



**My Thanksgiving Prayers:**\_\_\_\_\_

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## Celebration of Thanksgiving November 23, 2022

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# CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

## NOVEMBER 23, 2022



### PRELUDE

“Simple Gifts” arr. Mark Hayes

### A READING FROM PSALM 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Know that the LORD is God.

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

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

**Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

For the LORD is good;

**His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

### WELCOME

### PRAYER

Creator God ... How rich and beautiful is the world you have made! We confess that we sometimes forget to give you thanks, acting as though what we have is of our own achievement. Sometimes we consume the fruits of creation, forgetting that you call us to bear fruit ourselves. Sometimes we treat your generosity as our right, and hug it possessively to ourselves. Sometimes we can be so blind that we can't see the reasons to give you thanks that are all around us.

**Forgive us, Father. Help us to trust in you so that we will stop worrying and share freely with others, knowing that your grace is sufficient for every need. Amen.**

### CELEBRATION OF GOD'S GRACE

Hear the Good News: In Christ, God has reached into the daily reality of our lives to bring us healing and hope, forgiveness and peace. In Christ, God freely forgives us of all that seeks to separate us from God. God calls us to repentance, to turn from the things that have drawn us away from God and to live the way, the truth and the life that has been revealed to us in Christ. May our lives be celebrations of God's love and goodness, received through faith, and may we live in gratitude and thanksgiving for the gift of grace.

**Thanks be to God!**

### A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Lord, behold our family here assembled.

We thank you for this place in which we dwell,

for the love that unites us,

for the peace accorded to us this day,

for the hope with which we expect the morrow;

for the health, the work, the food and bright skies

that make our lives delightful;

for our friends in all parts of the earth. Amen.

- Robert Louis Stevenson

### BLESSING

#### SENDING SONG

“God, Who Made the Earth and Heavens” #564

1 God, who made the earth and heaven,  
darkness and light:  
you the day for work have given,  
for rest the night.

May your angel guards defend us,  
slumber sweet your mercy send us,  
holy dreams and hopes attend us  
all through the night.

2 And when morn again shall call us  
to run life's way,  
may we still, whate'er befall us,  
your will obey.

From the pow'r of evil hide us,  
in the narrow pathway guide us,  
never be your smile denied us  
all through the day.

3 Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,  
and, when we die,  
may we in your mighty keeping  
all peaceful lie.

When the last dread call shall wake us,  
then, O Lord, do not forsake us,  
but to reign in glory take us  
with you on high.

4 Holy Father, throned in heaven,  
all-holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, freely given,  
blest Three in One:  
grant us grace, we now implore you,  
till we lay our crowns before you  
and in worthier strains adore you  
while ages run.

We go forth together, **Sharing God's love!**

### MISSION & RESPONSE

### TRAVELING MERCIES

### POSTLUDE

COMMUNION SONG

- 1
- Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.
- 2
- Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I've come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

COMMUNION SONG

- 1
- What feast of love is offered here,  
what banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
what gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!
- 2
- What light of truth is offered here,  
what covenant from heaven?  
What hope of everlasting life,  
what wondrous word is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sun come down from heaven.  
Oh, see and hear and sing!  
The Word of God is given!

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” #807

- 3
- Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

“What Feast of Love” #487

- 3
- What wine of love is offered here,  
what crimson drink from heaven?  
What stream of everlasting life,  
what precious blood is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
the sweetest wine of heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
The Son of God is given!

SONG OF CELEBRATION

- 1
- Now thank we all our God  
with hearts and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done,  
in whom this world rejoices;  
who, from our mothers' arms,  
has blest us on our way  
with countless gifts of love,  
and still is ours today.
- 2
- Oh, may this bounteous God  
through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts  
and blessed peace to cheer us,  
and keep us all in grace,  
and guide us when perplexed,  
and free us from all harm  
in this world and the next.

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

God, our Creator, our Redeemer and Sustainer, we thank you for the gift of life and the wonder of creation.

You speak and the world is reborn. Our eyes delight in its beauty, our ears ring with its harmonies. Your Spirit breathes in us, filling us with your presence, blessing us today and for all our tomorrows.

Let our prayers rise to you as incense, our songs as gifts of praise and thanksgiving.

For healing and wholeness, we thank you. For love and grace, we praise you. For life and its fullness, we are ever grateful. We offer thanks to you in name of Jesus, the One who makes all things new. Amen.

A READING FROM 1 CHRONICLES: A SONG OF DAVID

O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him, sing praises to him, tell of all his wonderful works. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his presence continually.

“Now Thank We All Our God” #840

- 3
- All praise and thanks to God  
the Father now be given,  
the Son, and Spirit blest,  
who reign in highest heaven,  
the one eternal God,  
whom earth and heav'n adore;  
for thus it was, is now,  
and shall be evermore.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. Honor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place.

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come before him. Worship the Lord in holy splendor. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord is king!"

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it. Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

CALL TO REFLECTION

SPECIAL MUSIC “God, We Thank You”

OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of life, in this Advent season of preparation:

We live in hope for your coming reign.  
We live in joy for your blessings in our lives.  
We live in peace for the sake of peace in our time.  
We live in love for you are love.

Receive our gifts in honor of your Christ:

Use them to bring hope, joy, peace and love into the lives of people, everywhere, and throughout the beauty of your creation. Amen

SONG OF THANKSGIVING “For the Fruit of All Creation” #679

1 For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safekeeping,  
thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In our worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

GREAT THANKSGIVING Now the Feast and Celebration

EUCCHARISITC PRAYER

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY Now the Feast and Celebration #191

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
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 forever. Amen.

*All are welcome to celebrate communion at Abiding Love. Hold out your hands to receive the bread. Take a cup of wine (red) or grape juice (white) from the tray. Children and adults not communing are welcome to receive a blessing. Please follow the direction of the ushers.*