



Worship Resources for Sunday, November 8th

Grateful - Everything Is A Gift, Proper 27, Liturgical Year A

We encourage you to read and reflect on these scriptures, songs, notes, and prayers as we look forward to our time of worship together this coming Sunday. You may access a PDF copy of this guide from our website, <https://emmausroadfc.org/worship-resource-20201108/>.

Please print this guide or have it handy in digital format for use during the service.

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Bold lines to be prayed aloud corporately

Shout with joy to the Lord! Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing with joy! Know that the Lord is God!

He made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation.
(Inspired by Psalm 100)

MUSIC: REJOICE

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CONFESSONAL PRAYER

Bold lines to be prayed aloud corporately

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent, for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

- Book of Common Prayer

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

You are invited to hold your hands out, palm-up as we receive His grace.

"In the same way, though you were dead in legal offense, and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with Jesus, forgiving us all our offenses. He blotted out the handwriting that was against us, opposing us with its legal demands. He took it right out of the way, by nailing it to the cross."

-Colossians 2:13-14 NTE

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC: GIVE US YOUR HEART

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Grateful: Everything Is A Gift

[Psalm 100 \(NRSV\)](#)

INTRO

Today we begin a new series called Gratitude.

Gratitude is difficult for many of us. While there are probably a lot of reasons for this, I think one of the reasons is that, in the West, gratitude has been attached for a sense of duty.

For centuries, Westerners have defined gratitude as a commodity of exchange organized around notions of wealth and power. Benefactors gave benefits to beneficiaries who, in turn, were indebted to their benefactors. This debt-and-duty model, built on required reciprocity, is so widespread as to be largely invisible to us, but continually influences us.
-Diana Butler Bass, *Grateful*, pg. xxiv

GIFT & RESPONSE

We can learn to see gratitude through the lens of gift and response. With this understanding, gifts exist before benefactors because everything is a gift.

Having received good gifts, we can then respond.

As Christians, we identify God as the giver of these gifts. We wouldn't be here without a whole series of

gifts bestowed upon us. In this way, we are all beneficiaries.

THE GIFT OF GRACE

The words "gratitude" and "grace" share the same root word; gratia in Latin and kharis in Greek. It makes sense that these two words share a root because grace means "unmerited favor." Whenever we received unmerited favor, it is sure to lead to gratitude.

Grace is an all-encompassing word that is used to describe how God has showered creation with good gifts. Grace is when gifts are given that have not been earned without an expectation of return. Grace bucks the whole system of debt and duty and turns it on its head.

"There would be no benefactors if they were not first the recipients of grace. In other words, gifts come before givers. We do not really give gifts. We recognize gifts, we receive them, and we pass them on."
-Diana Butler Bass

TABLE

Prepare the elements of "bread" and "wine" for use as we gather around The Lord's Table. These can be any items convenient around the home that symbolize these for you.

CONFESSION OF THE MYSTERY OF FAITH

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

As we pray together, we invite you to share your own requests and testimonies with us this week. If you have a request you can share it live in our video stream chat, or you may email us at emmausroadfc@gmail.com

As part of our Grateful series, we'll be participating in prayers of thanksgiving. Please join in the **bolded** lines.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, Our Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Our Father in heaven,

hallowed be your Name,

your kingdom come,

your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins

as we forgive those

who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,

and deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom,

and the power,

and the glory for ever and ever.

Amen

BENEDICTION

You are invited to hold your hands out, palm-up as we receive this benediction.

Go now, and follow in the footsteps of those who have gone before us in Christ.

Revere the Lord.

Serve God in sincerity and faithfulness.

Teach those who come after you to trust in God.

And may God protect you along the way;

May Christ Jesus keep you alert and prepared;

And may the Holy Spirit fuel the lamp that guides your path.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Amen.