Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 20, 2022 7:00 PM

Evening Prayer Tonight's service begins with no welcome or introduction, following the ringing of the bell:
Service of Light
L: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world C: the light no darkness can overcome.
L: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, C: and the day is almost over.
L: Let Your light scatter the darkness C: and illumine Your Church.
Canticle Hymn: "O Light, Whose Splendor"891
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
L: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of the universeFather, Son and Holy Spirit. C: Amen.
Psalm 111; antiphon, verse 10
Hymn: "Now Thank We All our God"895
Reading: Deuteronomy 8:1-10 L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.
Hymn: "For the Fruits of His Creation"894

Reading: Philippians 4:6-20 L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. Hymn: "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"892 Reading: Luke 17:11-19 L: This is the Word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God. L: 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. **Homily** Magnificat Hymn: "My Soul Rejoices"......933 Litany and concluding Liturgy – page 249 -252 Hymn: "Christ, Mighty Savior"......881 (Solo: verse 1 and 3; All: 2, 4, 5)

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The True Story of Pilgrim Faith

An important part of American heritage is the story of the group of British Christians who fled persecution and planted the Plymouth colony in what is now Massachusetts.

It was a daunting task to settle in such an undeveloped area, and the Pilgrims were ill-equipped. Their first winter in Plymouth, half of them died from disease and inadequate supplies. Things were so bad that they had to ration their supply of corn to five kernels per person per day.

Several years later when crops were abundant, the Pilgrims started their Thanksgiving celebration by serving each person five kernels of corn as a reminder of what God had brought them through.

They understood what Paul meant when he wrote: "I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything with the help of Christ who gives me the strength I need." (Philippians 4:12-13)

Whether they were struggling through lean times or enjoying abundance, they knew they could trust God's strength to get them through.

Maybe before our Thanksgiving meal we should serve five kernels of corn to remember our pilgrim heritage and God's faithfulness.

(1-Minute Bible Love Notes blog which was taken from <u>The Light and the Glory</u> by David Manuel and Peter Marshall)