

For the Thanksgiving meal that we share, for those whose hands prepare it and for those with whom we share it. **R.**