

Virtue of Gratitude

Liturgy of the Word

"Give thanks to the Lord." Psalm 105:1



Preparation: Create a prayerful atmosphere. Prepare a table at the front of your space. Tablecloth should be green for Ordinary Time. Include a cross, fresh flowers or green plant, pillar candle, Bible or Book of the Gospels, cornucopia, wheat sheaths, corn, pumpkins, gourds, etc.

Opening Prayer:

+In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gracious God,

As leaves turn to gold, you shine with your goodness.

We give thanks for all your gifts, and for the gift of friendship.

Make our hearts even more grateful.

May we also shine with your love.*

All: Amen

Holy Scripture:

Psalm 136

Give Thanks to the Lord

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever;

who alone does great wonders,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

who by understanding made the heavens, for his steadfast love endures forever;

who spread out the earth on the waters, for his steadfast love endures forever;

who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

the moon and stars to rule over the night, for his steadfast love endures forever.

The Word of the Lord.

Litany: Gratitude*

In this season of falling leaves and cooling temperatures, we draw closer to you.

All: We thank you, God

For sun-bright days and rain-soaked nights,

All: We thank you, God

For golden leaves and fading flowers,

All: We thank you, God

For faithful friends and loving families,

All: We thank you, God

For caring teachers and devoted priests,

All: We thank you, God

For joyful music and successful learning for all,

All: We thank you, God

Ritual Action:

Symbols of Gratitude can be made by classes and brought up and placed in front of the prayer table

Our Father: Invite the school community to pray together the words that Jesus taught us

Sign of Peace: As witnesses of our faith and gratitude turn to one another and offer the sign of peace to those around you.

Closing Prayer:

*God of seasons of splendour,
We praise your gracious gifts.
Again and again
We give you our thanks.

May our gratitude lead us to give of our talents.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus.

+ Amen

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