

A Liturgy for Thanksgiving Day
The People of God at First Presbyterian Church San Diego
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(At your Thanksgiving Dinner, invite all to participate in offering thanks to God using this liturgy. Before you begin, assign readers for the Scripture and strong voices to lead the singing. Children are very much encouraged to do some reading! May the Lord bless His people's prayers.)

Leader: *You are the LORD our God, who brought your people out of Egypt.*

All: **We open our mouths wide; you fill them with good things.**

(Ps 81:10)

Psalm 34

Reader #1:

*I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my
mouth.*

*² My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.*

*³ Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!*

Reader #2:

*⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.*

*⁵ Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.*

*⁶ This poor man cried, and the Lord heard
him
and saved him out of all his troubles.*

*⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers
them.*

Reader #3:

*⁸ Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in
him!*

*⁹ Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!*

*¹⁰ The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good
thing.*

Reader #4:

*¹¹ Come, O children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.*

*¹² What man is there who desires life
and loves many days, that he may see
good?*

*¹³ Keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.*

*¹⁴ Turn away from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.*

Reader #5:

*¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are toward the
righteous*

and his ears toward their cry.

*¹⁶ The face of the Lord is against those who
do evil,
to cut off the memory of them from the
earth.*

*¹⁷ When the righteous cry for help,
the Lord hears*

and delivers them out of all their troubles.

*¹⁸ The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and saves the crushed in spirit.*

*¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous,
but the Lord delivers him out of them all.*

*²⁰ He keeps all his bones;
not one of them is broken.*

*²¹ Affliction will slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be
condemned.*

*²² The Lord redeems the life of his servants;
none of those who take refuge in him will
be condemned.*

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
 stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD

Refrain

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see: all I have need-ed thy
 hand hath pro-vid-ed— Great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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Prayer Leader:

*O Lord our God,
 you are always more ready to bestow your good gifts upon us
 than we are to seek them.
 You are more willing to give
 than we desire or deserve.
 Help us so to seek that we may truly find,
 so to ask that we may joyfully receive,
 so to knock that the door of your mercy may be opened for us;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***