

before the gods to you I sing.

**2: I bow low toward your holy temple;  
I praise your name for your fidelity and love.**

1: For you have exalted over all  
your name and your promise.

**2: When I cried out, you answered;  
you strengthened my spirit.**

1: All the kings of earth will praise you, Lord,  
when they hear the words of your mouth.

**2: They will sing of the ways of our God:  
"How great is the glory of our God!"**

1: Our God is on high, but cares for the lowly  
and knows the proud from afar.

**2: Though I walk in the midst of dangers,  
you guard my life when my enemies rage.**

1: You stretch out your hand;  
your right hand saves me.

**2: Our God is with me to the end.  
Lord, your love endures forever.  
Never forsake the work of your hands!**

1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**2. As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

**ALL: I will give thanks to your name,  
because of your kindness and truth.**

### **New Testament Canticle, (Eph 1:3-6):**

Leader: Dedicate yourselves to thankfulness.

**ALL: Give thanks to God the Father through  
Christ.**

1: Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ,

**2: who has blessed us in Christ  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavens,**

1: As he chose us in him,  
before the foundation of the world,

**2: to be holy and without blemish  
before him.**

1: In love he destined us for adoption to himself  
through Jesus Christ,

in accord with the favor of his will,

**2: for the praise of the glory of his grace  
that he granted us in the beloved.**

1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.

**2. As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

**ALL: Go forth and proclaim the news of the  
kingdom; freely share with others what God has  
given you.**

### **Scripture Reading (Is 63:7,9):**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet  
Isaiah: The loving deeds of the Lord I will  
recall, the glorious acts of the Lord, because  
of all the Lord has done for us, the immense  
goodness to the house of Israel, which he  
has granted according to his mercy and his  
many loving deeds. Because of his love and  
pity the Lord redeemed them, lifting them  
up and carrying them all the days of old.  
**The Word of the Lord.**

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**  
Silence or Reflection, then (Is 12:3-5):

Leader: I give your thanks, Lord, I acclaim your name;  
**ALL: among the nations I make known your deeds  
and proclaim how exalted is your name.**

### **The Magnificat**

Leader: For all things give thanks to God

**ALL: because this is what God expects of you  
in Christ Jesus.**

1: My soul proclaims the greatness of our God;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior.

**2: For God has looked upon the handmaid's  
lowliness;  
behold, from now on will all ages call me  
blessed.**

1: The Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is God's name.

**2: God's mercy is from age to age  
to those who fear him.**

1: God has shown might with his arm,  
dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart.

**2: God has thrown down the rulers from their  
thrones  
but lifted up the lowly.**

1: God has filled the hungry with good things;  
the rich God has sent away empty.

**2: God has helped Israel his servant,  
remembering his mercy,**

1: According to God's promise to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever.

**2: Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit.**

1. As it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**ALL: For all things give thanks to God, because  
this is what God expects of you in Christ Jesus.**

### **Intercessions:**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for our God is good!

*Reader: For our ancestors who built nations and  
cultures; who thrived and prospered here long  
before the coming of strangers; for the forfeit of  
their lives, their homes, their lands, and their  
freedoms sacrificed to the rise of new nations and  
new worlds.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

*Reader: For the wealth of this land; for the minerals in the earth; for the plants and waters and animals on the earth; for the birds, the clouds and rain; for the sun and moon in the sky and the gifts they gave to our peoples that enabled the rise of new world economies.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

*Reader: For the many foods, coaxed from the heart of Mother Earth; for the skills we were given to develop foods that now belong to the world: potatoes, corn, beans, squash, peanuts, tomatoes, peppers, coffee, cocoa, sugar and many more.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

*Reader: For the medicines first discovered by our ancestors now known to the world: quinine, ipecac, iodine, curare, petroleum jelly, witch hazel and others; for the healing skills of our people and those who now care for us. For natural leaves, sage, sweet grass, and cedar that give spiritual healing by the power of their meaning.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

*Reader: For the friendship that first welcomed all to our shores; for the courage of those who watched their worlds change and disappear and those who led in the search for new lives; for our leaders today who fight with courage and great heart for us.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

*Reader: For the friends who suffered with us and stand with us today to bring the promise and the hope that the New World meant to their ancestors.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

*Reader: For the strength and beauty of our diverse native and indigenous cultures; for the traditions that give structure and meaning to our lives, that define who we are; for the skills of our artists and crafts people and the gifts of their hands.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

*Reader: For the spirituality and vision that gave our people the courage and faith to endure; that brought many to an understanding and acceptance of the love that Christ, our Brother and Savior, brought to us.*

**ALL: We offer a song of honor and thanks.**

Leader: So, with praise and thanksgiving we pray:

**ALL: Our Father...**

Leader: We give you thanks, God our Father, for from your hand we have received generous gifts so that we might learn to share your blessings in gratitude. Help us to reach out in love to all your people, so that we may share with them the goods of time and eternity, through Christ our Lord. **ALL: Amen.**

**Blessing and Dismissal**



# Evening Prayer on the Vigil of Thanksgiving

**Introductory Dialogue (Is 12:5-6):**

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, acclaim God's name;

**ALL: among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is God's name.**

Leader: Sing praise to our God for his glorious achievement;

**ALL: Let this be known throughout all the earth.**

**Thanksgiving Hymn of Choice**

**Psalm 111:**

Leader: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you our God.

**ALL: The holy Church throughout the world worships you.**

1: I will praise our God with all my heart in the assembled congregation of the upright.

**2: Great are the works of our God, to be treasured for all their delights.**

1: Majestic and glorious is your work; your wise design endures forever.

**2: You won renown for your wondrous deeds; gracious and merciful is our God.**

1: You gave food to those who fear you, mindful of your covenant forever.

**2: You showed powerful deeds to your people, giving them the lands of the nations.**

1: The works of your hands are right and true, reliable all your decrees,

**2: Established forever and ever, to be observed with loyalty and care.**

1: You sent deliverance to your people, ratified your covenant forever; holy and awesome is your name.

**2: The fear of our God is the beginning of wisdom; prudent are all who live by it. Your praise endures forever.**

1: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**2: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**ALL: We praise you, O God, we acclaim you our God. The holy Church throughout the world worships you.**

**Psalm 138:**

Leader: I will give thanks to your name,

**ALL: because of your kindness and truth.**

1: I thank you, Lord, with all my heart;