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A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING
November 25, 2020 – 6:30pm

Welcome

Voluntary

Call to Worship

Adapted from Psalm 65

- One: You are to be praised, O God, in Zion;
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- Many: To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come,
because of their transgressions.**
- One: Our sins are stronger than we are,
but you will blot them out.
- Many: Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!**
**They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**
- One: Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation,
O Hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the seas that are far away.
- Many: You make fast the mountains by your power;
they are girded about with might.**
- One: You still roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the clamor of the peoples.
- Many: Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble
at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- One: You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous;
the river of God is full of water.
- Many: You prepare the grain,
For so you provide for the earth.**
- One: You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increases.

Many: You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths overflow with plenty.

One: May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.

Many: May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain;
let them shout for joy and sing.

One: Lord God, joy is your gift;
beauty, abundance, and peace are tokens of your work in all creation.
Work also in our lives, that by these signs
we may see the splendor of your love
and praised you through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

***Hymn (#336)**

We Gather Together

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 8:7–18

(One: Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. Many: Thanks be to God.)

Meditation

Remember

***Hymn (#367)**

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Litany of Thanksgiving

One: Give thanks to the Lord who is good.

Many: God's love is everlasting.

One: Come, let us praise God joyfully.

Many: Let us come to God with thanksgiving.

One: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome;
for seen and unseen splendors; thank you, God.

Many: For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together;
for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our
dying; thank you, God.

One: For work to do and for the strength to work; for the comradeship of
labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement; thank you,
God.

Many: For marriage; for the mystery and joy of flesh made one; for
mutual forgiveness and burdens shared; for secrets kept in love;
thank you, God.

- One: For family; for living together and eating together; for family amusements and family pleasures; thank you, God.
- Many: **For children; for their energy and curiosity; for their brave play and startling frankness; for their sudden sympathies; thank you, God.**
- One: For the young; for their high hopes; for their irreverence toward worn-out values; for their search for freedom; for their solemn vows; thank you, God.
- Many: **For growing up and growing old; for wisdom deepened by experience; for rest in leisure; and for time made precious by its passing; thank you, God.**
- One: For friends and loved ones; for caring companions who walk with us through thick and thin; for those who believe in us when we cannot believe in ourselves and believe for us when we cannot believe; thank you, God.
- Many: **For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases or comforting our hurts; for preserving us in temptation and danger; thank you, God.**
- One: For the church into which we have been called; for the Good News we receive by Word and Sacrament; for our life together in the Lord; we praise you, God.
- Many: **For your Holy Spirit; who guides our steps and brings us gifts of faith and love; who prays in us and prompts our grateful worship; we praise you, God.**
- One: Above all, O God, for your Son Jesus Christ, who lived and died and lives again for our salvation; for our hope in him; and for the joy of serving him.
- All: **We thank and praise you, Eternal God, for all your goodness to us.**
- One: Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.
- All: **God's love is everlasting!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Hymn (#643)

Now Thank We All Our God

*Charge and Benediction

*Please rise, in body or spirit.

We Gather Together

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1 We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;
 2 Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,
 3 We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant,

he chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;
 or - dain - ing, main - tain - ing his king - dom di - vine;
 and pray that thou still our de - fend - er wilt be.

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing.
 so from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning;
 Let thy con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion;

Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.
 thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glo - ry be thine!
 thy name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

First published among songs celebrating the end of Spanish control of the Netherlands, this text's blend of patriotism and piety has made it popular at (often ecumenical) Thanksgiving Day services. The tune is named for the Viennese arranger whose male chorus popularized it.

367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har-vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest home.



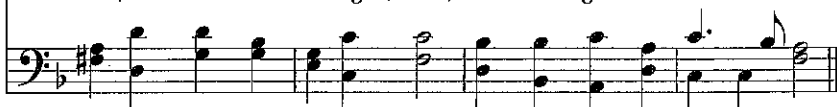
All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence 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 God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!



Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voi - es,
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high-est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it, now be giv - en;

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth 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.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618-1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.