



Thanksgiving Eve, Year C

November 26, 2025, 6:30 PM

We offer abundant thanks for you

Be Here, Be You, Be Loved



Welcome to Christ Church Cathedral!

The People's responses are in **bold** print.

We have **large print bulletins** and **hearing devices** available. If you need one, ask an usher.

Welcome! Beinvenido! Karibu!

Scattered in the world, we gather together as God's people in worship. We bring the fragments of our lives to be healed and made whole in Christ as we gather in community.

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as God's people. One of the glories of the Episcopal/Anglican Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words and actions through which public worship is conducted.

As we gather, we bring our diverse gifts: gifts of music, dance, prophecy, teaching, preaching, and friendship. We present these gifts in the form of our most precious offering to God, our very selves, that all that we do may be for God's glory in the unity of Christ's church.

About the Holy Eucharist

In the Episcopal Church the Holy Eucharist is the sacrament of Christ's body and blood, and the principal act of Christian worship. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist "on the night when he was betrayed." At the Last Supper he shared the Bread and cup of Wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. He identified the Bread with his body and the Wine with his blood of the new covenant. Jesus commanded his disciples to "do this" in remembrance of Jesus.

For Episcopalians, the Holy Eucharist becomes the very Real Presence of Christ, his Body and Blood, the ordinary made also extraordinary, sacred by Jesus' own words and by the Holy Spirit.

In the Episcopal Church, we seek to adapt ancient liturgy for today. If you grew up in a less formal church, worship may feel pretty traditional. If you grew up in a formal church, our worship may deconstruct that formality, and ask you to pray using more modern words, or sing new songs. We seek to balance tradition and culture in our worship. When we hold the tension well between the ancient and the modern, the Holy Eucharist comes alive. (*The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson*)

Land Acknowledgment for the Diocese of Missouri (updated 7/2022)

In humility, we recognize and acknowledge that we in the Diocese of Missouri worship and live on the traditional ancestral lands of the Osage Nation, the Illiniwek/Peoria Tribe, the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) Tribe, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, and other First Peoples. We recognize our mutual dependence upon and benefit from this land; we proclaim our solidarity with and our debt to the Peoples who first claimed and improved this land as their home. We acknowledge our complicity in the process of colonization that dispossessed the First Peoples from their ancestral lands. We affirm our commitment to stand with indigenous communities today and henceforth as they seek justice and resist continued threats to their sovereignty and humanity.

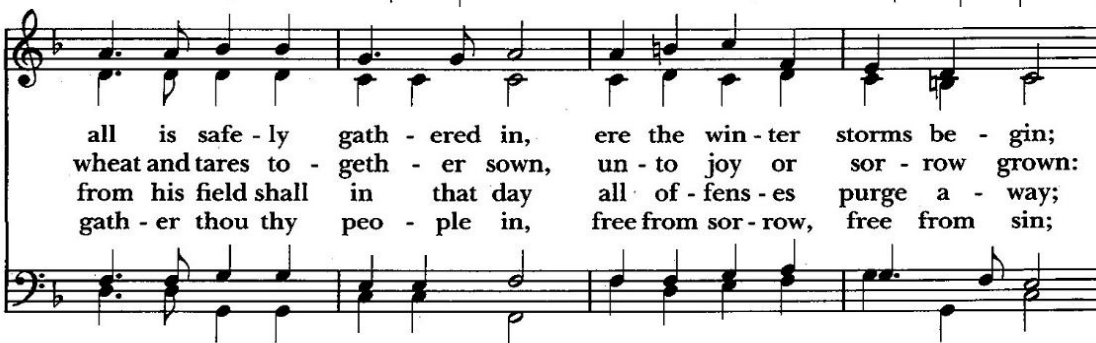
We are also cognizant that the history of The Episcopal Church is intertwined with the history of colonialism and slavery in the United States. More than four centuries ago, the first enslaved Africans were brought to the Americas, and two centuries ago enslaved and indigenous persons contributed to the exploration of this state by Lewis and Clark. Our state's history is entangled with both the Missouri Compromise making this state officially a slave state, and the case of *Scott v. Emerson* that petitioned for Dred and Harriet Scott's emancipation. We acknowledge the tragic legacy of slavery in our diocese, and the blood, sweat, and tears of enslaved people that soak the earth beneath our feet in Missouri. This legacy persists today as we continue to work towards racial justice, equity, liberation, and community, here in Missouri and across The Episcopal Church.

