

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023

## Thanksgiving Sunday

Our years come to an end like a sigh.  
Even if we are strong,  
their span is only toil and trouble.  
Soon they are gone, and we fly away.

Therefore, encourage one another  
and build up each other,  
as indeed you are doing.

Psalm 90; 1 Thessalonians

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**Sunday, November 19, 2023**  
**Thanksgiving Sunday**

Tolling of the Bells

Prelude

*Variations on Rhondda*

*Hopson*

Call to Worship

*Revelation 21:1-3*

\*Opening Hymn

*Come Ye Thankful People, Come*

Welcome and Announcements

Responsive Prayer of Invocation

*One:* Holy God, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

*One:* The day of the Holy One will come like a thief in the night.

When they say, "There is peace and security,"

that is when sudden destruction will come upon them,

as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

**All: So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake.  
Since we belong to the day, let us put on the breastplate of faith and love,  
and for a helmet the hope of salvation.**

**For God has destined us... not for wrath but for salvation!**

*One:* Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

**All: Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.**

**Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our lives!**

*Psalm 90 / 1 Thessalonians 5*

Passing of the Peace

*One:* The Peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

Choir Anthem

*For The Beauty Of The Earth*

*Rutter*

Isaiah 12

Blessing

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\* As the Spirit guides you, we encourage you to rise in body or spirit.

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Message for All Ages

*Children leave for Faith Workshop.*

Sermon

\*Hymn

*O God in Whom All Life Begins*

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

*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.*

*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.*

*And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

*We Gather Together*

Doxology

*Each week, we sing and sign an inclusive Doxology (ASL).*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God for all that Love has done.*

*Creator, Christ, & Spirit one. Amen.*

\*Closing Hymn

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

*Now Thank We All Our God*

*Karg-Elert*

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*Following the Closing Hymn, we encourage the congregation to remain risen, in body or spirit, to receive the Benediction, which is both blessing and commission. You may sit for the Choral Response and Postlude in quiet contemplation.*

*All are invited to the Parish Hall for coffee, tea, and snacks. We understand it can be difficult to step into a room of strangers. We hope, with every cup and cookie, we can deepen our connections and learn a little more about each other each week.*

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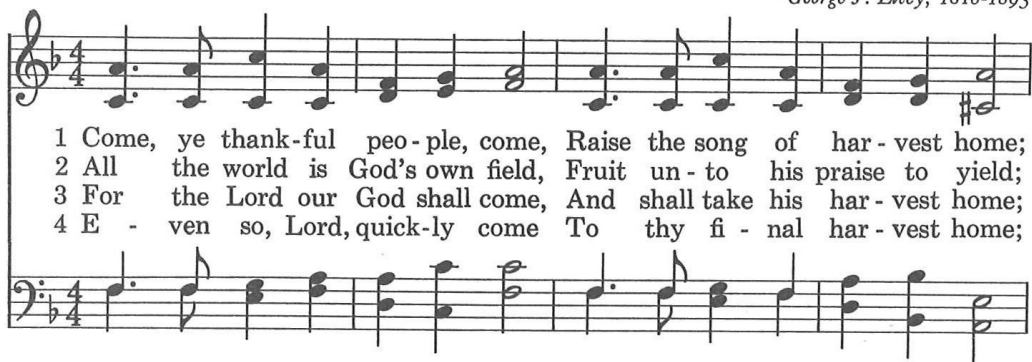
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## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

