

Welcome to . . .
The Presbyterian Church of Saint David
October 8, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday

Opening Responses:

L> Peace on each one who comes in need,
ALL> peace on each one who comes in joy.
L> Peace on each one who offers prayers,
ALL> peace on each one who offers song.
L> Peace of the Maker, peace of the Son,
ALL> peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.

Prayer of Adoration: *(said together)*

It is good to give thanks to you, Lord,
to remember all you have done;
then you will remember our praises
when you look on your people with love.
Now blest be the Lord, God of Israel.
Blest be God both now and forever.
Let nations and people cry, Amen!
Praise the Lord, hallelujah, Amen!
[Psalm 106 paraphrase John L. Bell - 71 vv. 1 & 6, Bk of Pr]

HYMN: Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet No. 466

Scripture: *Psalm 95:1-7* p. 550 NRSV
Philippians 4:1-13 p. 198 NRSV

Reflection:

Gratitude cannot be called forth by an act of parliament, nor is it to be limited to one day out of the year. Nor need it arise only in times of bounty and comfort.

Discussion:

1. How may we grow in the spirit of gratitude?
2. How realistic is Paul's prescription?

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

Invitation

HYMN: Eat this bread No. 527 *(sung twice)*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Blessing
Prayer of Intercession
The Lord's Prayer (debts & debtors)

Communion

Prayer: *(said together)*

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us.
enable much by us,
encourage many through us.

So, O God, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

HYMN: Now thank we all our God No. 457

CLOSING RESPONSES: *[from The Iona Community]*

L> O Trinity of love,
you have been with us at the world's beginning,
ALL> be with us till the world's end.
L> You have been with us at our life's shaping,
ALL> be with us at our life's end.
L> You have been with us at the sun's rising,
ALL> be with us till the day's end.
Amen.

Blessing: (. . . with you all. *And also with you.*)