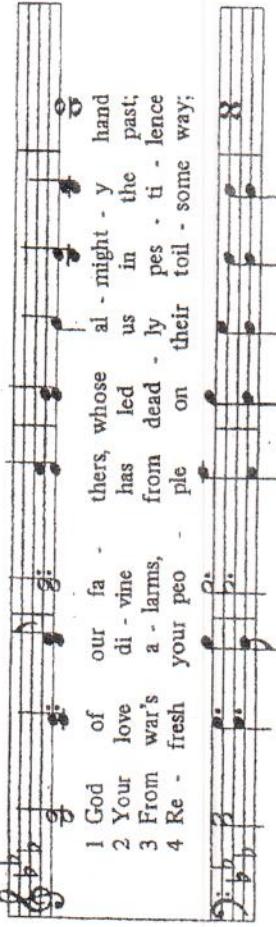
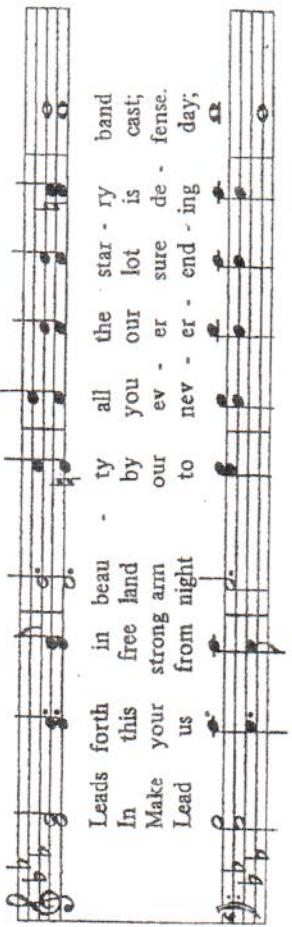


# God of Our Fathers

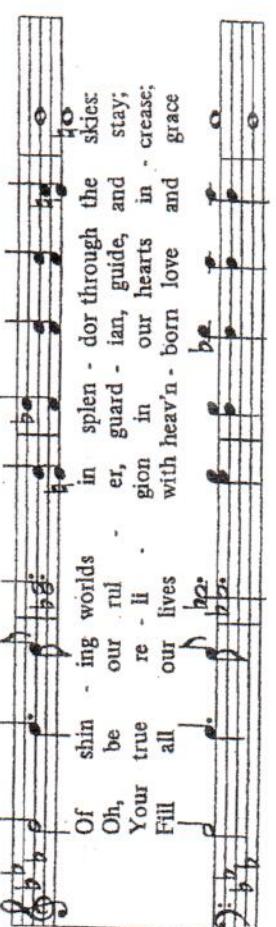
1 God of our fathers, whose almighty hand  
 2 Your love has led us in the past;  
 3 From war's alarms, thy people toil some way;  
 4 Refresh your peo-



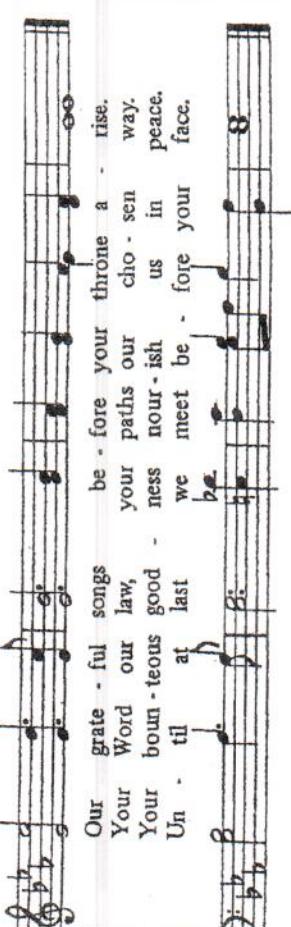
Leads forth in beauty all the starry band  
 In this free land by you our lot is cast;  
 Make your strong arm ev' er sure defense.  
 Lead us from night to never ending day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies;  
 Oh, be - our mil - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;  
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;  
 Fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace.



