



THANKSGIVING EVE

Though _____, Yet I Will Rejoice!

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Bible Class at 9:15am

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Welcome to Victory!

- Thank you for choosing to worship the Triune God with us. May the grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you as we join together in worship.
- We prepare for worship by quietly meditating on the theme for the day and respectfully listening to the music chosen and prepared by our musicians.
- If you are looking for a church home, we would be thrilled to serve your spiritual needs. Our name comes from 1 Corinthians 15:57: **"Thanks be to God! He gives us the VICTORY through our Lord Jesus Christ!"**
- Our mission as a Christian congregation is to: **"Win souls for Christ and coach Christians for life."**
- Please sign the Connection Card inside of your worship folder to give us a record of your visit, and so we can properly thank you for joining us!
- Restrooms are located in the hallway to the right as you enter the front doors. Changing tables are available in both the women's and men's restrooms.

TODAY'S WORSHIP:

The year 2020 and thankful might seem like they go together like water and oil. With so many challenges, difficulties, divisions, and losses, is there really much that we can be thankful for in a year like this? God's answer is...yes! Far more than we even realize, God has filled our lives with more blessings than we can even name or number. So many that we often take them for granted. And as God's Word reminds us this Thanksgiving, even in the midst of _____ (fill in the blank with your own struggles or challenges!), we can still rejoice in Jesus. Tonight, we'll be reminded why.

New Sermon Series for the Sundays in Advent begins this Sunday!

CHRISTMAS MYSTERY

4 WEEKS ON ANCIENT PROMISES SHROUDED IN MYSTERY

The coming of Jesus has always been shrouded in mystery. His first coming revealed how thousands of years of mysterious promises of God would be answered. And his Second Coming at the End of All Things is also shrouded in mystery: No one knows the day or hour he'll re-appear. Join us this Advent for four weeks meditating on the Old Testament mysteries surrounding the Messiah's first coming as we look ahead in mystery and wonder to his second.

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| Nov. 29 | The Mysteries in the Mind of God |
| Dec. 6 | The Mystery of the Messiah's Messenger |
| Dec. 13 | The Good News Mystery |
| Dec. 20 | The Mysterious King |

THANKSGIVING

GREETING

M: The grace of our Lord (+) Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
2 Corinthians 13:13

C: And also with you.

RESPONSIVE READING

M: Honor the Lord with your substance, and with the first fruits of all your increase.
Proverbs 3:9

C: God opens his hand and satisfies the desire of every living thing.

Psalms 145:16

M: So your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow.

Proverbs 3:10

C: Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights.

James 1:17

M: "Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Matthew 25:34

C: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son.

John 3:16

CONFESSION OF SINS

M: Beloved in the Lord, indeed, God has withheld no good thing from us, not even his only Son. For this he deserves that we live in perfect thanksgiving. Yet we have proven our ingratitude by disobeying God, and consequently deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father, asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

C: Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am sinful by nature, and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good. For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity. But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray: Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.

M: God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen!

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

THANKSGIVING GATHERING

Sung to the tune of "We Praise You, O God"

After a brief introduction, the congregation sings

**C: (sung) We gather together to seek the Lord's favor,
 For daily we savor God's goodness divine.
 Together confessing, we seek his great blessing
 And find an honored place at his table to dine.**

M: Lift up your voices, O people; sing together for joy.

C: Break forth together in rejoicing.



M: Witness what the Lord has done, the Lord who promises and saves.

C: *(sung)* **We gather together with songs of thanksgiving.
To God ever-living our anthems we raise.
With praises unending let songs be ascending
With hearts and lives united to show forth our praise.**

M: Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.

C: **"Gather to me, my faithful ones," says the Lord, "those who made a covenant
with me by sacrifice."**

M: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity.

