

Church Together

Come You Thankful People Come!

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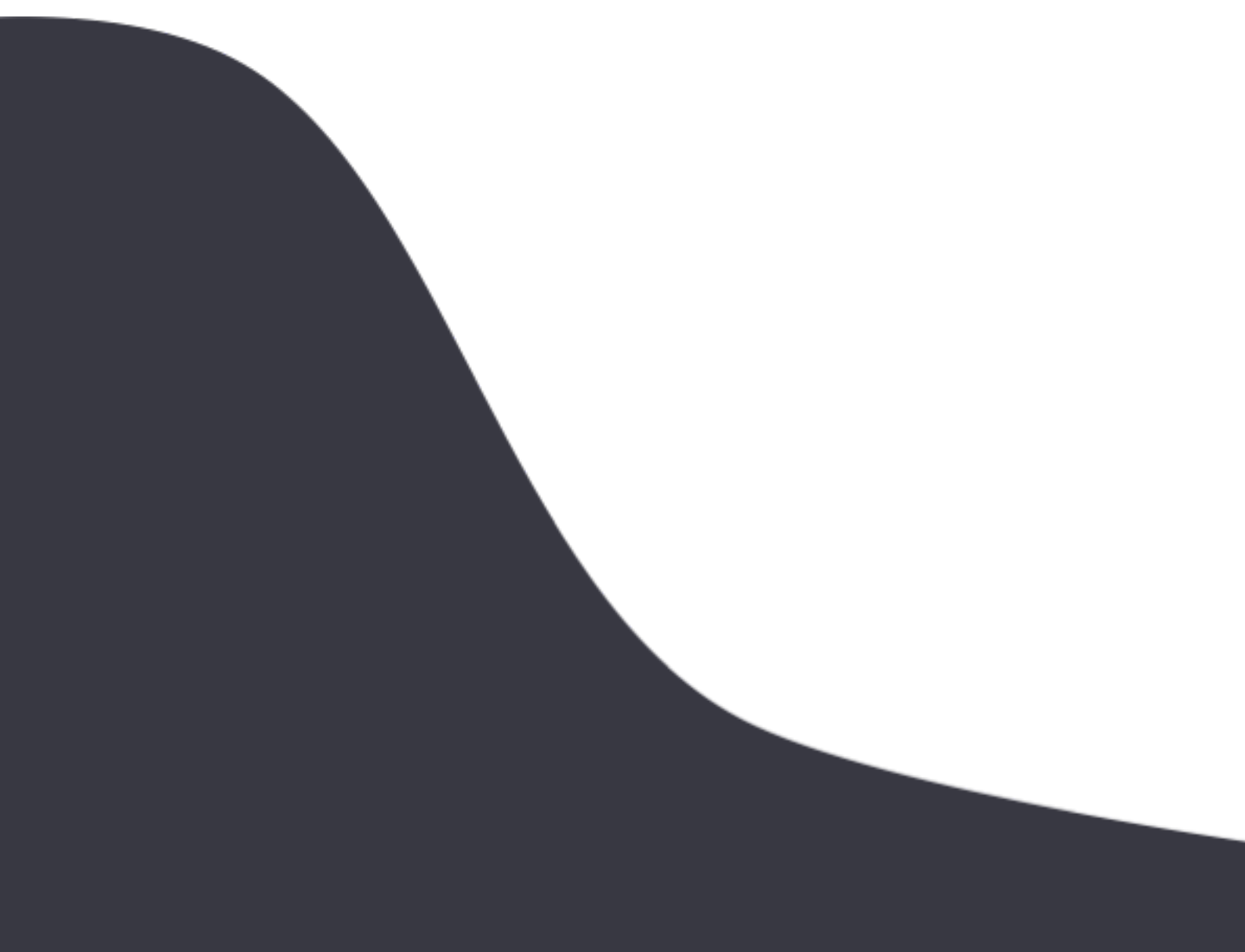
Welcome

In today's Service we will be looking at: **Psalm 100 v. 1
- 5 & Philippians 4 v. 4 - 9**

The theme for our service today is: **Come You
Thankful People Come!**

Today our service also includes: **Communion**

We hope that you will be able to engage with everything that has been produced for today's service and that you would be able to **Celebrate The Church's 282nd Anniversary And That You Are Able To Give Thanks, No Matter What!**



Call To Worship

Psalm 9 v. 1 – 2 NLT

I will thank you, Lord, with all my heart;

I will tell of all the marvellous things you have done.

