

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

NRC Chapel

3:30 p.m.



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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 color, 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.

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

ACS 1064

Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
Sounding God's delighted laugh,
From the tiny roly-poly
To the tree-top-tall giraffe.
All creation sings in wonder;
Even rocks and trees rejoice
As they join the ringing chorus:
Echoes of our Maker's voice.

Earth is full of wit and wisdom,
Woven into harmony,
Every creature has a purpose,
Every flower and bumble-bee.

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Spider, human, redwood, gecko,
Monkey, chicken, mouse and snake
Live within a single fabric:
Cloth that only God could make.

Earth is full of wit and wisdom:
Penguin, platypus and snail,
Cactus, sea-slug, oak and algae,
From the microbe to the whale.
In this great and strange creation,
With a breath God gives us birth:
Born of soil to live as stewards,
Called to love and serve the earth.

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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.**

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.**

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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

Almighty God, 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 Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Deuteronomy 8:7-18

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper.

You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his

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statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, “My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.” But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

ELW 883

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell;
Come ye before him and rejoice.

Know that the Lord is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make.
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

Oh, enter then his gates with praise;
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good;
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.

Text: William Kethe; **Music:** Louis Bourgeois.

Second Reading – II Corinthians 9:6-15

The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in

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abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, “He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.” He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us; for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God. Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!



Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

ELW 693

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.

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.

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!

II

Gospel Acclamation *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* ELW 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,
Reaching out with a shout of joy:
Bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Gospel – Luke 17:11-19

Response: *Glory to You, O Lord.*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.

Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Response: *Praise to you, O Christ.*

Response

*Let Us Talents and
Tongues Employ*

ELW 674

Christ is able to make us one,
At the table he sets the tone,
Teaching people to live to bless,
Love in word and in deed express.
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
Bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
Gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev’rywhere!

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 Pass the Word around: loaves abound!

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Sermon

Pastor Mandsager

Praise and Thanksgiving

ELW 689

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.

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.

Father, providing food for your children,
 By Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
 One with another, so that, rejoicing
 With us, all others may know your care.

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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Offertory *Come, You Thankful People, Come* Rhonda R.

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.

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*Postlude**Doxology*

Rhonda R.

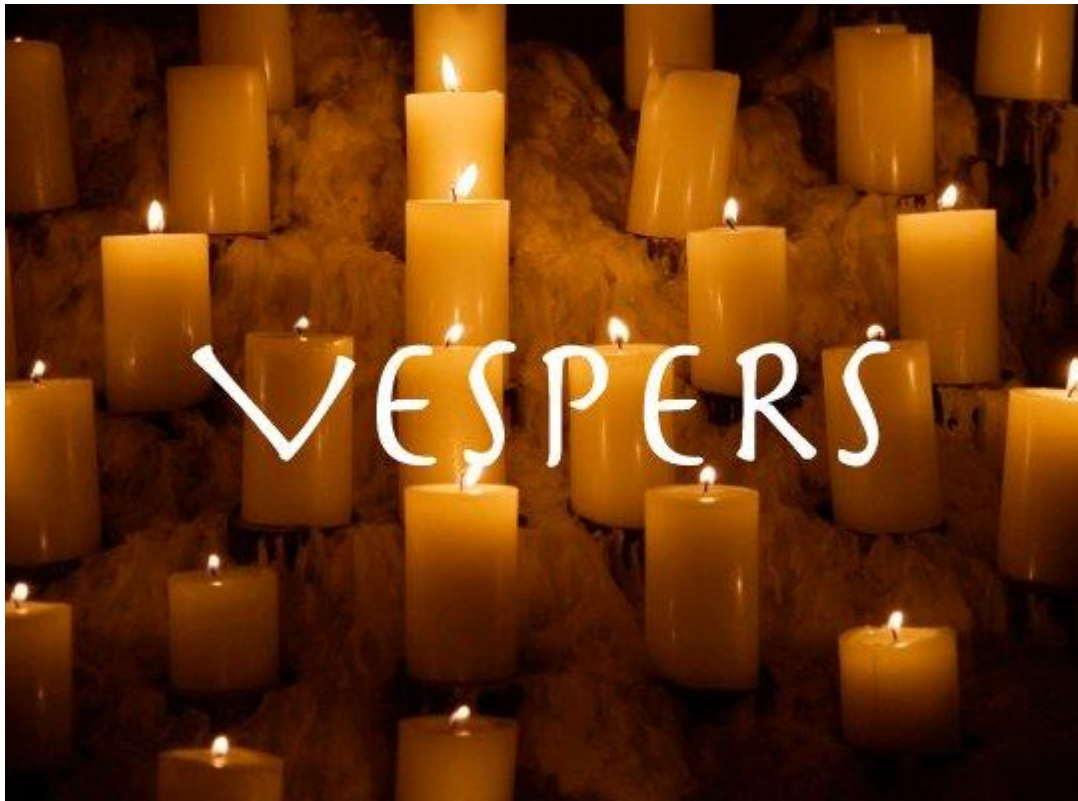


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shared their time and talents with us in 2023!*

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**Advent Vespers
Music, Scripture, Prayer,
Meditation**



Thursday, December 14, 2023

3:30 p.m.

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**Season Choir Rehearsals
with Rhonda Reece
NRC Chapel
2:00 – 2:45 p.m.**

Wednesday, November 29

Wednesday, December 6

Rejoice!

The choir will sing on
Gaudete Sunday,
December 17



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