

The Gift of God's Word

Leader: God's Word is powerful. At the beginning of time, God said the Word, and the universe came into being: sun, water, earth, all sorts of creatures, and human beings. When Jesus, God's Son, walked the earth, his words brought about marvelous things. They healed the sick, forgave sinners, stilled storms, and even brought the dead back to life. Today God still speaks. In the Bible, God reveals himself and brings forth life. Let us thank God for this gift.

Enthronement of the Bible

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Side 1: Thank you, God, for letting us know you through the Scriptures.

Side 2: You reveal yourself as good and loving.

Side 1: Thank you, God, for your promise of salvation recorded in the Old Testament.

Side 2: It tells us you are merciful and kind, slow to anger.

Side 1: Thank you, God, for the New Testament, which reveals the fulfillment of your promise in Jesus Christ.

Side 2: We read it with hearts filled with gratitude and joy.

Side 1: Thank you, God, for the Gospels that enable us to know Jesus.

Side 2: His saving acts and his teachings bring us life here and hereafter.

Side 1: Thank you, God, for the Bible's stories of the early Church and its letters that help us to live as Christians.

Side 2: Reading them inspires us to follow you with stronger faith.

Side 1: And thank you, God for the Book of Revelation's vision of the fulfillment of your Kingdom at the end of time.

Side 2: Help us to promote this Kingdom of peace, justice, and love on earth.

Scripture Reading from the Enthroned Bible

Matthew 7:24–27 (the Parable of the House Built on Rock)



Quiet Reflection

- How familiar are you with God's Word?
- What is your life grounded on?

All: Jesus, you are the Word of God and the perfect revelation. We come to know about you and to know you personally through the Scriptures. May the Holy Spirit open our ears and our hearts to your Word. May we make our life choices based on it. And may we cherish the Bible as one of our greatest treasures.