I will be filled with joy because of you.

I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.

1743. 1893.

THIS TABLET IS ERECTED IN A SPIRIT OF DEVOUT
THANKFULNESS TO GOD, AND TO COMMEMORATE THE 150 YEARS
OF BLESSING WHICH HAVE FOLLOWED THE FORMATION OF THE
CHURCH IN THIS PLACE IN 1743.

DURING THIS PERIOD AN EVER GROWING
ATTENDANCE ON THE MEANS OF GRACE HAS NECESSITATED THE
BUILDING OR RE-BUILDING OF 3 CHAPELS ON THIS SITE, VIZ. IN
1743, 1803, 1843, ALSO EXTENSIVE ALTERATIONS IN 1893.

NO FEWER THAN 14 CHURCHES
IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD HAVE BEEN FORMED AS THE SPIRITUAL
CHILDREN OR GRAND-CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH WORSHIPPING
HERE, THE COMBINED MEMBERSHIP AT PRESENT BEING 2591.

"THIS IS THE LORD'S DOING AND IT IS MARVELLOUS IN OUR EYES" MATT. 21 CH. 42 V.

"BE NOT WEARY IN WELL DOING" 2 THESS. 3 CH. 13 V.

NOVEMBER 1893.

Song Suggestion

Lord For The Years



Opening Prayer

We have gathered here today Lord as your people, your Church, on this 282nd Church Anniversary. We welcome each other and above all, we welcome You, into our presence and time together. Make yourself known to us in new ways through our worship, our prayers and our understanding of your Word today. May our Church here at Salendine Nook be a church that is thankful for all that you have done throughout those 282 years.

This is your day Lord and we shall praise you this day! This is your day, Lord and we shall declare your name this day! This is your day, Lord and we shall worship you today as the risen Saviour and our heavenly King!

Bless us as we seek to continue to build your kingdom here on earth and in this community that we call home. Bless the singing of your praise, the reading of your Word, the sharing of our fellowship, the prayers that will be heard, so that we may grow in our faith and walk with you. Bless us as we meet together, dear Lord we pray.

Amen

Bible Reading

Psalms 100 v. 1 – 5 NIV

A psalm. For giving grateful praise.

1 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

2 Worship the Lord with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.

3 Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

5 For the Lord is good and his love endures forever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Song Suggestion

Take My Life And Let It Be



Tithes, Gifts & Offerings

If you feel that you are able to, then please keep on giving to the work of the church here at Salendine Nook, with a generous and cheerful heart, praising God for all that he has given to you and share in the finances of the church.



Bible Reading

Philippians 4 v. 4 – 9 NIV

Final Exhortations

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Church Together

Thought

For us as a church here at Salendine Nook, there is a long and varied history in the life of the church building and its people. Today we are celebrating Salendine Nook Baptist Church's 282nd Church Anniversary. The church as you can see from the picture (below) was founded in 1743 and down through those last 282 years, God's people who have worshipped and celebrated together have sought to serve God in this corner of his kingdom faithfully and with energy and love, building their lives on Jesus, who was and is and will continue to be their Cornerstone – the foundational rock on which we as a church are built.

Throughout those 282 years the people of God here at Salendine Nook have used their God given talents and gifts to bring others to a closer walk with Jesus, to a saving knowledge of his good news of salvation and so, as we celebrate together this morning, we are reminded that as God's people we come to him with grateful and thankful hearts.

The most important attitude that we will ever nurture, that we will ever exhibit, is the attitude of thanksgiving. The attitude that makes the difference is an attitude of being thankful, of being grateful.

Paul, in his letter to the Philippians, says: 'Make your petitions known. Pray to God for what concerns you, what troubles you, what you desire; but, in everything, give thanks'. If we are able by the grace of God to cultivate an

attitude of thanksgiving in what we do, say, and are about, we will know a life that is at once more challenging and more fulfilling.

