

Thanksgiving Eve

November 26, 2008

SERVING TODAY

5:30 p.m.

Holy Eucharist Rite II and Sermon

Prelude:

Processional *Hymn: 291 We plow the fields, and scatter*

THE WORD OF THE LORD

Opening Acclamation BCP p. 355
Collect for Purity BCP p. 355
Gloria S 280 BCP p. 356

The Collect of the Day:

All mighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Psalm 65 BCP p. 672

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Sequence Hymn: 433 *We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:11-19

The Homily The Rev. Michael E. Snider, II

A Litany of Thanksgiving BCP p. 837

The Peace

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem *I Vow To Thee, My Country* Rice

Presentation of Gifts 397 vs. 3

The Great Thanksgiving C BCP p. 369

Sanctus S 129

The Lord's Prayer BCP p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread BCP p. 364

Fraction Anthem S 152

Communion – All baptized persons are welcome

Communion Hymns: 301, 339, 716

Post Communion Prayer BCP p. 365

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: 290 *Come, ye thankful people, come*

Dismissal – Response "Thanks be to God"

Celebrant: The Rev. Michael E. Snider, II

Chalicer/Lector: Don Williams

Chalicer/Epistoler: Louisa Sowers

Acolyte: Grace Taylor Sudduth

Altar Guild Mrs. Becky Beckett Mrs. Delia Kersey
Mrs. Louisa Sowers Mrs. Annette Osborne

We welcome all visitors to Christ Church in the Name of Lord Jesus Christ. Please come again!

The **Altar Flowers** which grace the altar this evening are given to the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of **C. M. Hunter, Sr., Charlotte Gillespie, and Sloane McGraw** by **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hunter.**

COMMUNION: All baptized Christians are welcome and encouraged to receive communion. After the choir has received communion, the congregation will come forward to the altar rail. Those at the altar rail *please wait* until everyone has received bread and wine before returning to their pew.

Our **CHRISMON TREE** will be decorated this Friday beginning at 1:00 p.m. Please join in and help to begin our **HOLIDAY TRADITION!** If you have Holiday Company – bring them too!

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER: For your convenience, we have extra **pledge cards** on the back table in the Narthex.

Christ Church will help Union Mission families this Christmas season. Names of children have been distributed but donations for these families are still needed, so please be generous with your donation. Donations may be sent to the Church and marked as Christmas gift for Families or may be given to Louisa Sowers.

ECW Christmas Luncheon will be Wednesday, Dec. 10 at 12 noon. Penny Snider will be guest speaker. Sign-up sheet is located in Narthex for luncheon and for cookies to be given to shut-ins. Bring cookies to church by 11:00 a.m. Call Louisa Sowers if you will be bringing cookies or have any questions.

*For all that has been – Thanks!
For all that shall be – Yes!
Daj Hammarskuold (1905-1961)*

*Thou has given so much to me,
Give one thing more – a grateful heart!
George Herbert (1593-1633)*

We thank you and praise you. Lord, open our eyes to all your gifts: family, friends, home and possessions, talents, youth and age, health, laughter and love. As we gather your harvest, help us to share all that we have with others and with you. We pray that we use the gifts you give us to your glory. We thank you for our daily bread and for our Bread of Life, your Son, Jesus Christ. *Amen*

THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Your people bring you thanksgiving gifts this harvest day, Creator Lord: produce of farm and field, garden and orchard. Stand guard over our worship, eternal God, lest we who come with full hands, leave with empty hearts. Let your creative power, self-evident in harvest plenty, also newly create our faith in Christ to yield a harvest which is eternal. Amen.

I Vow to Thee, My Country

*I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
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*And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know,
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently, her shining bounds increase,
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