

Hymns for November 2, 2025

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Recessional: *In Christ Alone*

Pentecost 21/Proper 26

The Thanksgiving of the People of God

(Holy Eucharist *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song.

This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
[And] on that cross as Jesus died,
[our human sin was magnified.
Yet Love thru him it did not fade];
here in the death of Christ I live.

Celebrant: Grace and peace to you from God

People: God fill you with truth and joy.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may truly love you, and worthily praise your holy name; through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Hymn of Praise

Glory in Excelsis (NSB 191)

1. Glory to God in the highest,
and Peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the lord.

You alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Summary of the Law

Celebrant: Hear the teaching of Christ: you shall love the lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first commandment. And a second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

People: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

The Comfortable Words

Celebrant: Hear God's word to God's people:

God so loved the world that God gave God's only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong.

Jesus said:

There is joy among the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Come to me all who labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.

The Confession

Celebrant: God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins.

All: Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Absolution

Celebrant: Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen

Celebrant: The peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

People: The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: Amen

The Proclamation

First Testament Reading

Jeremiah 31:27-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant,

says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say:

"The parents have eaten sour grapes,
and the children's teeth are set on edge."

But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth
of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set
on edge.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt-- a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord:

I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people;

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Responsively by whole verse

Psalm 119:97-104

97 Oh, how I love your law! *

all the day long it is in my mind.

98 Your commandment has made me wiser
than my enemies, *

and it is always with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my
teachers, *

for your decrees are my study.

100 I am wiser than the elders, *

because I observe your commandments.

101 I restrain my feet from every evil way, *

that I may keep your word.

102 I do not shrink from your judgments, *

because you yourself have taught me.

103 How sweet are your words to my taste! *

they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

104 Through your commandments I gain
understanding; *
therefore I hate every lying way.

Epistle Reading

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away

from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

Lector: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people;

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual

Be Thou My Vision (NSB26)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
thou my best thought by day and by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

The Gospel

Deacon: The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

People: Praise and glory to God.

Luke 18:1-8 Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself,

‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Deacon: This is the Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to Christ, the Word.

Gradual

Be Thou My Vision (NSB26)

2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord.

Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower,
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

The Sermon

The Affirmation of Faith

All: We believe in God above us,
maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all living things.

We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the word made flesh,
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.

A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief,
he died forsaken.

He descended into the earth
to the place of death.

On the third day he rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven,
to be everywhere present,
and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit burning with Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of eternal life.

Amen

(Iona Abbey Worship Book)

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Heavenly God, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of Christ. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Leader: God, enliven the Church for its mission;

Congregation: That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Leader: Breathe fresh life into your people;
Congregation: Give us power to reveal Christ
in word and action.

Leader: We pray for the world.

Creator of all, lead us and every people
into ways of justice and peace.

Congregation: That we may respect one
another in freedom and truth.

Leader: Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

Congregation: Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

Leader: We pray for the community: God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

Congregation: that all may act with integrity and courage.

Leader: Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

Congregation: May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

Leader: We pray for those in need: God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

Congregation: May they know the power of your healing love.

Leader: Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Congregation: Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

Leader: We remember those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Congregation: God, into your hands we commend them.

Leader: Give comfort to those who mourn.

Congregation: Bring them peace in their time of loss.

Leader: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

Congregation: May their example inspire and encourage us.

Leader: We pray for ourselves and our ministries: Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Congregation: Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Intercession (aloud or silently)

Celebrant: God of mercy, you have given us grace to pray with one heart and one voice; and have promised to hear the prayers of two or three who agree in your name; fulfil now, we pray, the prayers and longings of your people as may be best for us and for your kingdom. Grant us in this world to know your truth, and in the world to come to see your glory.

People: Amen.

The Ministry of the Sacrament

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Prayers for Birthdays/Anniversaries/Travel...

Celebrant: Beloved, we are the body of Christ.

People: By one Spirit we were baptized into one body.

Celebrant: Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: Amen. We are bound by the love of Christ.

Offertory Sentence: Let us with gladness present the offering and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Offertory Hymn

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (H688)

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing:
for still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing:
dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he;
Lord Sabaoth his Name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us;
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us;
the prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

4. That word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth:
let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still,
his kingdom is for ever.

Doxology



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea-tures



here be - low; Praise Him a - bove, ye



heav'n - ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Celebrant: To you, God, belongs the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory and the majesty.

People: All that is in the heavens and the earth is yours, and of your own we give you.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: God is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to our God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right indeed, it is our joy and our salvation, holy Lord, almighty Creator, everlasting God, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise through Christ your only Son.

You are the source of all life and goodness; through your eternal Word you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image.

When we sinned and turned away you called us back to yourself and gave your Son to share our human nature. By his death on the cross, he made the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world and freed us from the bondage of sin.

You raised him to life triumphant over death;
you exalted him in glory. In him you have
made us a holy people by sending upon us
your holy and life giving Spirit.

Therefore with the faithful who rest in him,
with angels and archangels and all the
company of heaven, we proclaim your great
and glorious name, for ever praising you and
saying:

All (S130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy God; on the night before he died your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread; when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you, for this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins; do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

All (spoken): Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await;
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Celebrant: Therefore loving God, recalling
your great goodness to us in Christ, his
suffering and death, his resurrection and
ascension, and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate our redemption with this bread
of life and this cup of salvation. Accept our

sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving which we offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the body and blood of Christ, and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you

in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise.

People: Blessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere, now and for ever.
Amen.

Celebrant: As Christ teaches us, we pray:

All (spoken):

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: We who are many are one body.

The Fraction *Sung by All*

Fraction Anthem



Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not



hun - ger. Je - sus Christ, Ri - sen Lord,



those who trust in you will not thirst

All: Most merciful God, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

Celebrant: τὰ ἅγια τοῖς ἁγίοις

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Music

Come Thou Fount (H686)

1. Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! O, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2. Here I find my greatest treasure;
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

People: Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name. Amen.

Blessing of the Beloved

Closing Hymn

In Christ Alone

3. There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me.

For I am His and He is mine,
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death;
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

The Dismissal

People's Response: Amen. We go in the name of Christ. *Hallelujah, Hallelujah!*

Postlude

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