

Marche Triomphale "Now Thank We All Our God"

Call to Worship (from *Psalm 100*)

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth,

All: It is God who made us; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Know that the Lord is God and that he is good.

All: His steadfast love endures forever and his faithfulness to all generations.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #367

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.
- 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit in thankful praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows 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.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home.
 Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
 there forever purified, in your presence to abide:
 come, with all thine angels, come; raise the glorious harvest home!
 come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

First Reading

Matthew 6:25-33

Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

- 1. We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing; he chastens and hastens his will to make known; the wicked oppressing now cease from distressing. Sing praises to his name; he forgets not his own.
- 2. Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine; so from the beginning the fight we were winning; thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be thine!
- 3. We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant, and pray that thou still our defender wilt be.
 Let thy congregation escape tribulation; thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!

Second Reading

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. ²Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." ³The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. ⁴Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb. ⁵May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. ⁶Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Meditation "Day of Thanks" REV. REX CHILDS

Musical Meditation The Ash Grove

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

*Hymn #643

Now Thank We All Our God

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- 1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices, who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
- 2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us; and keep us in God's grace and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
- 3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given; the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

^{*}Charge and Benediction

Service ParticipantsRev. Craig Goodrich, Senior Pastor Rev. Rex Childs, Associate Pastor Dr. Brice Gerlach, Director of Music Ministries

Discover your Home! Sunday worship service is held at 9:30 a.m.

Join us on Christmas Eve Family Worship 5 p.m. Traditional Candlelight Worship 7 p.m. Special music begins at 6:30 p.m.



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