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- P** God shall | bless us;*
let all the ends of the earth | fear him!
- C** 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.
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OFFICE HYMN: 785 ~ *We Praise You, O God*

READINGS:

Deuteronomy 8:1-10

1 Timothy 2:1-4

After each reading:

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Luke 17:11-19

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by
the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Hebrews 1:1-2a

SERMON HYMN: 893 ~ *Sing to the Lord of Harvest,*
vs. 1 & 3 Congregation; vs. 2 Choir

HOMILY

Stand

MAGNIFICAT ~ 248

PRAYER

LITANY ~ 249ff

CLOSING HYMN: 895 ~ *Now Thank We All Our God*

✠ Soli Deo Gloria ✠

*The First National
Proclamation of Thanksgiving*

The United States Congress

November 1, 1777

Forasmuch as it is the indispensable duty of all men to adore the superintending Providence of Almighty God; to acknowledge with gratitude their obligation to Him for benefits received and to implore such further blessing as they stand in need of; and it having pleased Him in His abundant mercy not only to continue to us the innumerable bounties of His common Providence... to smile upon us as in the prosecution of a just necessary war for the defense and establishment of our unalienable rights and liberties...

It is therefore recommended to the legislative or executive powers of these United States, to set apart Thursday, the eighteenth day of December next, for the solemn thanksgiving and praise:

That with one heart and one voice the good people may express the grateful feelings of their hearts, and consecrate themselves to the service of their Divine Benefactor; and that together with their sincere acknowledgements and offerings, they may join the penitent confession of their manifold sins, whereby they had forfeited every favour, and their humble and earnest supplication that it may please God, though the merits of Jesus Christ, mercifully to forgive and blot them out of remembrance;

That it may please Him graciously to afford His blessings on the governments of these states respectively, and prosper the public council of the whole; to inspire our commanders both by land and sea, and all under them, with that wisdom and fortitude which may render them fit instruments, under the Providence of Almighty God, to secure for these United States, the greatest of all human blessings, independence and peace;

That it may please Him, to prosper the trade and manufactures of the people, and the labour of the husbandman, that our land may yet yield its increase; to take school and seminaries of education, so necessary for cultivating the principles of true liberty, virtue and piety, under His nurturing hand, and to prosper the means of religion for the promotion and enlargement of that kingdom which consisteth in righteous, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.