

26. IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD

943 READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT

First Option

1 Kings 8:55-61 Blessed is the LORD God who has granted rest to his people.

A reading from the first Book of Kings

King Solomon stood and blessed the whole congregation of Israel, saying in a loud voice:

“Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, just as he promised.

Not a single word has gone unfulfilled

of the entire generous promise he made through his servant Moses.

May the LORD, our God, be with us as he was with our fathers and may he not forsake us nor cast us off.

May he draw our hearts to himself,

that we may follow him in everything

and keep the commands, statutes, and ordinances which he enjoined on our fathers.

May this prayer I have offered to the LORD, our God, be present to him day and night,

that he may uphold the cause of his servant and of his people Israel as each day requires,

that all the peoples of the earth may know the LORD is God and there is no other.

You must be wholly devoted to the LORD, our God,

observing his statutes and keeping his commandments, as on this day.”

The word of the Lord.

Second Option

Sirach 50:22-24 God has done wondrous things on earth.

A reading from the Book of Sirach

**And now, bless the God of all,
who has done wondrous things on earth;
Who fosters people's growth from their mother's womb,
and fashions them according to his will!
May he grant you joy of heart
and may peace abide among you;
May his goodness toward us endure in Israel
to deliver us in our days.**

The word of the Lord.

Third Option

Isaiah 63:7-9 The favors of the LORD I will recall, for he is good to the house of Israel.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

**The favors of the LORD I will recall,
the glorious deeds of the LORD,
Because of all he has done for us;
for he is good to the house of Israel,
He has favored us according to his mercy
and his great kindness.
The LORD said: They are indeed my people,
children who are not disloyal;
So he became their savior
in their every affliction.
It was not a messenger or an angel,
but he himself who saved them.
Because of his love and pity
he himself redeemed them,
Lifting them and carrying them
all the days of old.**

The word of the Lord.

Fourth Option

Zephaniah 3:14-15 The King of Israel, the Lord is in your midst.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion!

Sing joyfully, O Israel!

Be glad and exult with all your heart,

O daughter Jerusalem!

**The LORD has removed the judgment against you
and turned away your enemies;**

**The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst,
you have no further misfortune to fear.**

The word of the Lord.

944 READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT

First Option

1 Corinthians 1:3-9 I give thanks to my God always on your account.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters:

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

**I give thanks to my God always on your account
for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus,
that in him you were enriched in every way,
with all discourse and all knowledge,
as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you,
so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift
as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**He will keep you firm to the end,
irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

**God is faithful,
and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ
our Lord.**

The word of the Lord.

Second Option

Ephesians 1:3-14 For the praise of the glory of his grace.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

**Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,
as he chose us in him, before the foundation of the world,
to be holy and without blemish before him.**

**In love he destined us for adoption to himself through Jesus Christ,
in accord with the favor of his will,
for the praise of the glory of his grace
that he granted us in the beloved.**

**In him we have redemption by his Blood,
the forgiveness of transgressions,
in accord with the riches of his grace that he lavished upon us.**

**In all wisdom and insight, he has made known to us
the mystery of his will in accord with his favor
that he set forth in him as a plan for the fullness of times,
to sum up all things in Christ, in heaven and on earth.**

**In him we were also chosen,
destined in accord with the purpose of the One
who accomplishes all things according to the intention of his will,
so that we might exist for the praise of his glory,
we who first hoped in Christ.**

**In him you also, who have heard the word of truth,
the Gospel of your salvation, and have believed in him,
were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,
which is the first installment of our inheritance
toward redemption as his possession, to the praise of his glory.**

The word of the Lord.

Third Option

Colossians 3:12-17 Give thanks to God the Father through Christ.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brothers and sisters:

**Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience,
bearing with one another and forgiving one another,
if one has a grievance against another;
as the Lord has forgiven you, so must you also do.**

**And over all these put on love,
that is, the bond of perfection.**

**And let the peace of Christ control your hearts,
the peace into which you were also called in one Body.**

And be thankful.

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

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

The word of the Lord.

945 RESPONSORIAL PSALM

1.

1 Chronicles 29:10bc, 11, 12

R/. (13b) We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.

**“Blessed may you be, O LORD,
God of Israel our father,
from eternity to eternity.”**

R/. We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.

**“Yours, O LORD, are grandeur and power,
majesty, splendor, and glory.
For all in heaven and on earth is yours;
yours, O LORD, is the sovereignty;
you are exalted as head over all.”**

R/. We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.

**“Riches and honor are from you,
and you have dominion over all.
In your hand are power and might;
it is yours to give grandeur and strength to all.”**

R/. We praise your glorious name, O mighty God.

2.

Psalm 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

R/. (see 2) Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

or:

R/. Alleluia.

**Praise, you servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.
Blessed be the name of the LORD
both now and forever.**

R/. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.

or:

R/. Alleluia.

**From the rising to the setting of the sun
is the name of the LORD to be praised.
High above all nations is the Lord;
above the heavens is his glory.**

**R/. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.
or:**

R/. Alleluia.

**Who is like the LORD, our God, who is enthroned on high
and looks upon the heavens and the earth below?**

**R/. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.
or:**

R/. Alleluia.

**He raises up the lowly from the dust;
from the dunghill he lifts up the poor.
To seat them with princes,
with the princes of his own people.**

**R/. Blessed be the name of the Lord for ever.
or:**

R/. Alleluia.

