

Thanks to You, O' Lord

Dearest sisters and brothers in Christ,

The season of blessings and thanksgiving are here! We are encouraged to give thanks and to help center our lives in peace, unity and gratitude. Across wisdom traditions we find that gratitude is healing, uplifting, and an engagement in the pure act of grace. As we allow ourselves to bathe in the spirit of gratitude, we illuminate our blessings as we are invited to see our lives through a lens of strength, confidence and love. What a wonderful gift it is to share our blessings humbly and generously with others. In this time of pandemic, it is more important than ever to share our love of God with others through our actions, generosity as we reignite our own sense of belonging to God.

In Psalm 138: 1- 8 we are rekindled by the gifts of the Holy Spirit and Christ as we breathe in these words of comfort and wisdom: *"I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise; I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness, for you have exalted above all things your name and your word. On the day I called, you answered me; my strength of soul you increased. All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O Lord, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord. For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life; you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me. The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me; your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands."*

On any given day, we "walk in the midst of trouble". Our Lord is with us! Christ loves us, protects us, gives us everything we need, just when we need it, and more! Take gratitude and write it upon your heart. Let us take care of ourselves and others, in God's holy name. May the spirit of the Thanksgiving holiday bless you and your loved ones. Let us give thanks, pray for peace, compassionate and unity around the world. ***Amen.***

Fr. Vincent Phung

Come and celebrate Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 27th at 9 am followed by pastries and friendship in the basement of the church. There will be a collection.

Christmas Senior Luncheon will be on Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm. Please sign-up or call the office.