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Thanksgiving
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THEME

Gratitude for Grace & Thanks

1. Only a few moments - you are going home for Thanksgiving - ^{however} you will say thank you to God - for many things - food & clothing, parents & friends, health and happiness - this is the best you can do - will be done by millions of the children of divine Providence.
2. I am persuaded that we ^{have} should add something more to our thank you - a deep, intelligent gratitude for the gifts the children of time cannot know - this is our best meeting in the old church year, ^{the church year} the eternal way our calendar is measured - the ultimate close of the Universe - and so, gratitude for another year of grace - and not of judgment ^{of} the forgiveness of sins - ^{of} joy & peace in God's will & God - say thank you for that - and you will be in good & holy company.
3. Then you will also be able to say thank you to God for the ^{final} destiny of the material creation - expressed in the Gospels for the last Sunday of the church year: "I saw the holy city, the New Jerusalem coming down from God out of heaven" - this is something strange to our minds, so busied with mountains, then God for something in the future, for your certain tomorrow - He will give life & history its fulfillment by being everything, entering into himself - ⁱⁿ ^{the} ^{middle} ^{of} ^{ourselves} - and so we can thank him tomorrow for Monday when He will finally be all in all.

with you
mind & spirit
& mind - joy -