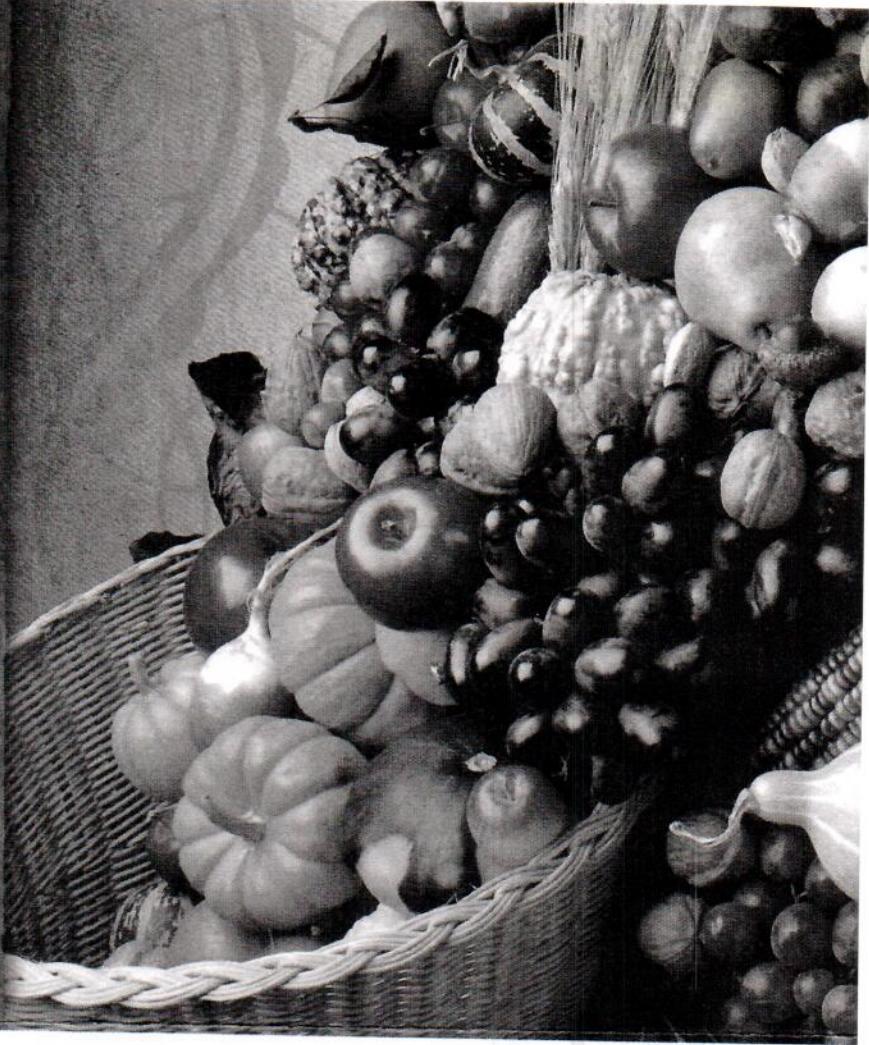
Our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 Your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 Your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 Un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.



*Give thanks unto the LORD,*

*for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*

PSALM 107:1



# SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

**NOVEMBER 25, 2020**

**7:00 P.M.**

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**The Order of Vespers**  
Please stand at the appropriate times.

## THE WELCOME

(STAND)

**PSALM 104: 1, 24, 27-28, 30, 33 (Spoken responsively by verse)**

P: *Bless the LORD, O my soul!*

*O LORD my God, You are very great!*

C: *O LORD, how manifold are Your works!*  
*In wisdom You have made them all;*  
*the earth is full of Your creatures.*

P: *These all look to You, to give them their food in due season.*

C: *When You give it to them, they gather it up;*  
*when You open Your hand, they are filled with good things.*

P: *When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created,*  
*and You renew the face of the ground.*

C: *I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;*  
*I will sing praise to my God while I have being.*

ALL: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost;*  
*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,*  
*world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!*

(Please remain standing for the opening hymn, if able)

## THE OPENING HYMN - "NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD"

Now thank we all our God  
With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God  
Thro' all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace  
And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God  
The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns  
With them in highest heaven:  
The one eternal God,  
Whom earth and heav'n adore!  
For thus it was, is now,  
And shall be evermore. Amen.