PRELUDE We Gather Together

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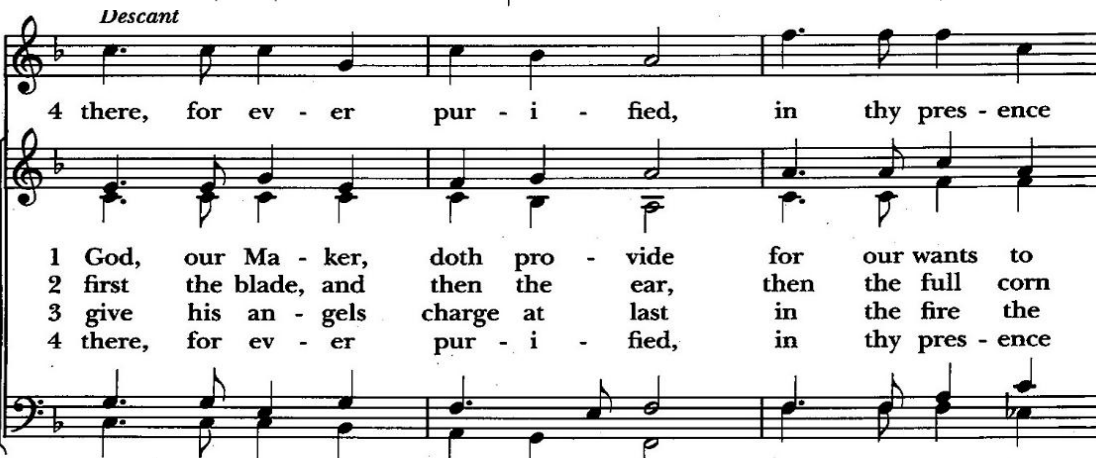


1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest-home:
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest-home;



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 his 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;

Descant

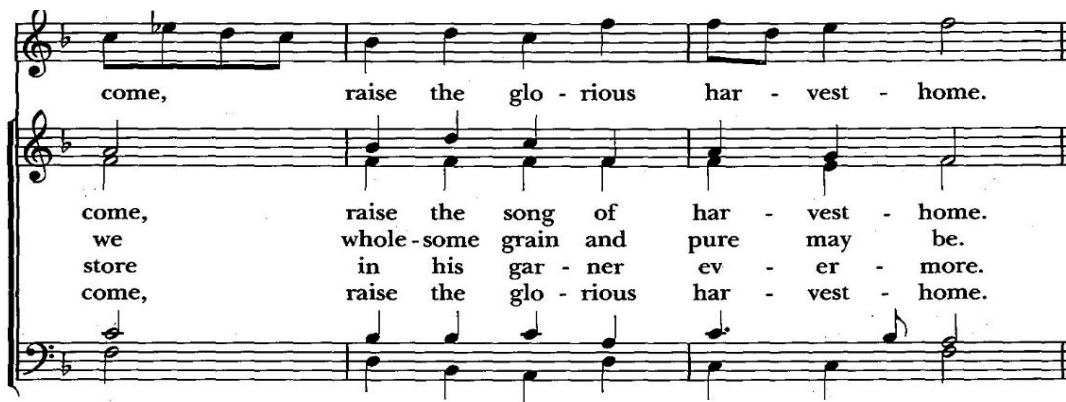


4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence

1 God, our Ma - ker, doth pro - vide for our wants to
 2 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn
 3 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the
 4 there, for ev - er pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence



to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels
 be sup - plied; come to God's own tem - ple;
 shall ap - pear: grant, O har - vest Lord, that
 tares to cast, but the fruit - ful ears to
 to a - bide; come, with all thine an - gels



WELCOME!

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Presider Let us gather ourselves into Christ's presence with a moment of silence.

Moment of silence to open our hearts.

GREETING

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE SONG OF PRAISE Gloria from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray. God of evolving diversity, made known in seed and soil, and in the wonder of animal worlds: free our hearts from anxiety and open them to learn from the life which surrounds us; through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the harvest. **Amen.** *Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt. 147; Common Lectionary Prayers 2002/2009 alt.; General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada*

WE HEAR THE SACRED STORIES

THE FIRST READING *Please be seated.*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to God's People.

People **Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALM OF THE DAY 100 (*General Synod 2016 Liturgical Psalter, Anglican Church of Canada, pointed by Connor Scott*)

Antiphon – First sung by the choir, then sung again with the congregation

Psalm- -Sung by all

Be joy - ful in the LORD, all you lands.

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1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you | lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come into the divine presence with a | song.
2 Know this: the Lord is | God; *
the One made us and to whom we belong;
we are God's people, the sheep of God's | pasture.

3 Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving; go into these courts with | praise; *
give thanks to God and call upon the name of the | Lord.
4 For the Lord is good, whose steadfast love is ever- | lasting; *
and whose faithfulness endures from age to | age.

Antiphon – Sung once by all

THE SECOND READING

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Reader Hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE Alleluia, based on A Community Mass

Richard Proulx, *paraphrased by C. Scott, ed.*



THE GOSPEL

John 6:25-35

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, O Christ.**

When the crowd found Jesus on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Deacon The Gospel of our Savior.

People **Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Very Rev. Kathie Adams-Shepherd

Moment for silent reflection

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: THE NICENE CREED (*Expansive Liturgies, ECUSA*) *Please stand as you are able.*

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Leader Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all gifts so freely bestowed upon us all.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader For all that is gracious in the lives of sisters, brothers, and siblings, revealing the image of Christ,

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader For our daily food and drink, our homes, communities and families, friends, and all who welcome those searching for such care and connection,

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

People **We thank you, O God.**

Leader Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Savior;

People **To Christ be praise and glory, with you, O Divine Mystery, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(Enriching our Worship)*

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Gracious God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE *Please stand as you are able.*

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The people greet each other with a sign of peace.