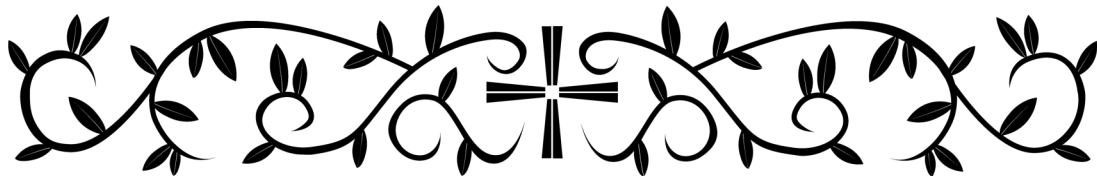
C: *(sung)* **We gather together, abundantly gifted.
Our voices uplifted ring sweet in God's ear.
O blest congregation, with high adoration
Come now to offer thanks. In God's temple appear.**

M: "I will surely gather all of you," says the Lord.

C: **"I will set you together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture.**

M: Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

C: *(sung)* **We gather together, most firmly believing.
From God's hand receiving, wherever we go
Our Shepherd beside us, to lead and to guide us,
A table set before us, our cups overflow.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Yet I will rejoice

- ¹⁷ Though the fig tree does not bud
and there are no grapes on the vines,
though the olive crop fails
and the fields produce no food,
though there are no sheep in the pen
and no cattle in the stalls,
¹⁸ yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Savior.
- ¹⁹ The Sovereign LORD is my strength;
he makes my feet like the feet of a deer,
he enables me to tread on the heights.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

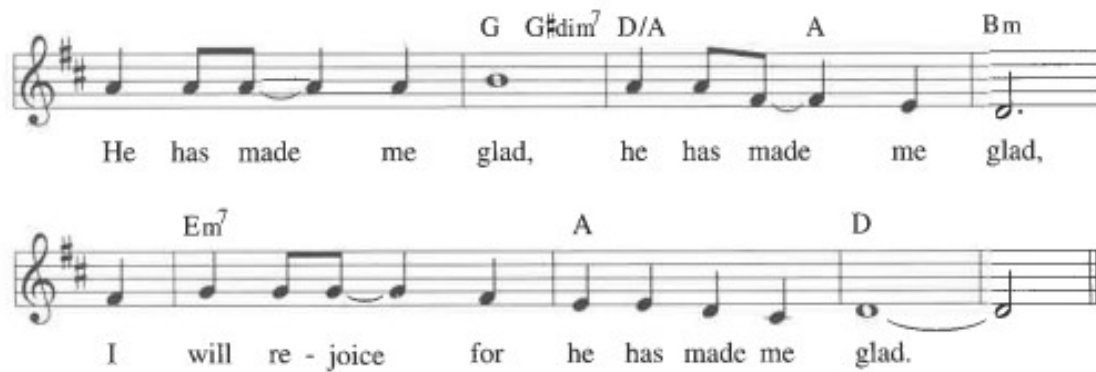
RESPONSE

He Has Made Me Glad

Worship & Praise Songbook 54

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music, each with lyrics underneath and guitar chords written above the staff. The chords are: D, G, D/A, A, Bm, D, G, A, D, F#, Bm, Em⁷, A⁷, D, A⁷, D, G, D, Bm, Em⁷, A⁷, and D.

I will en - ter his gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart,
I will en - ter his courts with praise.
I will say this is the day that the Lord has made;
I will re - joice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me glad,
I will re - joice for he has made me glad.



SECOND LESSON: Philippians 4:10-20

Living with contentment in any situation

¹⁰ I rejoiced greatly in the Lord that at last you renewed your concern for me. Indeed, you were concerned, but you had no opportunity to show it. ¹¹ I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. ¹² I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. ¹³ I can do all this through him who gives me strength. ¹⁴ Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. ¹⁵ Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; ¹⁶ for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need. ¹⁷ Not that I desire your gifts; what I desire is that more be credited to your account. ¹⁸ I have received full payment and have more than enough. I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. ¹⁹ And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus. ²⁰ To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

M: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Luke 12:22-34

Do not worry

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest? ²⁷ “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you—you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

M: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Martin Luther’s Explanation of the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed

I believe that God created me and all that exists, and that he gave me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my mind and all my abilities. And I believe that God still preserves me by richly and daily providing clothing and shoes, food and drink, property and home, spouse and children, land, cattle, and all I own, and all I need to keep my body and life. God also preserves me by defending me against all danger, guarding and protecting me from all evil. All this God does only because he is my good and merciful Father in heaven, and not because I have earned or deserved it. For all this I ought to thank and praise, to serve and obey him. This is most certainly true.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Now Thank We All Our God

Christian Worship 610



1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
 2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
 3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther

hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
 life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
 now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns

In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
 And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
 With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -

moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
 in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
 ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For

count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
 free us from all ills In this world and the next.
 thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Text: Martin Rinkart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
 Tune: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT (67 67 66 66) Johann Crüger, 1598–1662.

