

Live from St. John's Chapel – A Thanksgiving Evening Prayer Service

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer

All: We praise God for the abundant gifts bestowed upon us. We celebrate this abundance, and we call all to the table to eat and to be renewed. In brotherhood and sisterhood may we enjoy God's gifts and share them in joy. May we be grateful each morning for the gift of a new day, and grateful each evening for the good we have received during the day, and for the good we have been able to do. May we praise God through our giving thanks for his abundant love. May we praise God for offering such love to one another.

Psalm 67

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us;

All: May God's face shine upon us.

Leader: So shall your rule be known upon the earth, your saving power among all the nations.

All: May the peoples praise you, God;

Leader: may all the peoples praise you!

All: May the nations be glad and shout for joy;

Leader: for you govern the peoples justly, you guide the nations upon the earth.

All: May the peoples praise you, God;

Leader: may all the peoples praise you!

All: The earth has yielded its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.

Leader: May God bless us still;

All: may the ends of the earth revere our God.

Meditation

The Walton's Way – by Rev. Mark Katrick

***What we're Thankful for* – Writing in our Grateful Journals**

Litany of Thanks

Response - Lord of Abundance, we thank you!

Leader: For the blessing of life, for the gift of each new day, **(R)**

Leader: For the food we eat each day, **(R)**

Leader: For the home we share with family, **(R)**

Leader: For the faith that renews us, **(R)**.

Leader: For the hope that we have for the human family, **(R)**

Leader: For the charity that we are privileged to offer, **(R)**

Leader: For the work for justice that we are called to do, **(R)**

Leader: For all the graces we have received, **(R)**

Leader: For all the good we have enjoyed, **(R)**

Sharing of Prayer Concerns - *silence*

All: Closing Prayer God, Creator, we celebrate your overflowing love, and we give thanks to you for all that we have, all that we are. We know abundance because of you. May we offer thanks to you by sharing what you have blessed us with, our talents, our graces, our spiritual as well as material goods. May we live in your light and in your love during this season, and during all the seasons of our lives. Amen.

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