

# **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Wednesday, November 24, 2021**

**3:30 PM**



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# Order of Service

**Prelude**

Rhonda R.

**Words of Welcome**

**Call to Worship**

Church of Scotland

The world is filled with the glory of God, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

The hills and valleys are filled with colour, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

The vines and trees are filled with fruit, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

Our tables are overflowing with food, and we say,  
**Thank you!**

Our life is filled with love of family and friends, and  
we say,  
**Thank you!**

We fill this house of God with our voices, saying,  
**Thank you!**

May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our  
hearts be acceptable to you, O God, as we enter into  
this service of thanksgiving and praise. **Amen.**

***Let All Things Now Living***

ELW 881

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.

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!*

**Text:** Katherine K. Davis, alt.; **Music:** Welsh folk tune. Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company; Arr. © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

**Litany for Thanksgiving**

Christine Sine

God eternal and righteous One,  
 Who created the heavens and the earth,  
 we gather to give you thanks.  
**For breath that fills us with your life,  
 For love that softens our hearts,  
 For beauty revealed at every turn.**

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Christ redeeming and forgiving One,  
Who is always faithful and merciful.

We gather to give you thanks,

**For renewal, transforming our lives,  
For peace calming the chaos of our souls,  
For hope restoring our faith.**

Spirit sustaining, and compassionate One,  
Who calls us into relationship with the living God,  
We give you thanks,

**For caring when our hearts are aching,  
For friends supportive in times of need,  
For generosity lavish and overflowing.**

God who created the earth and the heavens,  
Eternal, Redeeming and Sustaining One,  
We gather to give you thanks,

**We come with hearts full of gratitude,  
For all things good,  
We give you thanks for You.**

For the universe immense and unknown,  
For the earth on which we live,  
For humankind made in your image.

**Thanks and praise to God our creator.**

For the way you entered human history as one of us  
For the sacrifice you made for all of us,  
For dying that we might live.

**Thanks and praise to Christ our redeemer.**

For the wonder of your indwelling presence,  
For the comfort of your guidance and direction,  
For drawing us together as one body.

**Thanks and praise to the Holy Spirit our sustainer.**

Through your will we are made whole,  
Through your love we are renewed.  
Through your abiding presence we become one community.

**Thanks and praise to God, Creator, Redeemer and  
Sustainer through all eternity.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Christine Longhurst

What mighty praise belongs to You, O God, for Your acts of love and faithfulness toward us! In Your mercy You hear our prayers, You forgive our sins, You provide for our needs. From one end of the earth to the other, You inspire worship and praise! Even nature celebrates Your goodness. We, too, would offer our praise and thanksgiving for Your mercy and Your faithful love toward us. Receive our adoration, our confession, our thanksgiving. Through the power of Your Holy Spirit make Your presence known among us that we may hear Your Word and know Your will. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

**Piano Solo**

*Let All Things Now Living*

Rhonda R.

**First Reading: Psalm 103**

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits—who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

The Lord works vindication and justice for all who are oppressed.

**He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.**

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

**He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever.**

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;**

as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him.**

For he knows how we were made; he remembers that we are dust.

**As for mortals, their days are like grass; they flourish like a flower of the field;**

for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children,**

to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.

**The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, obedient to his spoken word.

**Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers that do his will.**

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

**Bless the Lord, O my soul.**



***Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

ELW 693

Come, you thankful people, come; raise the song of  
harvest home.

All is 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.

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.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his  
harvest home;

From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to your 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!

**Second Reading:** I Thessalonians 5:12-18

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**Homily**

Pastor Mandsager

***We Praise You, O God***

ELW 870

We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.

We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;  
Through trial and tempest our guide you have been.  
When perils o’ertake us, you will not forsake us,  
And with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.

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With voices united our praises we offer  
 And gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.  
 With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.  
 To you, our great redeemer, forever be praise!

**Text:** Julia C. Cory; **Music:** A. Valerius, Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck.

**Offertory**            *Praise and Thanksgiving*            Rhonda R.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**            TBD

Leads into:

**Lord's Prayer**

**Benediction**

May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.

**Amen.**

May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with his presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

**Amen.**

May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

**Amen.**

***Now Thank We All Our God***

ELW 839

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.

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.

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.

**Text:** Martin Rinkhart; tr. Catherine Winkworth; **Music:** Johann Crüger, arr. hymnal version. Arr. © 2007 Augsburg Fortress.

***Postlude***

Rhonda R.

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**Thank Yous, etc.**

# **Calendar for Advent, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day.**



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