SERMON.....Pastor Troy Schreiner

Text: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Yet I Will Rejoice

OFFERTORY

To help prevent the spread of germs, we won't be passing the offering plates to collect our thank offerings to God. Please place your offering in one of the offering plates located on the table in the back of the sanctuary as you exit this evening. Victory can also receive offerings electronically through our secure website: victorylutheran.org/giving. You can access that site on your smartphone using a QR code reader to scan the box to the right. We'd also ask that you would fill out a Connection Card, found inside your worship folder, and drop it into the offering plate as you exit.



PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Prayers and petitions are brought on behalf of the church

M: Hear us, Lord, as we offer you our personal thanksgiving for all the blessings you have granted us in this past year.

Silent prayer

M: Almighty God, for your goodness we give you thanks, for your mercy we praise you, and for your caring ways we magnify your holy name, asking for all that we need through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who taught us to pray:

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 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.

HYMN

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Christian Worship 614

1 Sing to the Lord of har - vest; Sing songs of
2 God makes the clouds rain good - ness; The des - erts
3 Bring to this sa - cred al - tar The gifts his

love and praise. With joy - ful hearts and voic - es
bloom and spring. The hills leap up in glad - ness;
good - ness gave, The gold - en sheaves of har - vest,

Your al - le - lu - ias raise. By him the roll - ing
The val - leys laugh and sing. God fills them with his
The souls Christ died to save. Your hearts lay down be -

sea - sons In fruit - ful or - der move; Sing to the
full - ness, All things with large in - crease; He crowns the
fore him When at his feet you fall, And with your

Lord of har - vest A joy - ous song of love.
year with bless - ing, With plen - ty and with peace.
lives a - dore him Who gave his life for all.

Text: John S. B. Monsell, 1811–75, abr., alt.

Tune: WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN (76 76 D) Johann Steurlein, 1546–1613.

BLESSING

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace with thankful hearts. Live in harmony with one another, and serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

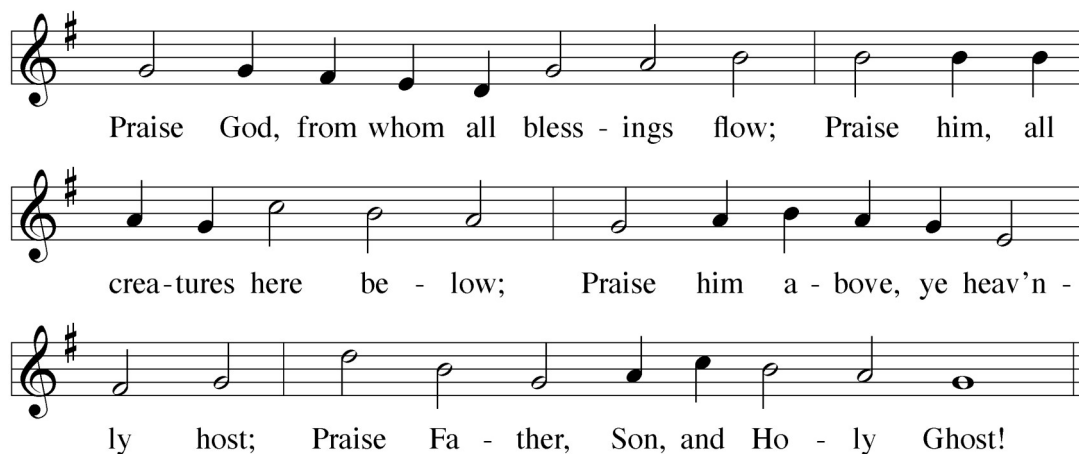
The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Christian Worship 334



The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all

crea-tures here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n -

ly host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711, abr.

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH (LM) *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551.

Organist.....Mrs. Rachel Cochran

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Sermon Notes



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