

A Thanksgiving Prayer Service

(For the last day of classes before Thanksgiving holidays)

I. Recalling God's Presence – Opening Prayer

Leader: Let us remember that we are in the holy presence of God. (pause)

All: Bless us, O God, with a reverent sense of your presence, that we may be at peace and may worship and thank you with all our mind and spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

II. First Reading: 1Timothy 2:1-6

(pause after the reading for reflection)

III. Psalm Response: Psalm 67

All: May God show kindness and bless us,
and let your face smile on us!
For then the earth will acknowledge your ways
and all nations will know of your power to save.

Let the nations praise you, O God,
let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations shout and sing for joy,
since you dispense true justice to the world;
you dispense strict justice to the peoples,
on earth you rule the nations.

Let the nations praise you, O God,
let all the nations praise you!

The soil has give its harvest,
God, our God, has blessed us.
May God bless us, and let God be praised
to the very ends of the earth.

IV. Second Reading: Luke 17:11-19

(pause for reflection)

(over)

V. Shared Prayers of Thanksgiving

(Prior to this day, each student should be provided with a sheet upon which he/she can list things for which he/she is thankful. The student should bring this list to class on the day of the prayer service. Each student is asked to mention aloud [in order] **ONE** thing for which he/she is thankful by saying:)

“I thank God for . . .”

VI. Closing Prayer

All: Almighty God, our loving Creator and Parent, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit, lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your blessings and gifts, and serve you in willing obedience, through your Son and our Brother, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

VII. Closing Song: The Doxology (Old One Hundred)

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts.
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

(Arranged by Brother Paul Fitzgerald)