

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 6, 2022



O sing to the LORD a new song,
with the lyre and the sound of melody,
with trumpets and the sound of the horn.

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.
Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy.

-Psalm 98

Sunday, November 6, 2022
Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
Communion Sunday

Tolling of the Bell

Prelude

Shepherd Me, O God

Callahan

Call to Worship

One: For such a time as this,

All: God calls us to know and be known, to love one another and to love God.

One: For such a time as this,

All: God calls us to seek justice and make peace to be tender and strong.

One: For such a time as this,

All: God calls us to dream new dreams, and follow the way of Christ together.

One: For this time and in this place,

All: We come to worship God. Amen!

Opening Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God

Welcome and Announcements

Unison Prayer of Confession

Rob Schadt, Lay Reader

Holy God, we ask for your help, your power, your Spirit, so that we can amend our lives and grow more each day into the image of Christ.

We confess that we fear what is different. We confess that it's easier to lock the doors of our community than to receive those who don't look like we look, love like we love, or vote the way we vote. We confess that we have not lived out your call to share in abundant life and unconditional love.

We believe that you have the power to turn us around to a more inclusive way of living, so we ask you to do that. We ask you to give us the courage to change. We ask that you give us the energy, intelligence, imagination, and love to be your people in all we say and do. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Passing of the Peace

Esther 4

Blessing

Sermon

Choir Anthem

ABBA

Courtney

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

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

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

Transformation Moment

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

We Gather Together

Willan

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, and Spirit, One.

Holy Communion

Responsive Consecration

Pastor 1: One night, long ago, when the tension was and the transformation already begun, Jesus gathered with his closest friends to share a meal. No two nights on the road with Jesus had been the same, and yet each meal they shared together felt familiar, felt like home.

Pastor 2: As the meal was drawing to a close, Jesus took the bread, he lifted it up, gave thanks and broke it, saying:

All: This is my body broken for you. Take it and eat. Do this often, and remember me.

Pastor 1: And in the same way Jesus filled a cup, lifted it up, and gave thanks, saying:

All: This is a sign of the New Covenant poured out for you and for all people. Take it and drink. Do this often, and remember me.

Pastor 2: Gracious and loving God, pour your spirit upon this bread and cup. Transform them from food for the body into food for the soul, that we might be fed, healed, and inspired to feed and heal others. In Jesus's name, Amen.

Closing Prayer

Precious Lord, for all that you give us and all that you beckon us toward, we give you thanks. Patient Jesus, for the daily bread that you offer us, and for sustaining us on the journey, we give you praise. Powerful Spirit, for the unity that you create, we lift up your name: Jesus Christ our Head, Amen.

Closing Hymn

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant

Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in E Minor

Bach

Following the Benediction, the congregation is encouraged to enjoy the entire Postlude.

Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?

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Richard Gillard, 1977; alt.

Rom. 12:9-18; Col. 1:24-29

1 & 6 Won't you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as Christ to you?
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - elers on the road;
3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the shad - ow of your fear;
4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
5 When we sing to God in heav - en we shall find such har - mo - ny,

Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my ser - vant, too.
We are here to help each oth - er go the mile and bear the load.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
I will share your joy and sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
Born of all we've known to - geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Richard Gillard was born in England and later made his home in New Zealand. Largely self-taught, Gillard has described his musical style as "folk." This is the best known of his many songs in the United States.

Tune: SERVANT SONG 8.7.8.7.
Richard Gillard, 1977
Arr. Betty Carr Pulkingham, 1977; adapt.

Now Thank We All Our God

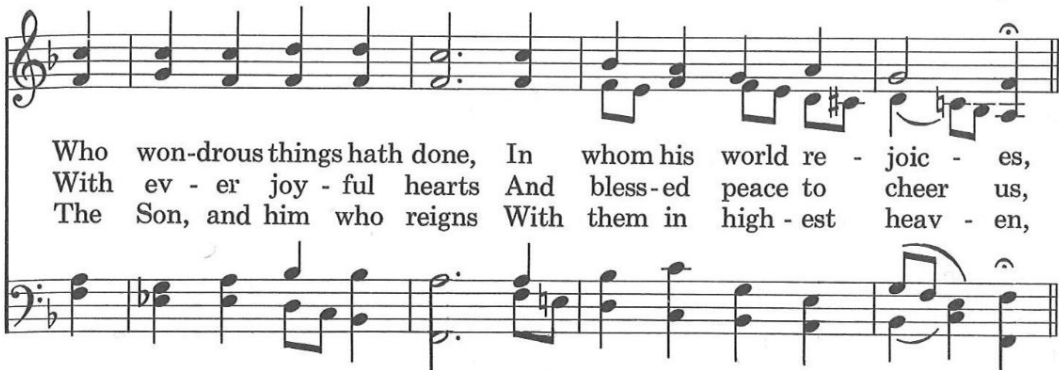
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Martin Rinckart, 1586-1649
Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878

