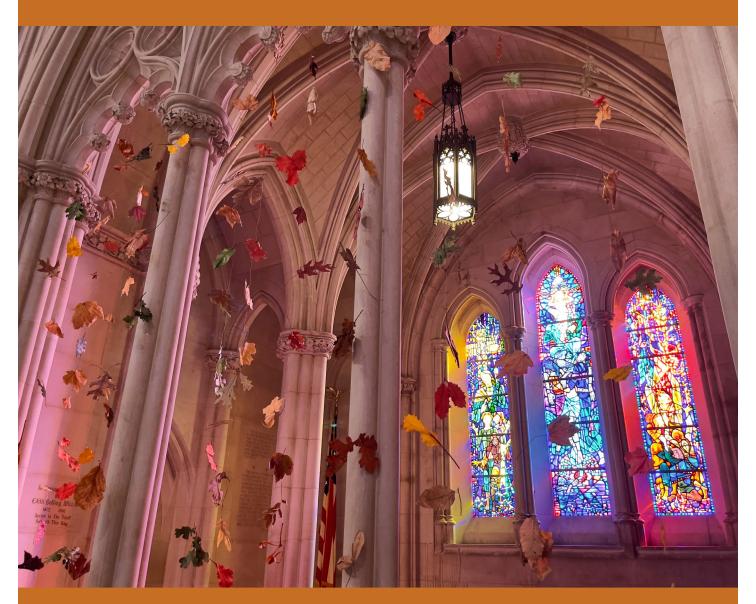
National Thanksgiving Day Service



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2021
10:00 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



NATIONAL THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE

November 25, 2021 • 10:00 AM

The people's responses are in **bold**.

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All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Variations on "Nun danket"

Old 100th; arr. Leen 't Hart (1920–1992)

Anton van Ooik (1909–1996)

Variations on "We Gather Together" Piet Post (1919–1979)

PRELUDE

Prelude on Early American Tunes George Shearing (1919–2011)

Restoration

Land of Rest

New Britain

Thank You Walter Hawkins (1949–2010)

The people remain seated for the introit.

INTROIT

Jubilate Deo Sung by the choir. Daniel Pinkham (1923–2006)

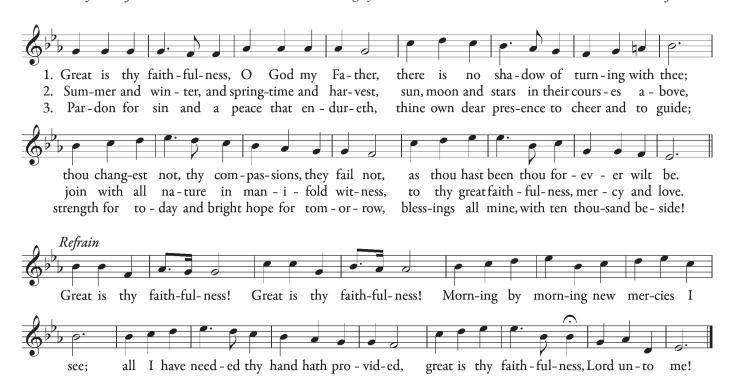
Sung in Latin.

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness. Alleluia.

(From Psalm 100:1)

The people stand as able.

INDIGENOUS PRAYER & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT



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 unequaled 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.

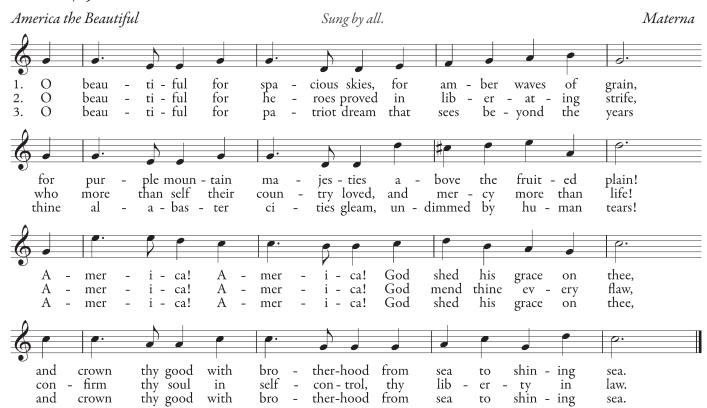
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed,

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

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





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.**

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.

The people are seated.

THE FIRST LESSON Daniel 6:8-10

The presidents and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, "Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked." Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict. Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 150 Sung by the choir. Ernani Aguiar (b. 1950)

Sung in Latin.

Praise the Lord in his sacred places, praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts, praise him according to his excellent greatness.

Praise him with the sound of the trumpet, praise him with the psaltery and the harp.

Praise him with the timbrel and the dance, praise him with strings and pipes.

Praise him with high-sounding cymbals, praise him with cymbals of joy.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Indescribable Sung by the cantor. Laura Story and Jesse Reeves

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea,

Creation revealing your majesty,

From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring,

Every creature, unique in the song that it sings!

All exclaiming,

"Indescribable, uncontainable!"

You placed the stars in the sky, and you know them by name;

You are amazing, God!

All powerful, untamable,

Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,

"You are amazing, God!"

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go,

Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow.

Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,

Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night.

None can fathom —

Indescribable, uncontainable!

You placed the stars in the sky, and you know them by name.

You are amazing, God!

All powerful, untamable,

Awestruck we fall to our knees as we humbly proclaim,

"You are amazing, God!"

Indescribable, uncontainable!

You placed the stars in the sky, and you know them by name.

You are amazing, God!

Incomparable, unchangeable!

You see the depths of my heart, and you love me the same.

You are, amazing, God!

You are amazing, God!

