

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

November 25, 2020 6:30 pm

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praise to your name, O Most High.
~ Psalm 92:1*

Prelude

“Now Thank We All Our God”

David Morlock

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Welcome and Prayer

Rev. Bob Boyar

Gathering Song

“Now Thank We All Our God”

ELW #840

Rev. Marty Toepke-Floyd, Rev. Robert Hoekstra, Accompanist Dick Morris

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

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Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Michelle Watne

Psalm 65

Rev. Erik Weber

- ¹You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be fulfilled.
²**To you, the one who answers prayer, to you all flesh shall come.**
- ³Our sins are stronger than we are, but you blot out our transgressions.
⁴**Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there!
They will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,
by the holiness of your temple.**
- ⁵Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation,
O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the oceans far away.

⁶**You make firm the mountains by your power;
you are girded about with might.**

⁷You still the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

⁸**Those who dwell at the ends of the earth
will tremble at your marvelous signs;
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**

⁹You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; the river of God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

¹⁰**You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges;
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.**

¹¹You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.

¹²**May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing,
and the hills be clothed with joy.**

¹³May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak
themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

Rev. Michelle Brennan

Gospel Acclamation “Ancient Words”

Rev. Marty Toepke-Floyd, Rev. Robert Hoekstra, Accompanist Dick Morris

Ancient words ever true,
Changing me, and changing you.
We have come with open hearts.
Oh let the ancient words impart.

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Matthew 25:14-30

Rev. Tammy Toepke-Floyd

Sermon

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Hymn of the Day “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ELW #807

Rev. Marty Toepke-Floyd, Rev. Robert Hoekstra, Accompanist Dick Morris

1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee; may I still thy goodness prove.

- 2 Here I raise my Ebenezer: "Hither by thy help I've come";
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.
- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

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A Litany of Healing

Rev. Susan Haukaas

Gracious God, in the midst of a Global pandemic, with heavy hearts and
weary minds we bring our fears and laments to you

grant the peace only you can give

God of healing, we lift up to you all caregivers. Strengthen and comfort all those who
spend each day tending to the needs of others. For doctors, nurses, hospital and care
facility administrators, chaplains, and all those who care for the health and wellbeing
of others. Bless, comfort and strengthen them

grant the peace only you can give

Great comforter, we remember those who walk with grieving families; funeral
directors, chaplains, clergy, friends and families. Give them your words of comfort and
healing. Be with all who are grieving when it is difficult to even gather

grant the peace only you can give

God of abundance, we come to you in our scarcity. Be with those whose hours have
been cut, who have lost jobs, those who have payments due and empty accounts.
Open our eyes to the needs around us and give us generous hearts that all may be
fed and find shelter

grant the peace only you can give

Bring your healing of body, mind and spirit to all who long to be well,

grant the peace only you can give. Amen

Offering Recipient

video by Major Judy Lowder

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Offering of Music

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Dick Morris

Arr. Michael Burkhardt

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Prayers of Intercession

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rev. Lucinda Lien
Accompanist Dustin Lien

Lord's Prayer and Blessing

Rev. Jennifer McDonald

Closing Hymn

"The Unclouded Day"

Trinity Musicians

Oh, they tell me of a home far beyond the skies,
Oh, they tell me of a home far away;
Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,
Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.

Refrain

Oh, the land of cloudless day, Oh, the land of an unclouded sky,
Oh, they tell me of a home where no storm clouds rise,
Oh, they tell me of an unclouded day.
Oh, they tell me of a home where my friends have gone,
Oh, they tell me of that land far away,
Where the tree of life in eternal bloom
Sheds its fragrance thro' the unclouded day. (*Refrain*)

Oh, they tell me of a King in His beauty there,
And they tell me that mine eyes shall behold
Where He sits on the throne that is whiter than snow,
In the city that is made of gold. (*Refrain*)

Oh, they tell me that He smiles on His children there,
And His smile drives their sorrows all away;
And they tell me that no tears ever come again
In that lovely land of unclouded day. (*Refrain*)

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Dismissal

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

"Now Thank We All Our God"

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