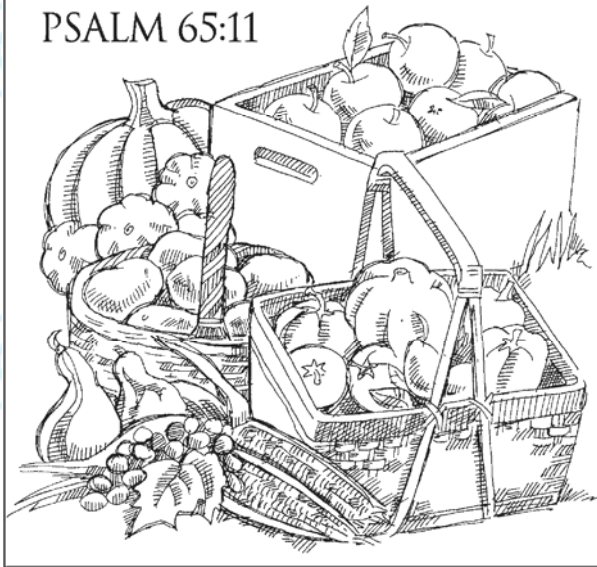


# THANKSGIVING DAY

November 26, 2009

THOU  
CROWNEST THE  
YEAR WITH THY  
GOODNESS...

PSALM 65:11



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EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
Carlsbad, California

## ORDER OF SERVICE

*Holy Eucharist Rite 1*

*Book of Common Prayer, Page 323*

Prelude	“Come, You Thankful People, Come”	<i>James Pethel</i>
Opening Hymn	“Praise to God, Immortal Praise”	See insert, vs. 1-4
Communion Hymn	“We Gather Together to Ask the Lord’s Blessing”	See insert, vs. 1-3
Closing Hymn	“God Bless Our Native Land”	See insert, vs. 1-3
Postlude	“As with Gladness”	<i>Robert Hughes</i>

## THE COLLECT

Almighty and gracious Father, we give thee thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we beseech thee, faithful stewards of thy great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON Deuteronomy 8:1-3, 6-10, 17-20

Moses said to all Israel, “All the commandment which I command you this day you shall be careful to do, that you may live and multiply, and go in and possess the land which the LORD swore to give to your fathers. And you shall remember all the way which the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments, or not. And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know; that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but that man lives by everything that proceeds out of the mouth of the LORD. So you shall keep the commandments of the LORD your God, by walking in his ways and by fearing him. For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing forth in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you can dig copper. And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you. Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth; that he may confirm his covenant which he swore to your fathers, as at this day. And if you forget the LORD your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you this day that you shall surely perish. Like the nations that the LORD makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God.”

## **PSALM 65:9-14**

*To be said responsively.*

- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly;  
you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 **You prepare the grain, \***  
**for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 **You crown the year with your goodness, \***  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 **May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**  
**and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \***  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit\***  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

## **EPISTLE James 1:17-18, 21-27**

Every good endowment and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures. Therefore put away all filthiness and rank growth of wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who observes his natural face in a mirror; for he observes himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But he who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer that forgets but a doer that acts, he shall be blessed in his doing. If any one thinks he is religious, and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this man's religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

## THE GOSPEL Matthew 6:25-33

Jesus said, "Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. 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 which of you by being anxious can add one cubit to his span of life? And why are you anxious 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 arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O men of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.

## LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

- Reader Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.  
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of  
Christ,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
**People We thank you, Lord.**
- Reader Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in  
Christ Jesus our Lord;  
**People To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for  
ever. Amen.**