FIRSTLY, IN ALL THINGS OBVIOUS, GIVE THANKS

In all things that are obvious, give thanks. So, what does that mean? There are some good things so close at home, so obvious, that we forget to give thanks for them. Paul begins this letter by saying: 'At every remembrance of you, or every time I think of you, I give thanks for you'. Remember the story about the ten lepers healed by Jesus? Nine went on their way and only one came back. That one person, a Samaritan, knew that it doesn't go without saying. The first opportunity of giving thanks in all things — and thus changing our attitudes and our lives — is to give thanks for the obvious things. These are the people and other blessings so close that we seem to look right past them.

The Psalm says we are to give thanks for God's benefits. Think for a moment of the benefits of being here right now: We can laugh and sing and cry together. These benefits are a part of God's wonderful love for us. One of the greatest benefits of being fully alive is to give thanks for all of God's benefits. What benefits go unnoticed because they are too obvious?

Have you ever given thanks for the wonderful miracle of your body? A great architect said there's been no invention like the human hand, and it's true. Have you thought about your noses lately? Suppose that your nose was on upside down. Every time you would sneeze, you'd blow your hat off. That's right. And if your nose was on upside down, when it rains, you'd drown. That may sound silly, but you know what I think is sillier? Forgetting to give

thanks to God who created this marvellous miracle called our body. The Bible says we are wonderfully made. We are!

Although we are wonderfully made, we're too small to cling to all the thankfulness that wells up in us, When we want to thank God, it spills over, and we begin thanking other people. When we're truly thankful to God, we begin to thank people for what they have meant to us. We write a note. We make a phone call. We stop a person in our busy schedule and say: 'You know, I really appreciate you'. Thanksgiving — it is not a time of the year but an attitude of the heart that changes people. We are to give thanks in all things obvious.

SECONDLY, IN ALL THINGS OBSCURE, GIVE THANKS

Obscure? What does that mean? It means opportunities that are hidden, people that we don't see right away, things that seem of little value until we take a closer look. In this passage from Philippians, Paul says: 'Whatever is true, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report or gracious ... think on these things'. It means calculate. Stop and ponder. Think about them for a while and begin to see that these 'things obscure' go beyond our casual seeing.

'Give thanks for those things that are true'. It means not only that which is true in terms of truth – telling, or honest speaking, but also those things that are solid, of lasting substance. It is not what flits away, is here today and gone tomorrow, but the enduring things: to give thanks for friendships that don't just blow away in tough times; to give thanks for a marriage.

Paul says whatever things are lovely, think on those things. This suggests that whatever people are loveable

and amiable, give thanks for them. There is a famous psychologist who calls some individuals 'noxious people'. They are people who seem to make us sick because they're always negative and pointing out our faults, inconsistencies and the things we've done wrong. But he says there are also 'nourishing people' in our lives. Give thanks for those who nourish you, who feed you, who are a part of God's gracious plan to build you up.

Whatever things are of good report, whatever things are valuable, give thanks for them. Even though you can't see the value at first, meditate, calculate, reckon, think on them and they become clearer. Even in those things that are obscure, give thanks.

FINALLY, IN ALL THINGS OBJECTIONABLE, GIVE THANKS

I saved the toughest for last! In all things objectionable, give thanks. This is the one with which we have the most difficulty. 'Do you mean to say I am to give thanks for this tough patch that I am going through?' 'Am I supposed to give thanks for this thorn in the flesh that doesn't seem to be taken from me?' That's a tough one, isn't it? But if we are to have an attitude of thanks that can transform the situation, we are to give thanks in all things objectionable. Quite naturally we may say: 'I'm not going to give thanks for this illness', or 'I'm not going to give thanks for what this person has done to me'. Then at least start here: Give thanks for the Presence of God in that situation, that God has not left you. Even though you had a setback, God is still present and willing to redeem the situation. Then there's the next step. Begin to realize that even through the worst circumstances God can work. Isn't the risen, living Christ the great reminder that even the evil of the cross can be transformed into new and exalted life?

You might have heard of Corrie ten Boom. She died after many years of serving the Lord. What a remarkable, gracious lady. She and her family lived through the Nazi holocaust, and they hid Jewish people in their home who would otherwise have been killed. When she was in a Nazi prison camp it was such a flea - ridden, terrible place that she couldn't stand it.

Her older sister Betsy said, 'But I have found something in the Bible that will help us. It says, 'In all things, give thanks'." Corrie said, 'I can't give thanks for the fleas'.

Betsy said, 'Give thanks that we're together. Most families have been split up'. Corrie thought, 'I can do that'.