## THE VERSICLES (page 41)

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.

C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

P: O Lord, open thou my lips.  
C: And my mouth shall show forth Thy praise.

P: Make haste, O God, to deliver me.  
C: Make haste to help me, O Lord.

Glory be to the Father and to Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Hallelujah!

(Please be seated)

#### A HYMN OF PRAISE - "COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME"

Come, ye thankful people, come; Raise the song of Harvest-home  
All be 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 garner to abide.  
Come with all Thine angels, come, Raise the glorious Harvest-home. Amen.

#### THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Deuteronomy 8:1-10

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

#### THE HYMN - "LET ALL THINGS NOW LIVING "

Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving  
To God the Creator triumphantly raise,  
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,  
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.  
His banners are o'er us, His light goes before us,  
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,  
Till shadows have vanished And darkness is banished,  
As forward we travel from light into light.

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#### His law He enforces, The stars in their courses,

The sun in his orbit, obediently shine.

The hills and the mountains, The rivers and fountains,  
The deeps of the ocean proclaim Him divine.  
We, too, should be voicing Our love and rejoicing;  
With glad adoration a song let us raise  
Till all things now living Unite in thanksgiving  
To God in the highest hosanna and praise! Amen.

#### THE EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 4:6-20

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.

(STAND)

#### THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

P: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us.  
C: Thanks be to Thee, O Lord.  
(Please remain standing for the sermon hymn, if able)

#### THE SERMON HYMN – "WE PRAISE THEE, O GOD, OUR REDEEMER, CREATOR"

We praise Thee, O God, our Redeemer, Creator,  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring;  
We lay it before Thee, we kneel and adore Thee,  
We bless Thy holy name, glad praises we sing.

We worship Thee, God of our father, we bless Thee;  
Thro' life's storm and tempest our Guide hast Thou been;  
When perils o'ertake us, escape Thou wilt make us,  
And with Thy help, O Lord, our battles we win.

With voices united our praises we offer,  
To Thee, great Jehovah, glad anthems we raise.  
Thy strong arm will guide us, our God is beside us,  
To Thee, our great Redeemer, fore'er be praise. Amen.

## THE SERMON

(STAND)

### THE OFFERTORY - "FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH"

For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies.  
For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies:

*Refrain: Christ, our Lord, to Thee we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the wonder of each hour Of the day and of the night.  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r.  
Sun and moon and stars of light: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's delight.  
For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight: (*Refrain*)

For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child.  
Friends on earth and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild: (*Refrain*)

For Yourself, best gift divine To the world so freely giv'n;  
Agent of God's grand design, Peace on earth and joy in heav'n: (*Refrain*)  
Amen.

### THE PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

#### "GOD BLESS OUR NATIVE LAND"

God bless our native land! Firm may she ever stand  
Thro' storm and night! When the wild tempests rave,  
Ruler of wind and wave, Do Thou our country save  
By Thy great might.

For her our prayer shall rise To God above the skies;  
On Him we wait. Thou who art ever nigh,  
Guarding with watchful eye, To Thee aloud we cry,  
God save the State! Amen.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

P: Grant, we beseech Thee, Almighty God, unto Thy Church,  
Thy Holy Spirit and the wisdom which cometh down from above,  
that Thy Word, as becometh it, may not be bound, but have free  
course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ's holy  
people, that in steadfast faith we may serve Thee and in the  
confession of Thy name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ,  
our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost,  
ever one God, world without end.

C: Amen.

### THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless thee and keep thee.  
The Lord make His face shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon thee and give thee peace.

C: Amen, Amen, Amen. (Please be seated)

### THE CLOSING HYMN - "GOD OF OUR FATHERS"

(See back cover)

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