

# Thanksgiving Eve

November 24, 2021

7:00 PM

The Prelude

*How Great Thou Art*

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The Call to Give Thanks

Psalm 100 (ESV)

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing. Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Invocation

\*Hymn No. 715

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

St. George's, Windsor

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:  
All is 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.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving (in unison)

The Valley of Vision  
"The All-Good" (edited by REB)

**Most glorious and gracious God! In this past year You have helped me to see, that blessedness does not lie so much in receiving good from You, but in holding forth Your glory and power. I confess that nothing is good but You, that I am near good only when I am near You, that to be like You is a glorious thing. You are all my good in times of peace, my only support in days of trouble, my one sufficiency when life shall end. Help me to see how good Your will is in all things, and even when it crosses mine, teach me to be pleased with it. Grant me to feel You in shelter, and food, and every providence, and to see that Your many gifts and creatures are but Your hands and fingers taking hold of me. You are the bottomless fountain of good, and I give myself to You out of love, for all I have is Yours, my possessions, family, church, self, to do with as You please, to honor Yourself by me, and by all that is mine. If it is consistent with Your eternal counsels, the purpose of Your grace, and the great ends of Your glory, then bestow upon me the blessings of Your comforts; and if not, let me humbly submit myself to Your wiser purpose. This I pray in the name of my**

**Savior and Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Scripture Meditation

Pastor Bell

\*Hymn No. 56

*When All Your Mercies, O My God*

Manoah

When all your mercies, O My God, my rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul your tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness, oft have you with health renewed my face;  
And when in sins and sorrows sunk, revived my soul with grace.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily tanks employ;  
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

Through ev'ry period of my life your goodness I'll pursue;  
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to you a joyful song I'll raise;  
For oh, eternity's too short to utter all your praise.

The Thanksgivings of God's People

(The congregation is encouraged to share how God has blessed during this past year)

\*The Doxology (*Trinity Hymnal*, pg. 731)

\*The Offering of Our Gifts to God (in unison)

**O Most Merciful Father; who has blessed the labors of the husbandman in the returns of the fruits of the earth; we give You humble and hearty thanks for this Your bounty; beseeching You to continue Your loving-kindness to us, that our land may still yield her increase, to Your glory and our comfort; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Offertory

*Great Is Thou Faithfulness*

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\*Hymn No. 30

*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

St. Anne

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

\*The Benediction with Three-fold Amen (*Trinity Hymnal*, pg. 740)

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Postlude

*My Jesus I Love Thee*

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\* Those who are able, please stand.

**Our Thanksgiving offering** will go to the Mission to North America Mercy Ministries Fund.

**The sign up book** for Christmas poinsettias on the table in the narthex. The cost is \$9.00 this year. The deadline is SUNDAY, December 5<sup>th</sup>. Put the money in a pink envelope and write your name and "Flowers" on the outside.

**We will have** a Christmas Eve service at 7:00 PM on Friday, December 24<sup>th</sup>. A time of fellowship and light refreshments will follow.