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November 24, 2024 9am Worship



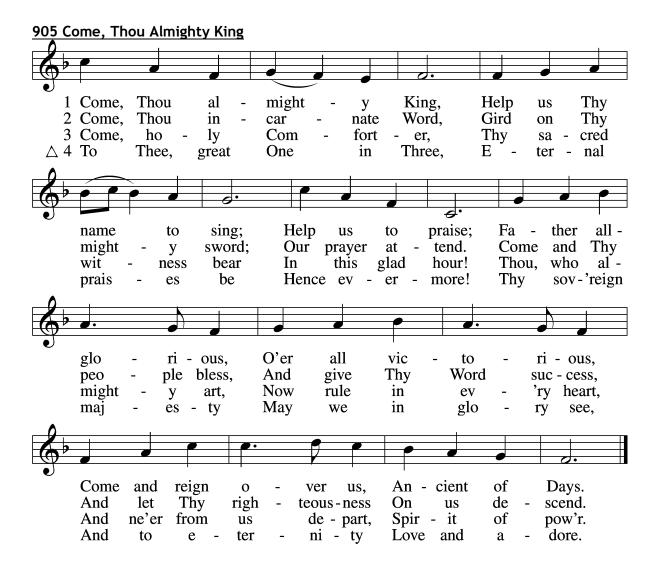
# When Gratitude Leads

(Pastor Ben)

What happens when gratitude leads?

# Last Sunday of the Church Year - November 24, 2024 9:00am Order of Worship Goodness of God: When Gratitude Leads

## Prelude/Welcome



## Invocation & Confession

- **P** In the name of the Father and of the 

  → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.
- P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

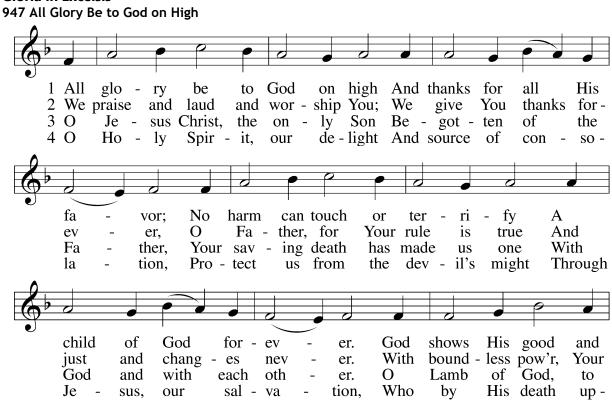
- **C** who made heaven and earth.
- **P** I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
- **C** and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.
- P O almighty God, merciful Father,

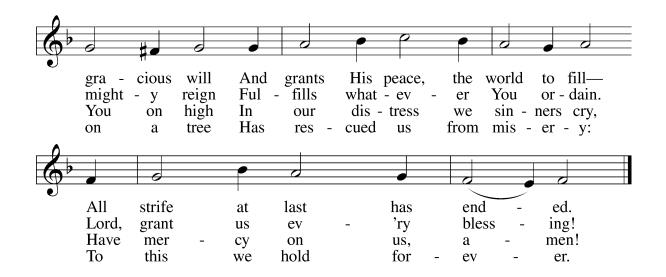
- I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.
- Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

# Passing of the Peace



**Gloria in Excelsis** 





# Salutation and Collect of the Day

- **P** The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.
- **P** Let us pray.
- Lord Jesus Christ, so govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your glorious return, we may persevere in both faith and holiness of living; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Please Sit)

#### First Lesson

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

26 When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, <sup>2</sup> take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name <sup>3</sup> and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup> The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup> Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. <sup>6</sup> But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, subjecting us to harsh labor. <sup>7</sup> Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our ancestors, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. <sup>8</sup> So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup> He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; <sup>10</sup> and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him. <sup>11</sup> Then you and the Levites and the foreigners residing among you shall rejoice in all the good things the LORD your God has given to you and your household.