ANNOUNCEMENTS *Please be seated.*

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "To Thee, O Lord" from *Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* Sergei Rachmaninoff (1879–1943)
To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; My God, I trust in thee.

DOXOLOGY

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, text by Rev. J. Mary Luti

Praise God, whose im-age we all bear; Praise Christ, whose mer-cy we all
share; Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Praise Spir-it, mak-ing jus-tice
grow, One God from whom all bless-ings flow! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le -
lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia!

GATHERING AT CHRIST'S TABLE

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER: *The Great Thanksgiving* *A Prayer Book for Australia, adapted*

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Presider Loving God, we thank you for this world of wonder and delight. You have given it to us to care for so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty. Lord, our God:

People **We give you thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you that when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us, and bring us back to you. He showed us how to love you and set us free to love and serve one another. Lord our God:

People **We give you thanks and praise.**

Presider We thank you that on the cross Jesus took away our sin, all that keeps us from each other and from you. He frees us from hate and fear, from all that destroys love and trust. Lord, our God;

People **We give you thanks and praise.**

Presider And so with everyone who believes in you, with all the saints and angels, we rejoice and praise you, singing:

SANCTUS S-125 from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)

Please kneel or stand as you are able.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



Please stand or kneel as you are able.

Presider And now we thank you for these gifts of bread and wine. May we who receive them, as Jesus said, share his body and his blood.

On the night he was betrayed, he took bread and gave you thanks. He took the bread and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup and give you thanks. He shared the cup with them and said, "This is my blood poured out so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

You have gathered us together to feed on Christ and to remember all he has done for us:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider Fill us with your Spirit that we may follow Jesus in all we do and say, working for justice and bringing your peace to this world that you have made. Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Savior.

All **Blessing and honor and glory and power are yours for ever and ever.**

THE GREAT AMEN from A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All **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.

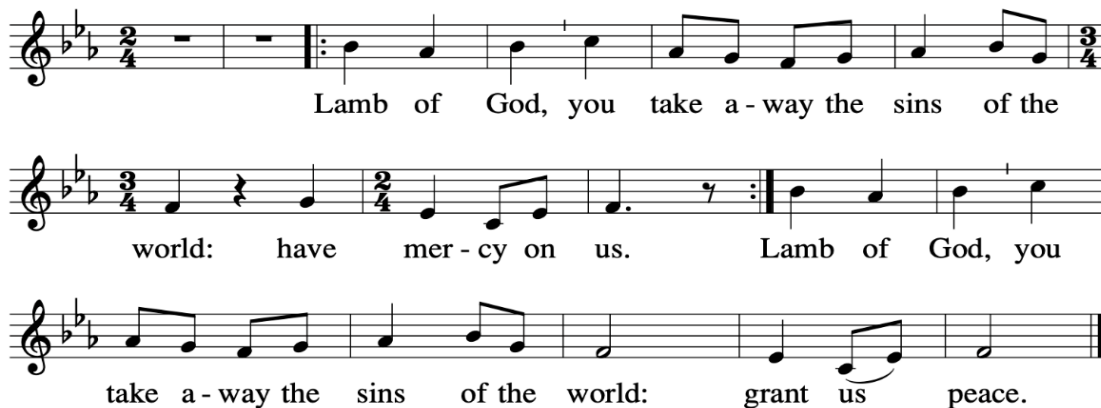
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread is broken; silence is kept.

AGNUS DEI A Community Mass

Richard Proulx (1937–2010)



Presider Behold what you are.

People **May we become what we receive.**

THE INVITATION

Presider These are God's holy gifts, for you, God's holy people.

The Presider may add:

So come to this table you who have much faith or you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

SHARING THE SACRED MEAL

This is Christ's table and all are welcome to be fed. Please follow the movement to the altar; communion will be distributed at the head of the center aisle. Remember to take your purse/personal belongings with you when leaving your seat for communion.

Those participating at home may, if they wish, say this prayer during the time of Communion:

Lord of the Feast, we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN LEVAS II 146

William F. Sherman

1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,

1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;

1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,

1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

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!

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER (*Enriching our Worship*) Please stand as you are able.

Presider God is with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All **Holy and Eternal God, we give you thanks for this feast of your goodness and love. Send us out to share the bread of life with all who hunger for your love; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

Presider The all-loving God, the giver of every good gift, fill you with hope, peace, and love; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Grace of Christ the Son and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O 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 hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
 With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
 who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
 with countless 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, evermore.

THE SENDING

Deacon Go in peace. Go in hope. Go in love. Go in thanksgiving to share God's love. Go in the Name of Christ. Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE Recessional on 'St. George'

Vernon Griffiths (1894–1985)

Thanksgivings & Blessings be upon you!

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