



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Christ the King/Reign of Christ | November 21, 2021

**Indicates where it is appropriate, but not necessary, to stand.*

*All speak words in **boldface**.*

❖ Called by God We Gather ❖

GATHERING MUSIC, WELCOME, AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Gather and greet each other in joy.)

CALLED TO WORSHIP IN RINGING THE TRINITY AND IN MUSIC

(When the chimes toll, let us silently open our spirit to God's presence in our midst.)

O Worship the King

arr. Neil Harmon

OPENING SENTENCES

From north to south, from east to west,

God gathers us in.

From cities and farms, from plenty and want,

God gathers us in.

From young to old, from every race and identity,

God gathers us in.

From those confident in their faith to those struggling to believe,

God gathers us in.

People of God, come now and worship the Lord!

THANKSGIVING HYMN MEDLEY

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

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.

(Interlude into, "We Gather Together")

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.

(Interlude into, "Now Thank We All Our God")

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.

TEXT: Henry Alford, 1844, alt. P.D. TUNE: George Job Elvey, 1858; ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, P.D.

TEXT: Attr. Adrianus Valerius, c. 1626; trans. Theodore Baker, 1894; P.D. TUNE: Neder-landsch Gedenck-Clanck, 1626; KREMSER; P.D.

TEXT: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858, alt.; P.D. TUNE: Johann Crüger, 1647NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, P.D.

*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

Let us pray together:

How good it is to praise your name, God of Creation!

From the very first tale told around family tables

to the last word written in the book of time,

you tell us the story of your love and grace.

From the foundation laid in Eden's valleys

to the ever-open gates of the new Jerusalem,

you show us your vision of life lived together.

How good it is to praise your name, Savior of All!

When those lies we've heard whispered become shouts, you come –
speaking truth to our fearful hearts.

Where we see scarcity, you reveal abundance,

where we see strangers, you reveal neighbors, family.

When differences distort our relationships, you come –

gathering all your children to feast at table together.

Where we would curate guests lists and manage table groups,

you revel in the inevitable mess and awkwardness and even conflict in moving from “us and them” to “we.”

How good it is to praise your name, Spirit of Truth!

When our stories exclude caring for others and the planet, you come – stirring us to review our choices and to try again. Come, Holy Spirit, enter the silence as we reflect.

(Silent confession)

O God; **forgive us.**

In letting go of the fears that only mislead us,

may we feast and listen together – leaning into your way for the world.

In setting aside false pride,

may we reach out and uplift those in need.

In turning from excluding the other,

may we work together and serve the One who unites us all, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

Friends, no matter how many times it is said, it bears repeating: God loves us, God forgives us, God heals us, God restores us. We are set free to live new lives together in God’s vision of love, with hope, grace, and joy.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Amen.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

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.

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❖ **To Hear God’s Word of Grace** ❖

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

ANTHEM *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* arr. Cindy Berry
Sue Anderson, Betty Dattler, Alberta Gisel, Janie King,
Ken Curry, Chad Hammer, Ed Carter; singers
(To follow the text, see hymn #509)

SERMON "Stay at the Table" Rev. Laura Viau

❖ To Respond in Faith with Gratitude ❖

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD

The Lord's Prayer p. 35 in the hymnal

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.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostle's Creed p. 35 in the hymnal

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ To Depart Blessed to Serve ❖

*HYMN, #317 *In Christ There Is No East or West* MC KEE
(vv. 3 & 4)

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

(Continued)

***In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are one in him throughout the whole wide earth.***

TEXT: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887. MUSIC: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887. P.D.

*BENEDICTION AND CHARGE

CLOSING MUSIC



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