

November 28, 2002

Thanksgiving Day

I refuse to think that there is so much ingratitude in the world as is commonly maintained. I have never interpreted the parable of the Ten Lepers to mean that only one was grateful, but nine of them hurried home first. . . . One of them, however, had a disposition which made him act at once as his feelings bade him; he sought out the person who had helped him, and refreshed his soul with the assurance of his gratitude. In the same way we ought all to make an effort to act on our first thoughts and let our unspoken gratitude find expression. Then there will be more sunshine in the world, and more power to work for what is good.

Albert Schweitzer

Thanksgiving Day Worship 11:00

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

Prelude We Gather Together *Wilbur Held*
Now Thank We All Our God *Johann Sebastian Bach*
from *Cantata 79*
Now Thank We All Our God *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*

Call to Worship

Leader: For the good world; for things great and small, beautiful and awesome; for seen and unseen splendor;
For human life; for talking and moving and thinking together; for common hopes and hardships shared from birth until our dying,
People: **we thank you, O God.**
Leader: For work to do and strength to work; for the comradeship of labor; for exchanges of good humor and encouragement;
For family; for living together and eating together; for the delights and pleasures of friendships,
People: **we thank you, O God.**
Leader: For your help in times of doubt and sorrow; for healing our diseases; for preserving us in temptation and danger,
People: **we thank you, O God.**
Leader: For your Holy Spirit, who guides our steps, who prays in us, and who prompts our grateful worship,
All: **we give thanks to you and offer our best intentions to do justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly before you. Amen.**

***Hymn 482** "Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty" *Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN*

Prayer of Confession

(unison)

Almighty God: in love you spread good gifts before us, more than we need or deserve. You feed, heal, teach, and save us. We confess that we always want more; that we never share as freely as you give. We resent what we lack and are jealous of neighbors. We misuse what you intend for joy. God, forgive our stubborn greed and our destructiveness. In mercy, help us to take such pleasure in your goodness that we will always be thanking you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Psalter Psalm 67 *(responsively)* (page 529, O.T.)

Anthem "Let All Things Now Living"
(Anthem text: The Hymnal, 554) *Katherine K. Davis*

*Stand as you are able.

First Lesson Revelation 7:9-12 (page 249, N.T.)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

***Gloria Patri** (The Hymnal, 579)

Second Lesson Luke 17:11-19 (page 80, N.T.)

Sermon by Joanna Adams
THE MAIN THING

“Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed,
turned back, praising God with a loud voice.”
Luke 17:15 (NRSV)

***Hymn 559** “We Gather Together” *Tune: KREMSER*

***Apostles’ Creed** *(unison)*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

(unison)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Harvest Song” *Austin C. Lovelace*
Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise.
With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move. Sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love. By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring; the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing. He filleth with his fullness all things with large increase. He crowns the year with goodness, with plenty and with peace. Bring to his altar the gifts his goodness gave. The golden harvest, the souls he died to save. Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall, and with your lives adore him, who gave his life for all.

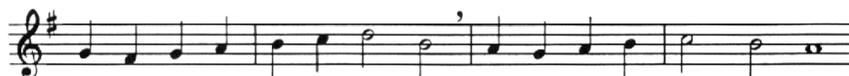
***Presentation of the Offering and Response**



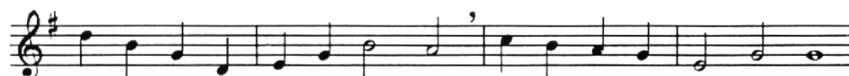
For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,



with these fruits of time and la - bor with these gifts that are your own:



here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.



Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

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

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All: **Gracious God: by your providence we live and work and join in families; and from your hand we receive those things we need, gift on gift, all free. We thank you for the harvest of goodness you supply; for food and shelter, for all our human friendships. Above all, we praise you for your Son, who came to show mercy and who calls us his own. Glory to you for great kindness to us and all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn 555** "Now Thank We All Our God" *Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*

Benediction and Response

Postlude Now Thank We All Our God *Egil Hovland*

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