

IN CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 24, 2024

4:00 P.M.



Thanksgiving HymnFest 2024

Sit Prelude: *Fanfare for the Common Man* Aaron Copeland

Ringing of the Church Bells

Stand Opening Hymn #870 We Praise You, O God

Greeting and Prayer of the Day
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Let us pray...
The congregation responds: Amen

Hymn #572 Now It Is Evening

Sit First Reading Joel 2:21-27

Hymn #840 Now Thank We All Our God

Psalm 126 *Spoken responsively*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
then were we like those who dream.
**Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue
with shouts of joy.**
**Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done
great things for them."**

The LORD has done great things for us,
and we are glad indeed.

**Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses of the Negeb.**

Those who sowed with tears
will reap with songs of joy.

**Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed,
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.**

Hymn #693

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Stand Holy Gospel

Saint Matthew 6:25-33

Litany for Peace

O God, the Father of all,
Have mercy upon us.

O Christ, the Prince of Peace,
Have mercy upon us.

O Holy Spirit, enlightener of all
Have mercy upon us.

Eternal God of Love,
Receive our prayer.

Remember, O Lord, the peoples of the world divided into many nations and tongues; deliver us from every evil which obstructs your saving purpose; and fulfill your promises of old to establish your kingdom of peace. From the curse of war and all chaos.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From believing and speaking lies against other nations,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From narrow loyalties and selfish isolation,
Good Lord, deliver us.

From fear and distrust of other nations, from all false pride, vain glory, and self-conceit.

Good Lord, deliver us.

From the lust of the mighty for riches, that drives peaceful peoples to slaughter.
Good Lord, deliver us.

From putting our trust in the weapons of war, and from lack of faith in the power of justice and goodwill,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From every thought, word, and deed which divides the human family and separates us from the perfect realization of your love,

Good Lord, deliver us.

Eternal God, you show your people the way in which they should go, turn our feet from the city of destruction toward the city of God, and redirect our desires and labors in accordance with your will, that we may achieve the new world for which your Son was content to die, even Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

That nations may seek to serve each other and not seek domination,
Hear us, O God.

That science may be the constant handmaid of life and never the henchman of death,

Hear us, O God.

That the treasure now spent on the engines of war may be used for the arts of peace,

Hear us, O God.

That your people may rejoice to endure labor and want and death to win, not a war, but your kingdom,

Hear us, O God.

That we may love not only our country but also the whole family of nations,
Hear us, O God.

That ancient enmities may pass away and that you will make all things new,
Hear us, O God.

O Christ, at whose word the wind and waves were still, rebuke, we pray you; the violence of humanity, and usher in the day of community, that we may truly serve you; who with the Father and the Holy Spirit lives and works for us unceasingly, now and forever.

Amen.

Lord of life, master of all, pattern of gentleness,
Hear us, Lord Jesus.

By the prophets' dream of old,
Grant us victory over war.

By the angels' song of peace,
Raise up leaders of good will.

By the gospel's words of love,
Help us to love our enemies.

By your sacrificial death,
Teach the nations self-denial.

By the kingdom you have promised,
Come to rule the hearts of humanity.

By the kingdom you have promised,
Make the nations one.

God of the future years, we pray for all your family on earth and for every agency of world co-operation that it may grow in usefulness and power;
Hear us, O Lord.

For the United Nations,
Hear us, O Lord.

For the Court of International Justice,
Hear us, O Lord.

For international federations of labor, industry, and commerce,
Hear us, O Lord.

For the departments of state, for all ambassadors, minister, diplomats, and statesmen, for veterans, active duty military and all service personnel who preserve the peace,
Hear us, O Lord.

For the prophets and pioneers who have seen the promised land afar off and dedicated their lives to its service,
Hear us, O Lord.

For the common folk in every land who live in peace and quietness.
Hear us, O Lord.

Eternal God, to you we commit ourselves; use even us with our ignorance and frailty to accomplish your holy will; and hasten the day when all will dwell together in mutual helpfulness and love; for yours in the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.
Amen.

Stand Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord in a way that is most comfortable to you.



Sit Offertory Hymn #570
Offering

Now the Day Is Over
Offering for the LLP Soup Mission

Gracious God, by your providence we receive the things we need and more, gift upon gift. We thank you for the harvest of goodness you supply: for food and shelter, for loving words and gestures for all our friendships. Above all, we praise you for your Son, who came to show mercy and who names us his friends. We offer you our lives and our gifts in gratitude and devotion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,**

Blessing

Hymn #569

The Day You Gave Us, Lord, Has Ended

Prayer for Peace

Give us, O God, the vision which can see your love in the world in spite of human failure. Give us the faith to trust your goodness in spite of our ignorance and weakness. Give us the knowledge that we may continue to pray with understanding hearts. And show us what each one of us can do to set forward the coming of the day of universal peace. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude: "Now Thank We All Our God"

Siegfried Karg-Elert

*You are cordially invited to a Pie Reception in Memorial Hall
immediately following the service.*



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