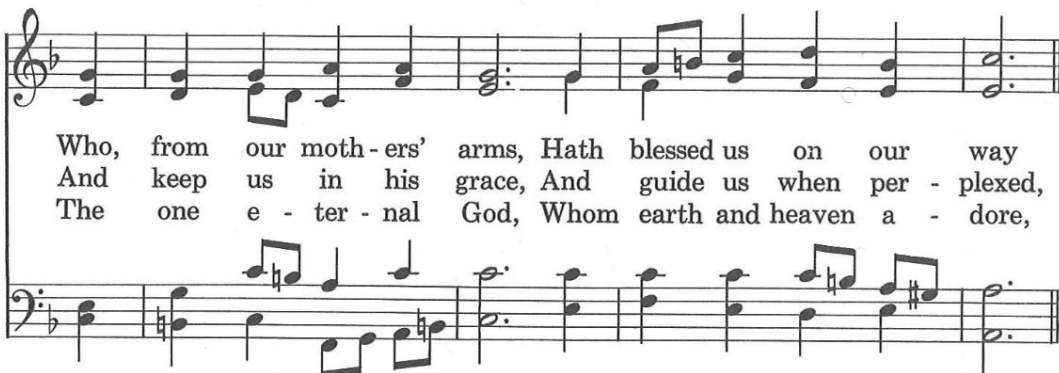
NUN DANKET 6.7.6.7.6.6.6.6.
Melody by Johann Crüger, 1598-1662



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 The Fa - ther now be giv - en,



Who won-drous things hath done, In whom his world re - joic - es,
With ev - er joy - ful hearts And bless-ed peace to cheer us,
The Son, and him who reigns With them in high - est heav - en,



Who, from our moth - ers' arms, Hath blessed us on our way
And keep us in his grace, And guide us when per - plexed,
The one e - ter - nal God, Whom earth and heaven a - dore,



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. A - men.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

Bulletin Reminders for November 6, 2022

A NOTE ON TODAY'S CHOIR ANTHEM

"ABBA" is sung today in loving memory of our late, dear Choir member, **Gail Johnson**, who loved this Anthem and purchased it for the Senior Choir.

ANNUAL FALL FOOD DRIVE

November 1 thru 20

Our Annual Fall Food Drive will take place from November 1 to November 20, to benefit *A Place to Turn*, who would especially appreciate **coffee, juice, sugar, oil, spices, and canned fruit**. Drop off your donations in the lower vestibule by the Parish Hall.

CAMPAIGN FOR KINDNESS

Social Action is looking for 2-3 volunteers to help coordinate a *Kindness Campaign* at church. This **November 12-18**, *Spark Kindness* is holding their *5th Annual Kindness Campaign* in Natick. Contact Al Rapoza (alrapoza@yahoo.com) or Elaine Lowell (elaine.r.lowell@gmail.com) if you want to help make this happen.

FALL LEAF RAKING FOR SENIORS

November 19, 20

Be part of a caring community and help older residents in need of your services. Organized by the Framingham Council on Aging, The Callahan Center. Sam Swisher will take sign-ups at Coffee Hour and via email over the next several weeks at ccvolrec@gmail.com. Meet at The Plymouth Church on: Saturday (8:45 a.m./12:45 p.m.) and on Sunday (12:45 p.m.)

FAITH WORKSHOP TEACHERS

Faith Workshop needs YOU! We are currently seeking teacher teams for: November (1 class session only!), January (Teach with Sandy Clarke!), February, March, and April. To sign up, email Will (revwtanner@gmail.com) or visit the Faith Workshop bulletin board at church.

A GRIPPING HOUR OF MUSIC

TODAY, Sunday, November 6, 2:00 p.m.

Featuring original compositions by area composer David Owens. You may recognize David from his frequent guest organist appearances at The Plymouth Church. Active in the greater Boston area since the 1980s, David has produced a sizeable catalogue of works. Four of his most outstanding scores will be on the program. Admission is free to this live chamber concert, which will also be livestreamed on YouTube. See *your Wednesday Email for details*.

VETERANS APPRECIATION DINNER

Sunday, November 13

Plymouth Church Parish Hall

The Veterans Appreciation Dinner is back! As in previous years, we are looking for volunteers to assist with baking, welcoming, serving, and cleaning up. See *your Wednesday Email for complete details and signup links*.

TIME TO DECK THE HALLS

Saturday, November 26

It's that time of year to make our church home festive for the Christmas season! I am looking for volunteers to help decorate our church on Saturday, **November 26**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. I need a couple of men to put up the big tree. Please let me know if you are available to help out by emailing blackmancarole@gmail.com.

PLYMOUTH CHURCH ONLINE AUCTION 2022

December 4 - December 10

The auction begins Sunday, December 4, at 8:00 a.m., and concludes on Saturday, December 10, at 12-noon. It's never too early to start submitting donations. Contact Sydney Turner (sydneyturner@aol.com) or Sue Tonkiss (suedtonk@aol.com).