



# Thanksgiving Eve Service

Service of the Word

November 23, 2022 6:00 p.m.

## PRELUDE & WELCOME

*Please stand as you are able.*

## OPENING HYMN "Come, You Thankful People, Come"

1 Come, you thank - ful peo - ple, come; Raise the song of har - vest home.  
2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his praise to yield.  
3 For the Lord our God shall come And shall take his har - vest home.  
4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in Ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
Gath - er all your peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our mak - er, does pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied.  
First, the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
There, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In your gar - ner to a - bide.

Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.  
Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
Come, with all your an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810 - 1871, alt.  
Tune: George J. Elvey, 1816 - 1893

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#### DIALOG

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,  
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

You feed the hungry and clothe the naked.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You set free those who are bound.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You raise up those whose courage falters.

**We bless you and praise your name forever.**

You provide for our every need.

**Accept our grateful praises.**

You have called us from all peoples.

**We rejoice and bless your name forever.**

You bless your people with peace.

**We bless you and praise your loving grace.**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe,  
for in your wisdom you have formed us.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, our heavenly Father, your mercies are new to us every morning, and you abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul, though we have not deserved your goodness. Give us your Holy Spirit, that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

## OLD TESTAMENT READING - Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>"When you come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you for an inheritance and have taken possession of it and live in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place that the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there. <sup>3</sup>And you shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, 'I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our fathers to give us.' <sup>4</sup>Then the priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. <sup>5</sup>"And you shall make response before the LORD your God, 'A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. <sup>6</sup>And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labor. <sup>7</sup>Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror,<sup>[a]</sup> with signs and wonders. <sup>9</sup>And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.' And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup>And you shall rejoice in all the good that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house, you, and the Levite, and the sojourner who is among you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 100

<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD,  
**all the earth!**

<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness!  
**Come into his presence with singing!**

<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD, he is God!  
**It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

<sup>4</sup> Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

<sup>5</sup> For the LORD is good;  
**his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

EPISTLE READING - Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; <sup>6</sup> do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me - practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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ANNOUNCEMENT & RESPONSE

The Holy Gospel according to St. John the sixth chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING – John 6:25-35

<sup>25</sup> When {the disciples} found {Jesus} on the other side of the sea {of Galilee}, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" <sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." <sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." <sup>30</sup> So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" <sup>31</sup> Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" <sup>32</sup> Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." <sup>34</sup> They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." <sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

SERMON

*Please stand as you are able.*

HYMN OF THE DAY "Now Thank We All Our God"



1 Now thank we all our God, With heart and hands and voic - es,  
2 O may this boun-teous God, Through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa-ther now be giv-en,



Who won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re-joic-es;  
With ev-er joy-ful hearts, And bless-ed peace to cheer us;  
The Son and him who reigns With them in high-est heav-en;



Who from our moth-er's arms Hath blessed us on our way  
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per-plexed,  
The one e-ter-nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a-dore;



With count-less gifts of love, And still is ours to-day.  
And free us from all ills, In this world and the next.  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be ev-er-more!

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586-1649; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878 NON DANKET ALLE GOTT  
Tune: Johann Cruger, 1598-1662 67 67 66 66

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## THE INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Let us pray...

Almighty and everlasting God, you are worthy to be held in reverence by all the mortal race. We give you thanks for the innumerable blessings which, despite our unworthiness, you have showered upon us.

We praise you especially that you have preserved for us in their purity your saving Word and the sacred ordinances of your house. Grant and preserve to your Church throughout the world purity of doctrine and faithful pastors who shall preach your Word with power, and help all who hear rightly to understand and firmly to believe your Word of truth.

Protect and defend your people in time of tribulation and danger, that we, in communion with your Church and in unity with all Christian people, may fight the good fight of faith and in the end receive the fullness of salvation.

Upon all the nations of the earth bestow your grace. Especially we ask you to bless our land and all its inhabitants and all who are in authority. Cause your glory to dwell among us, and let mercy and truth, justice and peace everywhere prevail. We commend to your care all our schools, that virtue and useful knowledge may be nourished and the wholesome fruits of life may abound.

In your mercy defend us from all calamities by fire and water, from war and pestilence, from scarcity and famine. Protect and prosper all who labor, and cause all useful arts to flourish among us. Show yourself to be the helper of the sick and needy, the comforter of the forsaken and distressed.

Accept, we pray, our bodies and souls, our hearts and minds, our talents and powers, together with these gifts, as our offering of praise. And as we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, help us to prepare for the world to come, doing the work which you have given us to do while it is day, before that night comes when no one can work. And, when our last hour shall come, support us by your power and receive us into your everlasting kingdom, where, with your Son our Lord Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, God forever.

**Amen**

## LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

## TABLE BLESSING & BENEDICTION

Let us pray...

Lord God, we thank you for all our many blessings, especially these your people gathered here tonight. Bless those who have prepared the food you have given. Bless our time of fellowship together. Nourish us, sustain us, and protect us as we go forth to worship you tomorrow and every day of our lives. Bless us and keep us. Make your face shine on us and be gracious to us. Look upon us with favor and give us your peace in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## CLOSING HYMN "All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night"

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two verses of the hymn, and the second system contains the next two verses. Each verse is numbered 1 through 4. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding musical staves.

1 All praise to thee, my God, this night For all the bless-ings of the light  
2 For - give me, Lord, for thy dear Son, The ill that I this day have done;  
3 Teach me to live, that I may dread The grave as lit - tle as my bed.  
4 Oh, may my soul in thee re - pose, And may sweet sleep mine eye - lids close,

3 Keep me, oh, keep me, King of kings, Be - neath thine own al - might - y wings.  
That with the world, my - self, and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.  
Teach me to die, that so I may Rise glo - rious at the awe - some day.  
Sleep that shall me more vig - 'rous make To serve my God when I a - wake!

5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him, all creatures here below  
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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Tune: Thomas Tallis, ca. 1505-1585

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