

Thanksgiving Eve

November 22, 2023

6:45 p.m.



Enter his gates
with **THANKSGIVING**
and his courts with
praise; give **THANKS**
to him and praise
his name. PSALM 100:4

HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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In our Lutheran Tradition, liturgy reminds us that we are one in Christ, hence we do it together! Therefore, words in bold and designated by a "C" are the responses from the community.

Enter Reverently. Meditate Quietly. Worship Joyfully. Serve Christ Faithfully.

Prelude

Denni Arrup

Proclamation of The Day

In the first year of the presidency of George Washington in 1789, a Day of National Thanksgiving was set aside for the last Thursday of November. Since that time, Americans have celebrated this day in remembrance of all the blessings which God has poured down upon this nation and her citizens. In the presidential proclamation for Thanksgiving Day in 1863, President Abraham Lincoln had this to say: "It is the duty of nations as well as of citizens to owe their dependence upon the overruling power of God; to confess their sins and transgressions in humble sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon; and to recognize the sublime truth, announced in the Holy Scriptures and proven by all history, that those nations are blessed whose God is the Lord.... We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has ever grown. But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own. Intoxicated with unbroken success we have become too self-sufficient to feel the necessity of redeeming and preserving grace, too proud to pray to the God that made us. It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."



1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the beau - ty of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For each per - fect gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heav'n;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light:
for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
friends on earth and friends a - bove; for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
for thy - self, best gift di - vine, to our world so free - ly giv'n:

Refrain



Christ, our God, to thee we raise this our sac - ri - fice of praise.

P *The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all*
C **And also with you.**



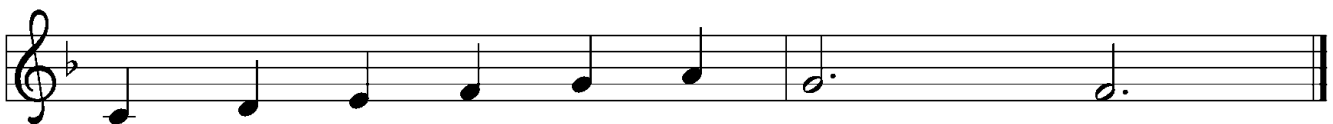
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join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
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 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

P *The Lord be with you.*

C **And also with you.**

P *Let us pray. Almighty God our Father,*

C **your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 100

A *Let us read responsively from the Psalm 100: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth*

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

A *Know that the Lord is God.*

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

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

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

A *For the Lord is good;*

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

A *Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit:*

C **As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

Gospel Reading

Luke 17:11–19

P *The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:*

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, ¹³they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was

healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

P *The Gospel of the Lord.*
C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

Thanksgiving Message

The Rev. Alejandro Mejía

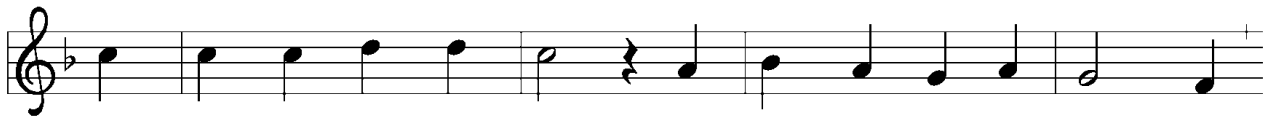
Offering & Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

No. 840



1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
 2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
 the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way
 and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all harm in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

Please stand, as you are able.

A Thanksgiving Litany

P *As the pioneers of the Plymouth colony gathered around the feasting table with native Americans in 1621 to give thanks for all that they had been given by our Bountiful Provider, so we too gather on this Day of Thanksgiving to offer thanks for all those gifts which the Lord has seen fit to give us, especially for our country, our state and our city.*

Almighty and Generous God, we bring before you, in our hearts and on our Thanksgiving table, the gifts and blessings which you have given us this year. And, in humble gratitude, we give you thanks for them.

C **We praise you, and we thank you, O God.**

P *We acknowledge that as we have greatly received, so are we responsible. Therefore, O Lord, keep us from being unfaithful in our lives as citizens of this nation and as recipients of all that past generations of Americans have bequeathed to us. Help us to be worthy of our ancestors and of their God.*

C **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P *To all the high desires of the pioneers and prophets,*

C **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P *To their belief in the possibilities of a common people:*

C **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P *To their passion for freedom and their readiness to die in its defense:*

C **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P *To their scorn of tyranny, and their trust in men and women to rule themselves:*

C **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P *To their vision of a human commonwealth in which the people of many lands may share:*

C **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P *To their release from the prejudice of an old world and their will to build a new one:*

C **Help us, O God, to be faithful.**

P *As our ancestors trusted in you, O Lord, and you delivered them:*

C **Keep us ever close to you.**

P *Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

C **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able, as the offering is presented.

Hymn

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise

him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye

heaven-ly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

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.

The preface continues and the congregation responds...



Du är he - lig, du är hel. Du är all - tid myck-et mer
 You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



än vi nån - sin kan för - stå, du är nä - ra än - då.
 than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Väl - sig - nad va - re du som kom - mer hit just nu,
 Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



väl - sig - na - de vår jord, blir till bröd på vår jord.
 to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



Du är he - lig, du är hel - het,
 You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



du är när - het he - la kos - mos lo - var dig!
 you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na,
 Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



ho - si - an - na, ho - si - an - na vår Gud.
 Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

Eucharistic Prayer

P *Gathered by the Holy Spirit, we are bold to pray together as our Savior Christ has taught us to ask:*

C **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.

P *There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.*

C **Thanks be to God!**

Please be seated.

We welcome to the table all who proclaim with us that Jesus Christ is truly present in the bread and the wine. (Note: should you prefer, we also offer gluten free wafers and grape juice. Just let the Pastor or Assistants know.)



1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their mak - er's praise.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul - er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
rus - tling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
Lord is king, let heav - en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

P *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

C **Amen.**

Please stand, as you are able.

P *May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you. May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill you and your loved ones with peace. May the Lord of Love use your hands and hearts to serve God and neighbor. May almighty God: Parent, Son ✠ and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.*

C **Amen.**



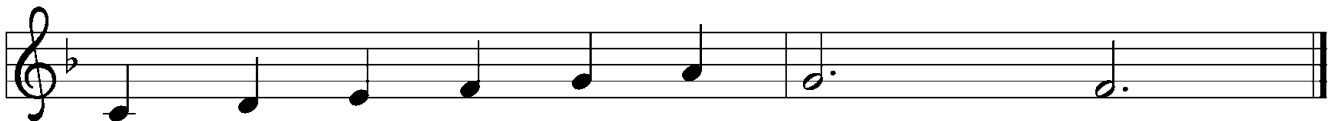
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P *Go in peace, with thankful hearts.*

C **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

*We thank Denni Arrup for being with us and providing music
for this evening's worship!*

The Flowers are Given to the Glory of God by

*Scott and Leslie Bupp in honor of their
daughter-in-law, Ashley's, Birthday*

Pray for Those That Need God's Healing

*Ray, Darius, Lynn, Donald, Al, Donna, Lind, Joan, Ed, Marion, Betty,
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