THE THIRD LESSON Matthew 6:25-33

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



The Reverend Canon Leonard L. Hamlin, Sr.

THE HOMILY

ANTHEM

Thank you

For the many times I've fallen,

And yet you forgave me,

Thank you.

Lord, I thank you.

For unmerited favor,

And your brand new mercies.

Thank you.

How I thank you.

For waking me up this morning.

For letting me see one more dawning.

Thank you.

Lord, I thank you.

I thank you, Lord.

For life, health, and strength.

For food and for shelter.

Thank you.

Lord, I thank you.

If I had ten thousand tongues,

It just wouldn't be enough to say,

The people stand as able.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

Sung by the cantor.

Richard Smallwood (b. 1948)

"Thank you."

How I thank you.

For waking me up this morning.

For letting me see one more dawning.

Thank you.

Lord, I thank you.

I thank you, Lord.

For saving my soul,

For making me whole,

For calming my fears,

For wiping my tears,

And letting me know that I'm not alone.

For waking me up this morning.

For letting me see one more dawning.

Thank you.

Lord, I thank you.

I thank you, Lord

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are seated.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Praise the Spirit in Creation

Praise the Spirit in creation,
Breath of God, life's origin:
Spirit, moving on the waters,
Quickening words to life within,
Source of breath to all things breathing,
Life in whom all lives begin.

Praise the Spirit, close companion Of our inmost thoughts and ways; Who, in showing us God's wonders, Is himself the power to gaze; And God's will, to those who listen, By a still small voice conveys.

Praise the Spirit who enlightened Priests and prophets with the word; His the truth behind the wisdoms Which as yet know not our Lord; By whose love and power, in Jesus God himself was seen and heard. Sung by the choir.

Richard Wayne Dirksen (1921–2003)

Tell of how the ascended Jesus Armed a people for his own; How a hundred men and women Turned the known world upside down, To its dark and furthest corners By the wind of heaven blown.

Pray we then, O Lord the Spirit, On our lives descend in might; Let your flame break out within us, Fire our hearts and clear our sight, Till, white-hot in your possession, We, too, set the world alight.

Praise, O praise the Holy Spirit,
Praise the Father, praise the Word,
Source, and Truth, and Inspiration,
Trinity in deep accord:
Through your voice which speaks within us,
We your creatures, call you Lord.

(Michael Hewlett, 1916–2000)

The people stand as able.

A GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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 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 Christ 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 FAMILIES

Eternal God, our creator, you set us to live in families. We commend to 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 kindliness among us all, that we may show affection for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR OUR TIMES

O God, our refuge and strength, you have brought us through a season of pandemic, and we give thanks for all the blessings which come from your hand. As your faithful people gathered this day, we remember those who struggle daily for their basic needs, those who live without land, shelter, food, or companionship. Give us the will and the courage to seek your justice and mercy, that all people may share in your abundance and draw us ever closer to your presence that we may proclaim your love to the world. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

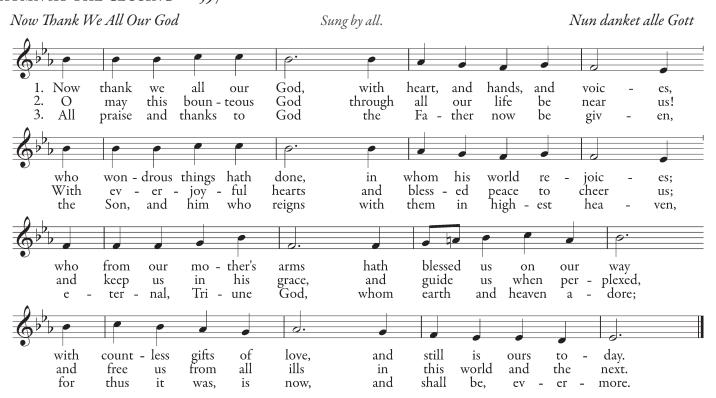
The dean blesses the people, and the people respond, Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Freely you have received, freely give. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN AT THE CLOSING • 397



POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750); arr. Virgil Fox (1912–1980)



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Dean

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Javan Bowden, singer

The Washington Ringing Society will ring the Cathedral bells following the service.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2021 AT WASHINGTON NATIONAL CATHEDRAL

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28: FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 11:15 AM (in-person + online)

Advent Lessons and Carols • 4:00 PM (in-person + online)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4

Handel's *Messiah* Family Concert • 12:00 PM (in-person)

Handel's *Messiah* • 4:00 PM (in-person)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 11:15 AM (in-person + online)

Handel's *Messiah* • 4:00 PM (in-person + online)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11

Cathedral Choral Society's Joy of Christmas • 2:00 & 6:00 РМ (in-person)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 11:15 AM (in-person + online)

Cathedral Choral Society's Joy of Christmas • 4:00 PM (in-person + online)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Blue Christmas Service • 7:00 PM (in-person + online)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 17

Christmas with the King's Singers • 7:30 PM (in-person + online)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19: FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Holy Eucharist • 11:15 AM (in-person + online)

Gospel Christmas • 6:00 PM (in-person + online)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23

Family Christmas Service with Pageant • 11:00 AM (in-person + online) passes required

Christmas Lessons and Carols • 6:00 PM (in-person + online) passes required

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24: CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Lessons and Carols • 6:00 PM (in-person + online) passes required Holy Eucharist of Christmas Eve • 10:00 PM (in-person + online) passes required

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 25: CHRISTMAS DAY

Holy Eucharist of Christmas Day • 11:15 AM (in-person + online)

Organ Recital • 1:30 PM (in-person + online)

For more details, links, and information on passes: cathedral.org/christmas

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Those wishing to make flower gifts for Christmas are invited to submit their gifts before December 3 to the Altar Guild.

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