

# Thanksgiving Day

November 25, 2021, 10:00 a.m.



## The Word of God

### The Opening Acclamation

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

**People** **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

### The 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 for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Lesson Joel 2:21-27

**Reader** A Reading from the Book of the prophet Joel.



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.

**Reader** Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 126, *In convertendo*

Reader Let us read together Psalm 126.

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**



The Second Lesson 1 Timothy 2:1-7

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A Reading from the first Letter of Paul to Timothy.

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,

Christ Jesus, himself human,

who gave himself a ransom for all

- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

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

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "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."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated for*

The Sermon

The Rev. Jerry Sather

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

Litany of Thanksgiving

*from the Book of Common Prayer*

*The people read the responses in bold.*

Leader Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

**People: We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

Leader: We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

**People: We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

Leader: Let us speak our personal prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord, either aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

*(Please add your own prayers silently or aloud.)*

**People:** Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

**Leader:** Gracious God, grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, your son. **Amen.**

Anthem *For The Beauty of The earth* *John Rutter*  
*St. Francis Episcopal Church & St. Peter's by the Sea Presbyterian Church Choirs*

### The Peace

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

**People** **And also with you.**

*The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

### Welcome and Announcements

### The Sending Forth

**Celebrant** Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People** **Thanks be to God!**

