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November 25, 2020: Thanksgiving Eve

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PRELUDE

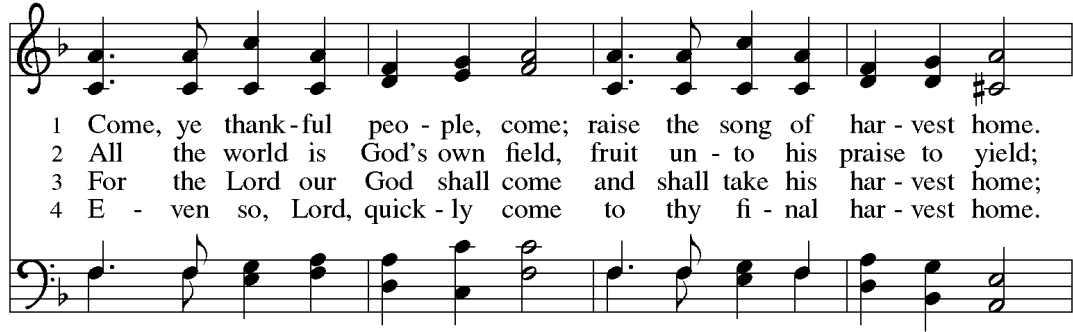
Now Thank We All Our God – J.S. Bach
Michael Olson, organist

WELCOME

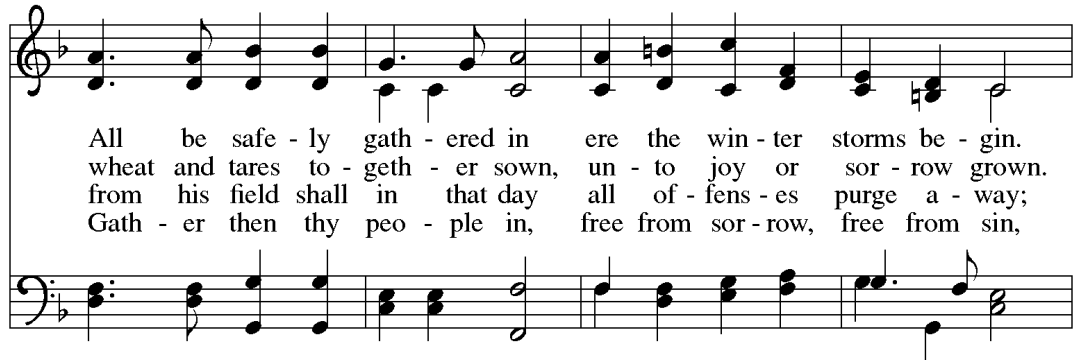
OPENING PRAYER

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OPENING HYMN: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (ELW 693)



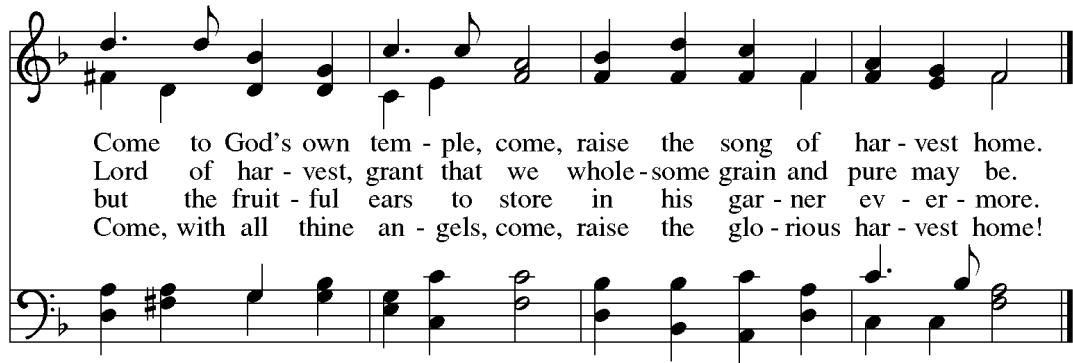
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come; raise the song of har-vest home.
2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;
3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har-vest home;
4 E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home.



All be safe-ly gath-ered in ere the win-ter storms be-gin.
wheat and tares to-gether sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown.
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;
Gath-er then 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 his an-gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
there, for-ev-er pu-ri-fied, in thy gar-ner 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 his gar-ner ev-er-more.
Come, with all thine an-gels, come, raise the glo-rious har-vest home!

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.
Music: ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816-1893

FIRST READING: *Psalm 103*

CONGREGATIONAL SONG: *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name, Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up, It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again, Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me, Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name, Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name

You're rich in love, And You're slow to anger
Your name is great, And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons, For my heart to find

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name, Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name
Bless You Lord

And on that day, When my strength is failing
The end draws near, And my time has come
Still my soul will, Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, And then forevermore, Forevermore

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name, Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name

Bless the Lord oh my soul, Oh my soul
Worship His Holy name, Sing like never before
Oh my soul, I'll worship Your Holy name
Yes I'll worship Your Holy name, I'll worship Your Holy name

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MESSAGE

Pastor Marty Tollefson

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Praise and Thanksgiving* (ELW 689)

1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, God, we would of - fer for all things
2 God, bless the la - bor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing food for your chil - dren, by Wis - dom's
4 Then will your bless - ing reach ev - 'ry peo - ple, free - ly con -

liv - ing, you have made good: har - vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh - bor we may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, we would work
guid - ing teach us to share one with an - oth - er, so that, re -
fess - ing your gra - cious hand. Where you are reign - ing, no one will

or - chard, hay from the mown fields, blos - som and wood.
with you, har - vest - ing, mill - ing for dai - ly bread.
joic - ing with us, all oth - ers may know your care.
hun - ger; your love sus - tain - ing show - ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER *(spoken by congregation)*

**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.**

**OFFERING/MUSICAL MEDITATION:
WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE**

For the Beauty of the Earth – John Rutter
Vonnie Halstenson, Linda Jaeger, Beverly Bjertness, Kathy Ferriera
Michael Olson, accompanist

OFFERING PRAYER:

Oh God, we thank you for your good gifts, for the beauty of your creation that you have entrusted to us. For the earth and the skies, for our ears and our eyes; all that we are and all that we have comes from your Almighty hand. You give abundantly Gracious Father and provide for our every need by the offering of your Son Jesus Christ. May we return to you what you first have given to us, as we lift up in the offering our sacrifice of praise. Amen.

BENEDICTION & THREEFOLD AMEN

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SENDING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* (ELW 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 evermore.

Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God” -- Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Michael Olson, organist