

A LITANY FOR THANKSGIVING

Please note: Congregation responses are sung. **Please be seated.**

M: We give You our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the gift of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who gave Himself into death that we might have life with You forever.

C: So shall our song of triumph ever be:

Praise to the Crucified for victory.

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim

Till all the world adore His sacred name. (CW 579, v. 3)

M: We give You our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of Your Word, through which You give us peace, comfort, conviction, assurance and hope.

C: God's Word is our great heritage

And shall be ours forever;

To spread its light from age to age

Shall be our chief endeavor.

Through life it guides our way,

In death it is our stay.

Lord, grant, while worlds endure,

We keep its teachings pure

Throughout all generations. (CW 293)

M: We give You our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the gift of life and health and the abundance of our earthly blessings.

C: Come, You thankful people, come;

Raise the song of harvest home.

All be safely gathered in

Ere the winter storms begin.

God our maker shall provide

For our wants to be supplied.

Come to God's own temple, come;

Raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,

Fruit unto His praise to yield;

Wheat and weeds together sown,

Unto joy or sorrow grown.

First the blade and then the ear,

Then the full corn shall appear.

Lord of harvest, grant that we

Wholesome grain and pure may be. (CW 613, vv. 1-2) **(over)**

M: We give You our thanks and praise, O gracious Lord, for the victory You have given our fellow pilgrims and our own Christian loved ones who now live with You in glory.

C: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

All who their faith before the world confessed.

Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;

You, Lord, their captain in the well – fought fight

And in the darkness drear their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia! (CW 551, vv. 1 and 4)

M: We give You our thanks and praise, O gracious God, for the growth of Your kingdom in all the earth, to the glory of Your name, and the salvation of precious souls.

C: Spread, oh, spread the mighty Word;

Spread the kingdom of the Lord

Ev'rywhere His breath has giv'n

Life to beings meant for heaven.

Lord of harvest, grant anew,

Joy and strength to work for You,

Till the gath'ring nations all

See Your light and heed Your call. (CW 576, vv. 1 and 6)

M: For all these and countless other blessings of body and soul which are new to us every morning, we unite our hearts and voices in songs of praise and thanks:

C: Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that has life and breath,

Come now with praises before Him!

Let the Amen sound from His people again;

Gladly forever adore Him. (CW 234, v. 5)

The Lord's Prayer

M: Let us praise the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God. (spoken)

The Benediction (Cong. sings the "Amen.")