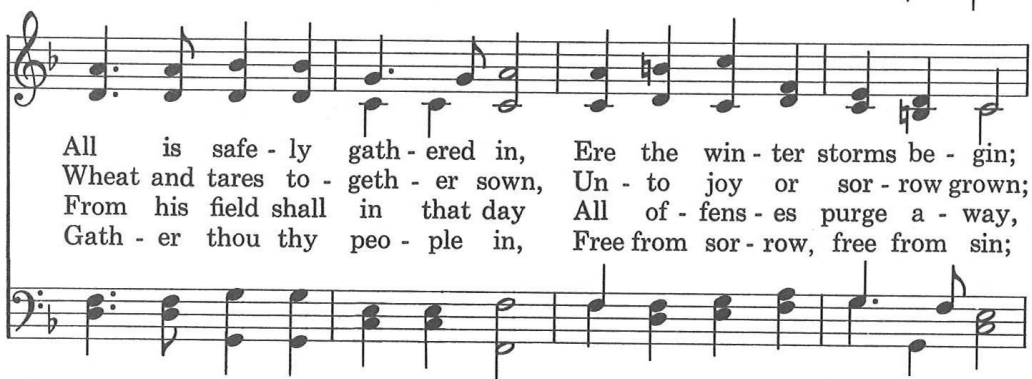
Henry Alford, 1810-1871

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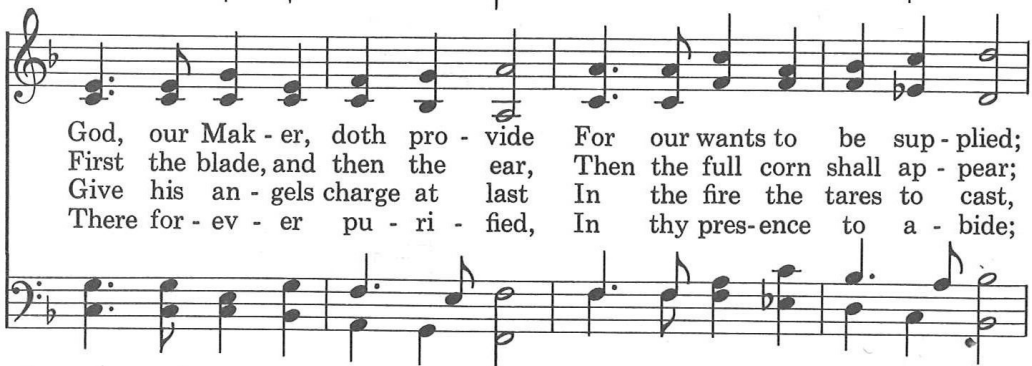
George J. Elvey, 1816-1893



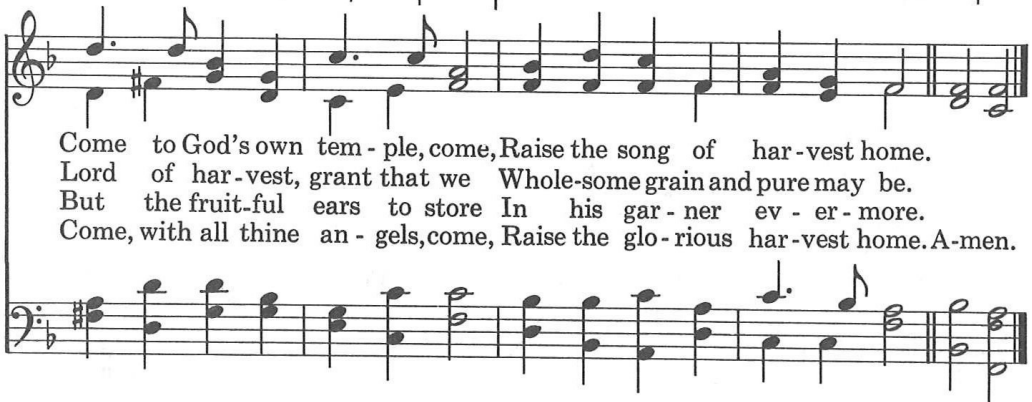
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, Raise the song of har-vest home;  
 2 All the world is God's own field, Fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his har-vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick-ly come To thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All is safe - ly gath - er ed in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
 From his field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way,  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied;  
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear;  
 Give his an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In thy pres - ence to a - bid;



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home. A - men.

## O God in Whom All Life Begins

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*Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1992*

1 O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,  
 2 U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts  
 3 Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;

be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.  
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.  
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.

Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;  
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name  
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,

de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.  
 that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.  
 then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

*Carl P. Daw, Jr., is an Episcopal priest who began hymnwriting while serving on the text committee for The Hymnal 1982. He has held academic positions at the College of William and Mary and the University of Connecticut, where he was also vicar-chaplain.*

Tune: NOEL C.M.D.  
 Traditional English melody  
 Arr. Arthur S. Sullivan, 1874

# Nun danket alle Gott

(Now Thank We All Our God)