Her sister continued, 'Give thanks that somehow the guards didn't check our belongings, and our Bible is with us'. She gave thanks for that. But Corrie would not even think of giving thanks for the fleas. Later they found out that the only reason they were not molested and harmed by the guards was because their 'captors' were so repulsed by the fleas that they would not go in. Give thanks even for those lowly creatures!

In the town of Enterprise, Alabama, USA there is a monument in the middle of the town square. You'd think it's probably of a Confederate general. It's not. It's a monument to a boll weevil. A boll weevil is an animal that destroys cotton. That town depended upon cotton. In 1915 the boll weevil destroyed their livelihood, but through this they learned the importance of diversified farming. They learned to plant peanuts, corn and other crops. In two years, they erected a monument to the boll weevil to be a reminder that through a terrible event, good things came to their town.

The Old Testament patriarch Joseph said to his brothers,

who sold him into slavery and would have killed him, 'You meant this to be for evil but God meant it for good'. That was his monument to the power of God to bring good out of apparent evil.

God can use even the worst in the circumstances of this fallen world to bring the best about. You know why we can believe that? Because God certainly did not want His Son to die on the cross but, when it became necessary, the despised instrument of death became the way we could come to know God. The cross became the means by which we can give thanks in all things, those things obvious, obscure and even objectionable. In everything, give thanks.

One thing is certain: The forefathers and founders of our church here at Salendine Nook Baptist Church trusted in the Lord with all of their hearts, they did not depend on their own understanding, but sought his will in all that they did; they used the skills and gifts that the Holy Spirit had given to them, in order to be one body with one mission in mind, the advancement of God's Kingdom in this place, and the Lord directed their paths in all that they did in his name' – Therefore, come you thankful people come and give thanks with a grateful heart.

Song Suggestion

Tell Out My Soul



Rejoice

IN THE

LORD ALWAYS;

AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4

Communion

Jesus said: 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty'. **Romans 5 v. 8** also tells us: 'God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us'.

An Invitation to the Table:

Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak. Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body, his People.

A prayer of Approach:

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secret is hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

As we prepare to receive the bread and the cup, we hear the words of The Institution:

The Apostle Paul tells us of the institution of the Lord's Supper, when he says: 'For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night that he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said: 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me'. In the

same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'. For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. 1 Corinthians 11 v. 23 – 26

A Prayer of Thanksgiving before we eat the bread and drink the cup:

Loving God, we praise and thank you for your love shown to us in Jesus Christ. We thank you for his life and ministry, announcing the good news of your kingdom and demonstrating its power in the lifting of the downtrodden, and the healing of the sick, and the loving of the loveless. We thank you for his sacrificial death upon the cross, for the redemption of the world, and for your raising him to life again, as a foretaste of the glory we shall share. We give you thanks for this bread and wine, symbols of our world and signs of your transforming love. Send your Holy Spirit, we pray, that we might be renewed into the likeness of Jesus Christ and formed into his body. This we pray in his name and for his sake. Amen.

WE NOW SHARE AND EAT OF THE BREAD AND SHARE AND DRINK OF THE CUP

A Final Prayer of Acclamation:

Your death, O Lord, we commemorate. Your resurrection we confess. Your final coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

Amen.

Prayers Of Intercession

God of Eternity, we have gathered together today to give thanks to you for the past. We think back to those who first had a vision of a church here in this place, to those who gave of their labour, their finance, their time and energy to make it happen.

God of Eternity, we also give thanks for our present and our future. As we gather here today we give thanks to you for all that we have and we look to the future with hope. We hope that in the goodness of your love that your guidance will be ever – present as we build on the foundation, that is Jesus.

Fill us with a vision for what we could be. Give us hope for our congregation and our community that lead us into your abundance and not our scarcity.

God of Eternity, in a time of uncertainty we so often fall into fear and worry, therefore show us the opportunities in our chaotic world, remind us of our priorities in relationship to you, push us to see how our choices matter, and then fill us with hope in a new heaven and a new earth.

God of our future, may we walk boldly into what may come, as a people of faith and hope. May we be found faithful in the world in which we live because our lives as your church is built on solid ground.

