

and death is the one most common event in all our history. There was a healing. Jesus is the Savior of the people of the world. He stated from time to time that He came to save the lost sheep of the house of Israel, yet He displayed His willingness to help everyone. One man returned to give thanks. It is not possible to say what the others thought, only what this one man thought. This one man, the foreigner realized the significance of the healing and gave thanks. There is the defining statement from Jesus, "Your faith has made you well." All ten were healed, but this one man's soul was healed. His faith didn't heal Him from leprosy it healed him from eternal death. On balance, what happens in this world is insignificant compared with what happens in eternity.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

⑤ Heavenly Father, we ask that you fill us with Your Holy Spirit. Give us a full understanding of Your Word and will. Give us the power to walk faithfully in obedience and love to You. Enlighten our minds, that we are safe from evil and foolish acts. Make us over as the vessels of the good works You would accomplish through our presence in the world. Transform our hearts so that we find our joy in worship of You, communion with our Lord Jesus Christ, and in fellowship with these Your chosen people.

Exert Your sovereign authority over all the Earth. Bring all rulers into obedience to Your unchanging Word. End all tyranny and oppression, banish the love of war, the lust for power and the worship of false gods. We especially pray for our country. Bring, to the people of the United States, the esteem of honor, truth, purity, true religion and works of faith. Endow our leaders with sound judgment, good counsel, and sure knowledge, so that we are preserved from all our enemies both within and without, and live to serve You (as we give to others) with patience and in accordance to all Your just decrees.

Grant to all who are in sickness or sorrow, tribulation or danger, who have suffered disappointment or injustice, an increase in faith and love. Keep them in Your mighty hand, and deliver them from all of their affliction and woe.

We pray also for Your Holy Church, O, Father divine. Furnish us with such grace that we are ready to sacrifice everything for Your cause and put such faithfulness to Your Word in our hearts and minds, that we can never waver in our Holy calling. Give repentance to all Your people. Lay on them faith, patience and love that they are able to remain faithful to You at all times and in all places.

Hear us as we bring to You our private petitions. (**Time of silent prayer.**)

As our days grow short, keep us ever mindful of our Savior. In His esteemed name we pray.

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PROPER TWENTY-THREE

Chant Tone



Introit

Great is the Lord and greatly | to be
praised*
in the city | of our God!

My soul makes its boast | in the Lord;*
let the humble hear | and be glad.
Oh, magnify the | Lord with me,*
and let us exalt His name to — gether!
I sought the Lord, and He | answered me*
and delivered me from | all my fears.

When the righteous cry for help, the
— Lord hears*
and delivers them out of all their
— troubles.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy — Spirit;
as it was in the be — ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. — Amen.

Great is the Lord and greatly | to be
praised*
in the city | of our God!

(Antiphon, Psalm 48:1a;
Psalm 34:2-4, 17)

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

Gradual

He will command His angels con | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

Bless the Lord, | O my soul,*
and all that is within me, bless His | holy name!

(Psalm 91:11; 103:1)

ENTRANCE PRAYER: O Lord God, Shepherd of our souls and Supplier of all our needs, we, the people of Your pasture, come before You with hearts filled with gratitude and praise. For leading us into the green pastures of Your Word, we give You thanks. For leading us beside the still waters of Your love and mercy, we are most grateful. For restoring our souls with the righteousness of Your Son Jesus Christ, we bring You our praise. For making it possible for us to walk through the valley of the shadow of death without fear, we adore Your most Holy name. Grant us Your Spirit and help us always to be content with everything You provide. Amen (So be it, Lord.)

"RISE AND GO; YOUR FAITH HAS MADE YOU WELL." Our Gospel Lesson for today is often used for Thanksgiving, so you may hear this message twice in the same year. There is a significant importance to the understanding that Ten were healed while only one appears to have known and understood Who did the healing. The one returned to give thanks and Jesus made a point of his faith. It is our faith that allows us to acknowledge the wonder of God. If God chooses to give good things to unbelievers it is to His purpose and advantage. If God gives good things to us, it is a result of our faith, the faith given to us from the work and the person of Jesus. The ultimate "good thing" the ultimate "healing" God has done for us as a result of our faith, is the gift of Eternal Life with Him in Heaven. For this we always turn and give thanks.

THEME OF THE DAY:

Turn and Give Thanks

INTROIT—(Antiphon, Psalm 48:1a;) Psalm 34:2-4, 17

Psalm 48 is one of the Psalms of Korah which is a group of Psalms written for worship. This is the first line of a song about Jerusalem. Psalm 34 has historic roots to this Sunday. We used it in our Gradual for most of the past two months. It was written by David when he stopped acting insane and was forced out of Syria by the king who had been allowing him to hid from Saul.

COLLECT

God has given us all the things of our life. We ask that God would allow us to recognize His work in our life just-so-that we are then able to turn and give Him thanks.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON—Ruth 1:1-19a

The connection to the Gospel Lesson, and to the theme of the day is that an "outsider" who receives blessings from God, is able to recognize the blessing and give thanks to God. The story is very clear and straight forward. Ruth's promise to Naomi is the what makes this so serious. Where you go I go, and your God will be my God. The ultimate point of the book of Ruth is that she is a faithful woman, a foreigner who is accepted into the Hebrew nation. She is in the line of King David and Jesus.

GRADUAL—Psalm 91:11, 103:1

Both of these Psalms were written by David. Our Gradual, follows an ancient pattern which changes with the festival, or in this case every few weeks. Today our Gradual complements the over arching theme for these weeks (basically the month of September,) that God is always working in our best interest, even commanding the Angels to guard us. For this we praise His Holy name.

EPISTLE LESSON—2 Timothy 2:1-13

Once we are saved by God we have the wonder looking beyond this life and looking to eternal life in Heaven. Even in chains, even under the most dreadful circumstances, Paul, was still praising God for his life. In this specific circumstances Paul was getting ready to be executed. 2 Timothy is Paul's last will and testament. Paul wrote this letter in AD 50, he was killed in AD 50. Paul knew that he was to be killed for his faith and it continued to cause him to rejoice, to give thanks.

GOSPEL LESSON—Luke 17:11-19

There are several things going on at the same time. There were a group of people with leprosy including a man from Samaria. The point being that sin is the one thing about humanity that we have in common. Suffering