Sir. 50:20–24; 39:35; Ps. 67

Martin Rinkart, 1647; transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

1 Nun dank - et al - le Gott, mit Herz - en, Mund und Händ - en,  
 1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God our Mak - er now be giv - en,

der gro - sse Ding - e tut an uns und al - len End - en;  
 Who won - drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es,  
 With ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us,  
 To Christ, and Spir - it, too, our help in high - est heav - en,

der uns von Mut - ter - leib und Kind - es - bein - en an  
 Who, from our par - ents' arms, has blessed us on our way  
 And keep us still in grace, and guide us when per - plexed,  
 The one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heaven a - dore,

un - zäh - lig viel zu gut bis hier-her hat ge - tan.  
 With count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 And free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 For thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

For much of his life, German Lutheran pastor and musician Martin Rinkart ministered to the walled city of Eisleben amidst the horrors of the Thirty Years' War. This hymn has become one of the most widely used hymns of the church.

Tune: NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.  
 Johann Crüger, 1647  
 Harm. Felix Mendelssohn, 1840

# Bulletin Reminders

*After worship, Rev. Morisse is available for conversation in the Parish Hall.*

## For the Beauty of the Earth

*Rutter*

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this,  
our joyful hymn of praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day  
and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower,  
sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this,  
our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this,  
our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift of thine  
to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine,  
flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this,  
our joyful hymn of praise.



### FALL LEAF RAKING

**TODAY, November 19**

Help older residents in need of your services.  
Meet at the Plymouth Church TODAY, at 12:45

### INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

**"Facing Loneliness/Creating Community"**

**TODAY, November 19, 5:00 p.m.**

**First Parish in Framingham**

**24 Vernon Street, Framingham**

The national ritual of giving thanks has the power to bring us together across varied religious and spiritual traditions. See *Wednesday Email for link to livestream.*

### PLEDGE DRIVE 2024

We have received **64** pledges so far, totalling **\$220,757**. Last year, 80 households pledged \$284,000. Thank you to every family who makes the Church a priority in their giving. Every gift and every pledge is a blessing.

### PRAYER DISCUSSION GROUP

We'll start exploring the ins and outs of *The Lord's Prayer* at our next meeting, on **December 3**. We'll meet in the Parlor, about 20 minutes after the service. All are welcome!

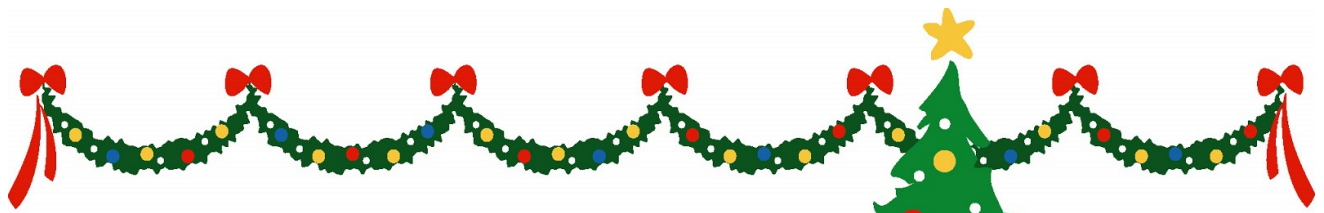
### LUNCH AFTER CHURCH

**Hosted by Tea and Greg**

We wish to offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation for all the love and generosity shown to us by the church! We plan to host a lunch of Cambodian food after the Christmas Pageant, on Sunday, December 17, in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

### THE MITTEN TREE

*Coming soon!* The Mitten Tree will be going up soon. This annual drive supports students in the Framingham Public Schools. Take a wish slip hanging from the boughs, purchase the item on the list, and place it underneath the tree. Items will be delivered to school nurses in January.



# DECORATE the Church

*Let's Deck the Halls for Christmas!*

**December 2, at 9:00 a.m.**

The time has come once again to do our magic and make our Sanctuary and Hall look beautiful for the Christmas Holiday. Volunteer elves are needed on Saturday, **December 2**, at 9:00 a.m., to help raise the big tree, place wreaths and candles, and set up the tree in the Parish Hall. If you can join in the holiday fun, please let Carole Blackman know, either by email ([blackmancarole@gmail.com](mailto:blackmancarole@gmail.com)) or see her at church any Sunday.

*Tear along dotted line.*

## My 2024 Pledge

This promise is made with gratitude:

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/Year



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

- Provide Weekly Envelopes.  Contact me about electronic payment options.  
 Will set up auto payment with my bank.  Will contact the Treasurer about other options.