3.

Psalm 138:1-2a, 2bc-3, 4-5

R/. (2bc) Lord, I thank you for your faithfulness and love.

**I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all of my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.**

R/. Lord, I thank you for your faithfulness and love.

**I will give thanks to your name,
Because of your kindness and your truth.
When I called, you answered me;
you built up strength within me.**

R/. Lord, I thank you for your faithfulness and love.

(cont.)

**All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
when they hear the words of your mouth;
And they shall sing of the ways of the LORD:
“Great is the glory of the LORD.”**

R/. Lord, I thank you for your faithfulness and love.

4.

Psalm 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11

R/. (see 1) I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

**Every day will I bless you,
and I will praise your name forever and ever.
Great is the LORD and highly to be praised;
his greatness is unsearchable.**

R/. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

**Generation after generation praises your works
and proclaims your might.
They speak of the splendor of your glorious majesty
and tell of your wondrous works.**

R/. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

**They discourse of the power of your terrible deeds
and declare your greatness.
They publish the fame of your abundant goodness
and joyfully sing of your justice.**

R/. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

**The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all
and compassionate toward all his works.**

R/. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

**Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD,
and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your Kingdom
and speak of your might.**

R/. I will praise your name for ever, Lord.

947 GOSPEL

1.

Matthew 7:7-11 Anyone who asks, receives.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Jesus said to his disciples:

**“Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.**

**For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.**

**Which one of you would hand his son a stone
when he asks for a loaf of bread,
or a snake when he asks for a fish?**

**If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children,
how much more will your heavenly Father give good things
to those who ask him.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

2.

Matthew 11:25-30 You have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to little ones.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

At that time Jesus answered:

**“I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to little ones.**

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

**No one knows the Son except the Father,
and no one knows the Father except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him.**

**“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened,
and I will give you rest.**

**Take my yoke upon you and learn from me,
for I am meek and humble of heart;
and you will find rest for yourselves.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

3.

Mark 5:18-20 Announce all that the Lord has done for you.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

As Jesus was getting into the boat,

the man who had been possessed pleaded to remain with him.

But he would not permit him but told him instead,

**“Go home to your family and announce to them
all that the Lord in his pity has done for you.”**

**Then the man went off and began to proclaim in the Decapolis
what Jesus had done for him;
and all were amazed.**

The Gospel of the Lord.

4.

Luke 1:39-55 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Mary set out

**and traveled to the hill country in haste
to a town of Judah,
where she entered the house of Zechariah
and greeted Elizabeth.**

**When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting,
the infant leaped in her womb,
and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit,
cried out in a loud voice and said,
"Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit of your womb.**

**And how does this happen to me,
that the mother of my Lord should come to me?
For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears,
the infant in my womb leaped for joy.
Blessed are you who believed
that what was spoken to you by the Lord
would be fulfilled."**

And Mary said:

**"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;
my spirit rejoices in God my savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.**

**He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.**

**He has shown the strength of his arm,
and has scattered the proud in their conceit.**

**He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.**

**He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.**

**He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children for ever."**

The Gospel of the Lord.

5.

Luke 10:17-24 Rejoice because your names are written in heaven.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**The seventy-two returned rejoicing and said to Jesus,
"Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name."
Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky.
Behold, I have given you the power
'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions
and upon the full force of the enemy
and nothing will harm you.
Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you,
but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."**

**At that very moment he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said,
"I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
for although you have hidden these things
from the wise and the learned
you have revealed them to the childlike.
Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.
All things have been handed over to me by my Father.
No one knows who the Son is except the Father,
and who the Father is except the Son
and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."**

**Turning to the disciples in private he said,
"Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.
For I say to you,
many prophets and kings desired to see what you see,
but did not see it,
and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it."**

The Gospel of the Lord.

6.

Luke 17:11-19 He fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

**As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem,
he traveled through Samaria and Galilee.**

**As he was entering a village, ten persons with leprosy met him.
They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying,**

“Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!”

And when he saw them, he said,

“Go show yourselves to the priests.”

As they were going they were cleansed.

**And one of them, realizing he had been healed,
returned, glorifying God in a loud voice;
and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.**

He was a Samaritan.

Jesus said in reply,

“Ten were cleansed, were they not?

Where are the other nine?

Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?”

**Then he said to him, “Stand up and go;
your faith has saved you.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

7.

John 15:9-17 This I command you: love one another.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

“As the Father loves me, so I also love you.

Remain in my love.

**If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father’s commandments
and remain in his love.**

**“I have told you this so that my joy may be in you
and your joy may be complete.**

This is my commandment: love one another as I love you.

**No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.**

**You are my friends if you do what I command you.
I no longer call you slaves,
because a slave does not know what his master is doing.
I have called you friends,
because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father.
It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you
and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain,
so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you.
This I command you: love one another.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.

8.

John 16:20-22 No one will take your joy away from you.

✠ **A reading from the holy Gospel according to John**

Jesus said to his disciples:

**“Amen, amen, I say to you, you will weep and mourn,
while the world rejoices;
you will grieve, but your grief will become joy.**

**When a woman is in labor, she is in anguish
because her hour has arrived;
but when she has given birth to a child,
she no longer remembers the pain because of her joy
that a child has been born into the world.**

So you also are now in anguish.

**But I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice,
and no one will take your joy away from you.”**

The Gospel of the Lord.