

Home Worship Liturgy
4/26/2020

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

Give thanks to the God of gods. His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords: His love endures forever. (Psalm 136:1-3)

***Opening Prayer** (*Have one person read this out loud*)

Lord,

We give thanks to you, for you are good and your love endures forever.

You are with us, we will not be afraid, you are our helper and shield.

We shout with victory in your salvation.

This morning, we raise our voice in rejoicing and thanksgiving for what you have done.

We give thanks to you, for you are good and your love endures forever.

Amen.

Songs of Praise and Hope (*The words to the songs have been provided below for singing or reflection. If you would like to sing along with a video or simply listen to the music, please either click on the link provided, look it up on Youtube, or play your own instrument if possible.*)

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (Plumptre, 1866)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzuLi4fqjAQ>

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!

Rejoice, give thanks and sing!

Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice,

rejoice, give thanks and sing.

Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe.

[Refrain]

Then on, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.

[Refrain]

Praise God who reigns on high,
the Lord whom we adore,
the Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
one God forevermore.

[Refrain]

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (Neander, 1680)
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roxlm_gCb7c)

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Sing now in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.

Hast thou not seen how thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Give Thanks (Smith, 1978)

(Due to copyright, we cannot publish the lyrics for this song. Please follow the link for words.)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5waffTnMH6g>

Bible Text and Sermon *(To access the sermon video/audio and worship liturgy, please visit our website at idealparkchurch.com and click on the “Current Sermon Series” tab. From there, click on “Watch Now” or “Read Now” for April 26. The direct link to this page is <https://idealparkchurch.com/current-sermon-series/>). A direct link to the sermon video is <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=viX9Qs8Yhsw&t=373s>).*

Philippians 4:4-7

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Sermon Audio and outline

Give Thanks

Philippians 4:4-7

Sermon for April 26, 2020

A brief introduction to the apostle Paul

Paul as a “father” to the churches

- Thoughts about his “children’s” safety
- Thoughts about his “family’s” stability
- Thoughts about being apart from his family

How might Paul feel?

- How do people respond when the “going gets rough”

A posture of thankfulness

- Paul’s posture of thankfulness
- The Bible’s posture of thanksgiving
- The reason for thankfulness

People of thankfulness

- Thankfulness for salvation
- Thankfulness for daily blessings
- Being “The Good News Network” for the world
- Practicing thankfulness
- The result of thankfulness (Ph. 4:7)

Prayers for our church, community, nation, and world (*Read each of these as you feel led, either out loud or silently. After each section, take time to pray in whatever way you feel led.*)

Most holy and loving God:

For being present among us, we thank you!

For making us one with you, we thank you!

For enabling us to know you more, we thank you!

For the reminder of your covenant promises, we thank you!

For the forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ, we thank you!
 For the daily blessings you bestow upon our lives, we thank you!
 For the time to express our gratitude, we thank you!
 For the promise of a future together, we thank you!

Lord, forgive us when we don't recognize your giving hand as much as we should. Holy Spirit, living breath of God, move our hearts toward thankfulness and gratitude for all good things you place in our lives... *[silent prayer of confession]*

We thank you, Father, that even when we fail to offer thanks as much as we should, you still place good things in our lives. You still offer the forgiveness of sins, daily blessings, and the promise of a glorious future with you. We thank you for these things... *[silent prayer of thanks for the goodness and assurance God provides]*

And even as we give you thanks, we see the brokenness in this world. We long for the day when you, Lord Jesus, will come and make all things new. Until then, we place our joys, our concerns, our hearts, and our trust in you... *[silent prayer of supplication]*

We thank you, O God, our redeemer and sustainer. Amen.

First paragraph from Worship Sourcebook, 2nd edition, 8.5.20

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Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine (Crosby, 1879)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S3TGrRKf4H8>

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
 Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
 Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
 Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood

[Chorus] This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long;
 This is my story, this is my song,
 Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
 Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
 Angels, descending, bring from above
 Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

[Chorus]

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
 I in my Savior am happy and blest,
 Watching and waiting, looking above,
 Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

[Chorus]

Time for Discussion

- What has God given me to be thankful for?
- What steps can I take this week to grow in my thankfulness?
- When people meet me, how do they know I am thankful to God?

*When you have gone through this liturgy and discussion, **consider calling a friend or two from church to see how they are doing.***

“The LORD bless you and keep you, the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.” Numbers 6:24-26 (New International Version)