



GLORIA DEI LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP

November 24, 2021, 7:00 pm

WELCOME to worship! Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself in the journey of faith, you are welcome here to receive the abundance of God's love and grace for you.

GUESTS - We're glad you have joined us! Please sign-in at the Welcome Table to receive a gift. Thank you for worshipping with us.

PRELUDE: *Song of Hope* by Iouri Grichetckhkine

Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE GATHERING HYMN: O God Beyond All Praising

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**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder at ev-'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**The flow'r of early splendor in time must surely die,
its fragile bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high;
but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown-
though small in mortal stature, to heav-en's garden grown:
for Christ, your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
and we through him are given the final victory.**

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

We praise you, O God, blessed and Holy Trinity, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.)

CANTICLE OF PRAISE: ***This is the Feast*** p. 149
This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia!
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God
Power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and blessing and glory are His.

This is the feast of victory for our God, Alleluia!
Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation
Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever, Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,
For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE PSALM: Psalm 100
Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing!
Know that the Lord is God! He made us and we are His.
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise!
Give thanks to God; bless God's holy name!
For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

THE LESSON: 2 Corinthians 9:7-15
Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, "He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you. Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! (Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**)

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Please stand for the Gospel.) p. 188

Al-le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the sixth chapter. **Glory to You, O Lord.**
READING OF THE GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24-27
“**No one can serve two masters, for either they will hate the one and love the other, or they will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money. Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will 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 a single hour to your span of life?**”
(The Gospel of our Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**)

THE SONG OF THE DAY: ***For the Fruit of All Creation*** #679
For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For these gifts to ev-'ry nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor, God's will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,

most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

THE MESSAGE: “*Terima Kasih*” Intern Pastor Veronica Gould

OFFERTORY AND OFFERTORY MUSIC: *Thanks We Sing To Thee* by Nancy Grundahl
Sanctuary Choir, Music Director Kathy Person

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH
(Lord in Your mercy. **Hear our Prayer.**)

THE APOSTLES' CREED

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

BLESSING

THE SENDING HYMN: Let All Things Now Living #881
**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God’s banners are o’er us, God’s light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**God rules all the forces: the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit o-be-dient-ly shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
“To God in the highest, ho-san-na and praise!”**

SENDING WORDS: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE: *Postlude on “Invitation”* by David Lasky Fred Johnson, Organist/Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ALTAR FLOWERS are provided by Dan & Nancy Smith in memory of Nancy's mother, Lois Probst.

WELCOME TO THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP - We give thanks for all the blessings of life and the immeasurable love of God. The Offering this evening will go entirely to World Hunger. Pie served following the service.

PLEDGE CARDS/TIME AND TALENT SHEETS - Place them in the offering boxes or mail them back to church. You may fill out a Time and Talent Sheet online at www.mygloriadei.org/timeandtalent. Please complete your Stewardship packets in the next few weeks. Thanks for volunteering!

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY is available to all members at the Stewardship Table. Please let the office know if there is something incorrect, as it is constantly updated. Thanks.

ADVENT SEASON, the 4 week preparation for Christmas begins next Sunday, November 28. An Advent Calendar will be available to use at home and an Advent Devotional is available online: mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei. Confirmation Students will be reading and acolyting.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS for Foster All and local Dana Point families. See the tree at the Welcome Table and pick up a gift card and sign the sheet that corresponds to your gift card tag. Gift cards due by November 28. Thank you!

DECORATING THE TREE - Come and help set up the Christmas tree - Friday, December 3, noon. Thanks for helping out!

MEMORIAL SERVICE for Betsy Dubow - Saturday, Dec. 4, 11am. Luncheon to follow in Bankson Hall.

WOMEN'S GROUP MEETUP - Sunday, December 5, 2pm. Meet at the main entry of Rogers Garden to celebrate Christmas. Explore the scenery and check out the Christmas boutique. All are welcome!

SR. HIGH HAPPENINGS - Sunday, December 12 12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Cookie decorating in Knudson Hall. Lunch, cookies and bonding time for the kids. Contact Youth Director Paige (youth@mygloriadei.org.)

LONGEST NIGHT SERVICE - Sunday, December 19, 5pm. This contemplative service invites us to reflect on the grief we may feel at Christmastime and offer it all to our great sign of hope, the Holy Child of Bethlehem. We pray that all of us will find comfort in knowing that we are not alone.

SANCTUARY CHOIR (Teens/Adults) - All levels of ability welcome! Practice is on Thursdays at 7:30pm for one hour. Choral masks provided. For details - Kathy Person: music@mygloriadei.org.

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP will take place Friday, December 24, 3pm, 4:30pm, and 6pm. Candlelight, carols, special music, and more. Reservations are required. To reserve your spot: www.mygloriadei.org/adventchristmas-at-gloria-dei. There will be seating inside and outside. Of course, the service will also be live streamed. Invite a friend to experience the birth of hope!

GUIDELINES for worship – Spread out and sit wherever you see a bulletin. Face masks required for everyone sitting inside! Extra facemasks are at the Welcome Table. We continue to livestream the 8:30am service: www.youtube.com/GloriaDeiLutheranChurchDanaPoint

NURSERY is available at the 8:30am & 10am services. Services for babies – pre-K. The attendants are vaccinated and they will be wearing masks. They will be inside preschool room or at the playground.

BRASS GROUP rehearses Tuesdays, 5pm (Sanctuary). All levels of ability are welcome! Questions – pastordavid@mygloriadei.org

OFFERING – Please place check/money in boxes, or **ELECTRONIC GIVING** – Venmo app – @GloriaDei-Dana Point. Alternatively, you can give via credit card or debit card through our secure site: mygloriadei.org/donate. Thank you for supporting the ministry of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church!

VACCINATIONS – If you or someone you know is having difficulty registering for a shot, please contact the church office. Volunteers are also able to drive people to receive their shot.

UPCOMING: Sunday school Christmas Program (Dec. 12), Lessons and Carols Service (Dec.19).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR NOVEMBER 24 -27, 2021

Wednesday: AA Men (7am); Women's Bible Study (10am); 12 Step Couples Group (7pm); Thanksgiving Eve Worship (7pm)

Thursday: AA Men (7am); AA Women (9:30am); AA Men (7pm)

Saturday: AA Men's (7am); ACA (2pm); NA Meeting (7pm)

THANKS TO OUR WORSHIP LEADERS TONIGHT!

7pm: Coffee: Susie Boland; Lector: Dianne Scott; Usher: Tim Boyd