

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

SENDING SONG

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.

BLESSING & PROCLAIMING OUR MISSION

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

SHARING GOD'S PEACE AS WE GO!

POSTLUDE

“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.



Celebration of Thanksgiving November 24, 2021

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CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING NOVEMBER 24, 2021



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

- 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.

WELCOME

“For the Fruit of All Creation” #679

COMMUNION SONG

- 1 Come, ye thankful people, come;
raise the song of harvest home.
All be safely gathered in
ere the winter storms begin.
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied.
Come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home.
- 2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown.
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear.
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

COMMUNION SONG

- 1 Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
God's light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.

“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” #693

- 4 Even so, Lord, quickly come
to thy final harvest home.
Gather then thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified,
in thy garner to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest home!

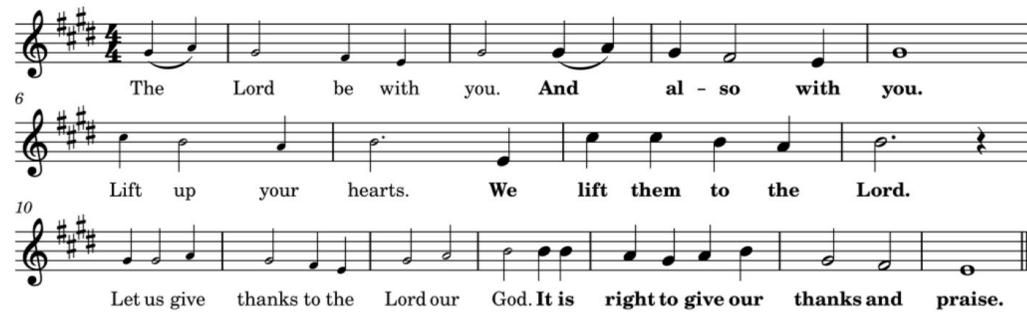
“Let All Things Now Living” #881

- 2 God rules all the forces:
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!"

OFFERING

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Now the Feast and Celebration



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Now the Feast and Celebration #191

Holy, holy, holy are you,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

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.

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.

CONFESSIONAL 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!

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Now the Feast and Celebration” #167

Refrain

**Now the feast and celebration,
all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

- 1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God. Refrain**
- 2 Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ forever. Refrain**
- 3 For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new. Refrain**

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.

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

“Room at the Table”

PRAYER

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

“Praise and Thanksgiving” #689

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**
- 2 God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.**
- 3 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**
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