

NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE



Thursday, November 28, 2019
10 AM

WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

A PROCLAMATION

By the President of the United States of America, a Proclamation.

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor—and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be—That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions—to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789.

George Washington



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The people's responses are in bold.

CARILLON PRELUDE

All people that on earth do dwell

Variations on "Nun Danket"

Variations on "We Gather Together" for carillon

Old rooth, arr. Percival Price (1901-1985)

Anton van Ooik (1909-1996)

Piet Post (1919-1979)

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun danket alle Gott, BWV 657

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

INTROIT

Am Himmelsfahrtstage, Op. 79, No. 3

Sung in German.

Exalted, O Lord, all praise, all glory, thou hast reigned from eternity. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION • 718

God of our fathers, whose almighty hand

National Hymn

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

We give you thanks, O God, and call upon your Name;

We make known your deeds among the peoples.

We sing to you; we sing your praise

And speak of all your marvelous works.

We glory in your holy Name;

Let the hearts of those who seek you rejoice.

The people are seated.

PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING

By the President of the United States of America

The year that is drawing towards its close, has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature, that they cannot fail to penetrate and soften even the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever watchful providence of Almighty God. In the midst of a civil war of unequalled magnitude and severity, which has sometimes seemed to foreign States to invite and to provoke their aggression, peace has been preserved with all nations, order has been maintained, the laws have been respected and obeyed, and harmony has prevailed everywhere except in the theater of military conflict; while that theater has been greatly contracted by the advancing armies and navies of the Union. Needful diversions of wealth and of strength from the fields of peaceful industry to the national defense, have not arrested the plough, the shuttle or the ship; the axe has enlarged the borders of our settlements, and the mines, as well of iron and coal as of the precious metals, have yielded even more abundantly than heretofore. Population has steadily increased, notwithstanding the waste that has been made in the camp, the siege and the battlefield; and the country, rejoicing in the consciousness of augmented strength and vigor, is permitted to expect continuance of years with large increase of freedom. No human counsel hath devised nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who, while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy. It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American People. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the Heavens.

And I recommend to them that while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, commend to His tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife in which we are unavoidably engaged, and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty Hand to heal the wounds of the nation and to restore it as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquillity and Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed,

Done at the city of Washington, this Third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the Eighty-eighth.

Abraham Lincoln

ANTHEM

Happy are all they who fear the Lord

Bruce Neswick (b. 1956)

Happy are all they who fear the Lord and who follow in his ways!
You shall eat of the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours.
Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.
The Lord bless you from Zion,
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel.

(Psalm 128)

The people stand as able.

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

Lord, you give justice to those who are suffering
and bread to those who hunger.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you loose those who are bound
and open the eyes of the blind.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, you watch over the stranger in the land
and uphold the orphan and the widow.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

SONG OF PRAISE

Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers

Sung by all.

John Rutter (b. 1945)




Glo-ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to



you. Glo-ry to you, for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will



praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo - ry to you in the



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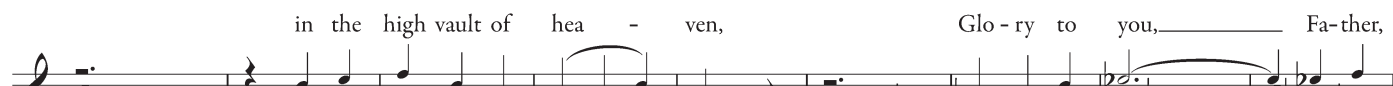
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ev - er. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths;



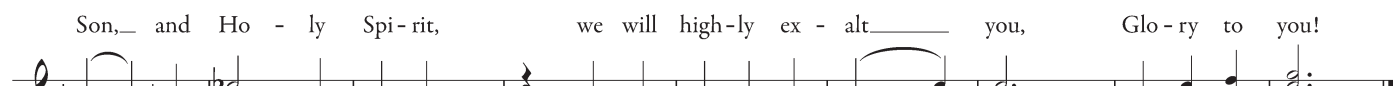
Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the




in the high vault of hea - ven, Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,



high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther, Son, and



Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit, we will high - ly ex - alt you, Glo - ry to you!



Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT FOR THANKSGIVING DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Almighty and gracious Father, we give you thanks for the fruits of the earth in their season and for the labors of those who harvest them. Make us, we pray, faithful stewards of your great bounty, for the provision of our necessities and the relief of all who are in need, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The people are seated.

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten (1913-1976)

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands;
serve the Lord with gladness and
come before his presence with a song.

Be ye sure that the Lord he is God;
it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him and speak good of his Name.

For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth from generation to generation.

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.

(Psalm 100)

Jesus said, "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN • 433

Sung by all.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing

Kremser

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Patrick L. Keyser

ANTHEM

I'm gonna sing 'til the Spirit moves in my heart

Moses Hogan (1957-2003)

I'm gonna sing 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna sing 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna sing 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes.

It was grace that brought me, it was grace that taught me,
it was grace that kept me, and it's grace that will lead me home.

I'm gonna pray 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna pray 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna pray 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes.

Can't you feel the Spirit movin'?

I'm gonna shout 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna shout 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna shout 'til the Spirit moves in my heart.

I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes.

I'm gonna sing 'til my Jesus comes.

The people stand as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

Said by all.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said by all.

Notre Père..., Padre nuestro..., Vater unser...,
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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,

We thank you, Lord.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people exchange of sign of God's peace and are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's ministry of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

O give thanks unto the Lord

Leo Sowerby (1895-1968)

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good:
for his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the Lord of Lords:
for his mercy endureth forever.

To him who alone doeth great wonders:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that by wisdom made the heavens:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that stretched out the earth above the waters:
for his mercy endureth for ever.

To him that made great lights: the sun to rule by day.

The moon and stars to rule by night:

Who remembered us in our low estate:

for his mercy endureth forever:

And hath redeemed us from our enemies:

for his mercy endureth forever.

Who giveth food to all flesh:

for his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven:

for his mercy endureth forever.

(Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26)

The people stand as able at the introduction to the hymn.

HYMN • 686 (stanza 1)

Sung by all.

Come, thou fount of every blessing

Nettleton

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Said by all.

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us. We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love. We thank you for the blessing of family and friends, and for the loving care of which surrounds us on every side. We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts, and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us. We thank you also for those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ; for the truth of his Word and the example of his life; for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation; for his dying, through which he overcame death; and for his rising to life again, in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit, that we may know him and make him known; and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE NATION

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace: Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Eternal God, our creator, you set us to live in families. We commend your care all the homes where your people live. Keep them, we pray, free from bitterness, from the thirst for personal victory, and from pride in self. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, moderation, patience, and godliness. Knit together in enduring affection those who have become one in marriage. Let children and parents have full respect for one another; and light the fire of kindness among us all, that we may show affection for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The officiant blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

DISMISSAL

Freely you have received, freely give.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT CLOSING • 397

Now thank we all our God

Nun danket alle Gott

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Nun danket alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)



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The Reverend Canon Jan Naylor Cope

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Carillonneur

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