Amen

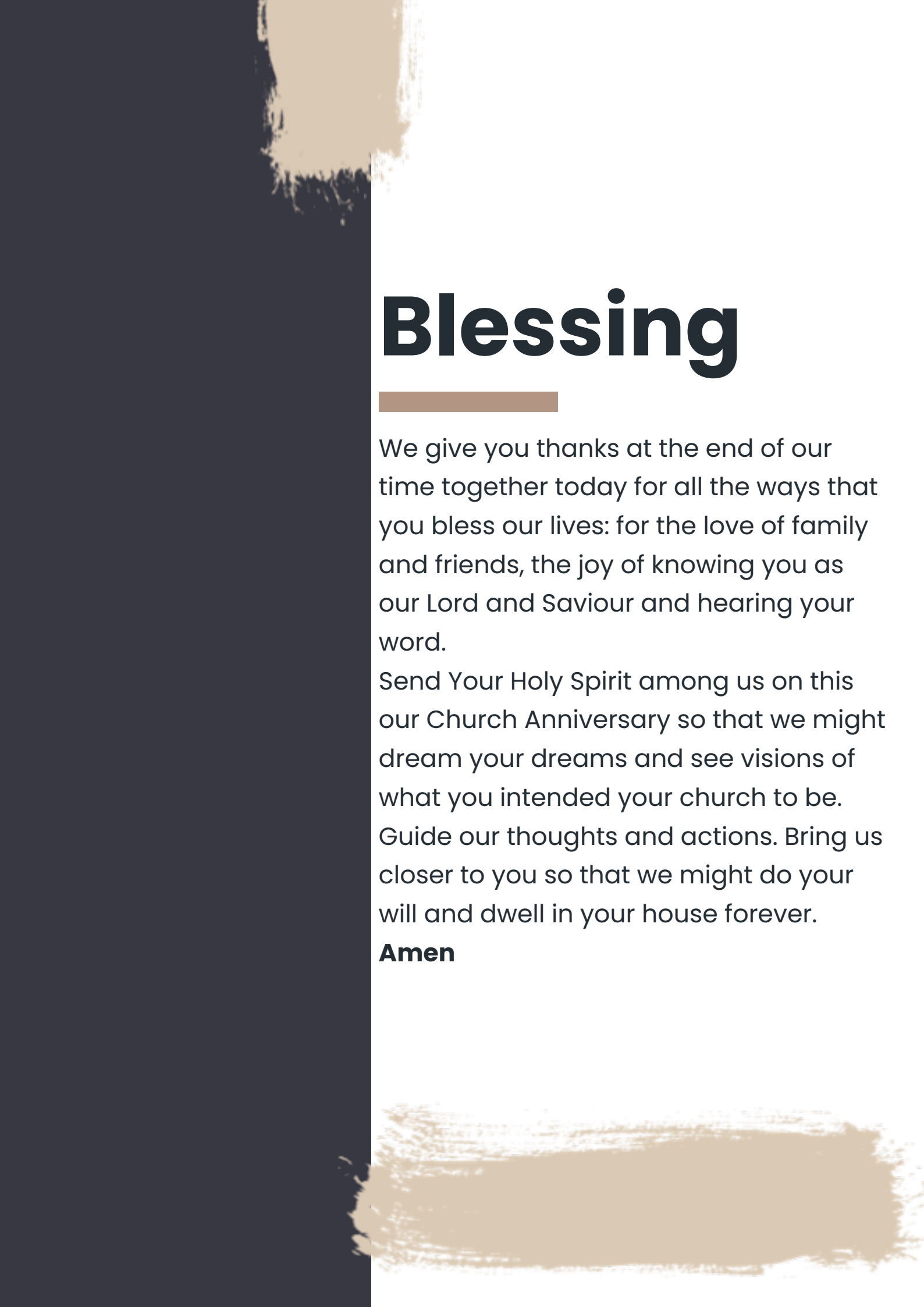
The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
On earth as it is in Heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power
And the glory, forever and ever.
Amen

Song Suggestion

To God Be The Glory





Blessing

We give you thanks at the end of our time together today for all the ways that you bless our lives: for the love of family and friends, the joy of knowing you as our Lord and Saviour and hearing your word.

Send Your Holy Spirit among us on this our Church Anniversary so that we might dream your dreams and see visions of what you intended your church to be. Guide our thoughts and actions. Bring us closer to you so that we might do your will and dwell in your house forever.

Amen