#### Second Lesson

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

- <sup>6</sup>Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. <sup>7</sup>Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written:
- "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever."
- <sup>10</sup> Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.
- <sup>12</sup> This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. <sup>13</sup> Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. <sup>14</sup> And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. <sup>15</sup> Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

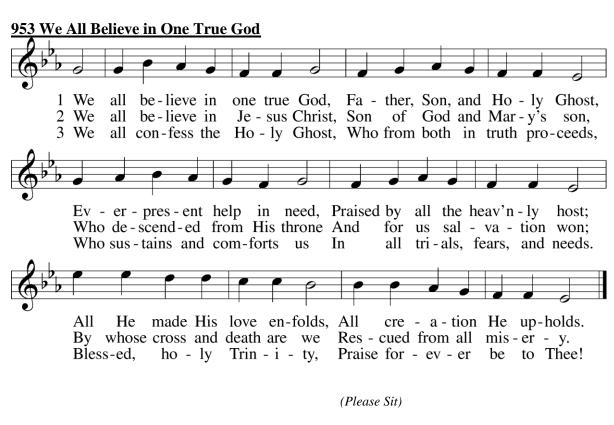
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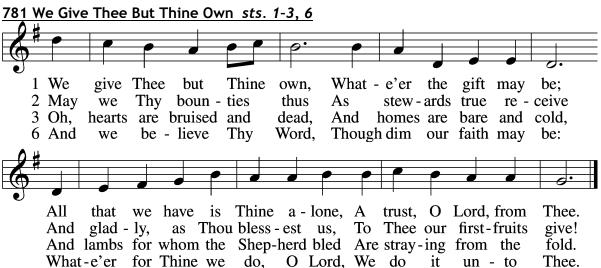
# **Holy Gospel**

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

Luke 12:13-21

- <sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."
- <sup>14</sup> Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" <sup>15</sup> Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions."
- <sup>16</sup> And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. <sup>17</sup> He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'
- <sup>18</sup> "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. <sup>19</sup> And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry."
- <sup>20</sup> "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'
- <sup>21</sup> "This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God."
- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- C Praise to You, O Christ.





**Message** Goodness of God: When Gratitude Leads

## Offering

Thank you for your faithful support of ministry at Royal Redeemer. As a reminder, you may submit your offerings 1) in the collection plate, 2) via the Church Center App, 3)by mail to the church, 7127 Dutchland Pkwy., Liberty Township, Ohio, 4) via Church Center - you can find a link on the Worship Live page of our website, or 5) by arranging an automatic deposit through your bank account (see the Give page under the Serve section of our website).

#### Announcements

## Prayer of the Church

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Gracious Father, You have richly provided for us with all we need to support this body and life, yet we often allow our possessions to hold too much power over us. Teach us to see everything we have as a gift from You, given for Your purposes. Cultivate gratitude in our hearts that leads to joyful generosity, so that Your Church might reflect Your Kingdom in this world. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Almighty God, as we await the return of Christ and the fulfillment of Your Kingdom, help us to live in readiness, using the time, talents, and treasures You have given us for Your glory. Let gratitude overflow into acts of generosity as Your church continues to serve the poor, feed the hungry, and proclaim the good news of Jesus. Lord, in Your mercy,

# People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O God, with all creation we look in eager expectation toward our final redemption at the revelation of Your Son. Until that day, sustain those who live under the cross. We lift up those burdened by financial stress, material loss, or the anxiety that comes with scarcity. Help them to see Your provision, and inspire us as Your Church to respond generously to their needs. Give them patience and hope, and grant healing and aid to the sick. Draw near to the dying. Hold them in the arms of Your love, and defend them against the final assaults of the evil one. Comfort those who mourn with the hope of the resurrection of the body to eternal life. Give us faith to believe that, in such crosses, You work all things for our good. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Lord, in Your mercy,

## People: hear our prayer.

Pastor: Eternal God, as we await the day when Jesus comes again to make all things new, fill us with hopeful hearts. Let our gratitude for Your saving work in Christ overflow into lives of generosity that proclaim Your grace and mercy to the world. Keep us faithful to the mission You have entrusted to Royal Redeemer, so that through us, Your Kingdom may come and Your will be done. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

# Lord's Prayer

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
forever and ever. Amen.

## Benedicamus LSB 218

- **P** Let us bless the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

## **Benediction**

- The Lord bless you and keep you.

  The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

  The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
- C Amen.

