



# Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 28, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer: Rite One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church and to this annual service for Thanksgiving Day, a tradition begun in the 1950s during the tenure of the Rev. Reno Harp which has become one of the most well-attended services this parish offers. We welcome and include all people without exception and we extend a special greeting to visitors. Throughout this bulletin, helpful guidance is printed in italics. Visitor guides are found in racks at the entrance doors. When you wish to be known here, please fill out a welcome card (found in each pew or online); you may drop the card into the offering plate as it is passed. The church is open for prayer from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday. We hope to see you again soon!

## Prelude

Fanfare for the Common Man

Aaron Copland

*Jerusalem*

C. Hubert H. Parry

*Balletto detto "Il conte Orlando,"* from *Ancient Airs and Dances*

Ottorino Respighi, arr. Craig Garner

*Gagliarda*

Ottorino Respighi, arr. Craig Garner

*Amazing Grace*

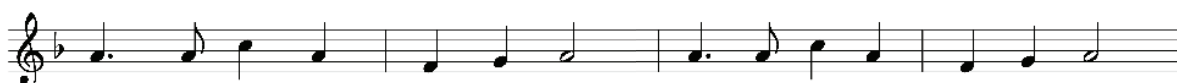
Traditional

*Rhosymedre*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Hymn 290** Come, ye thankful people, come *Sung by all, standing as you are able.*

*St. George's, Windsor*



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. Li - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest - home;



all is safe - ly gath - ered 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 Ma - ker, 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 pur - i - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide;



come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest - home.  
grant, O har - vest Lord, 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.

## Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer, page 40

*Officiant* O give thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name; tell the people what things he hath done.

## Confession of Sin

Prayer Book, page 41

*Officiant* Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*You may kneel or stand. A period of silence is kept.*

*All* **Almighty and most merciful Father,  
we have erred and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep,  
we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts,  
we have offended against thy holy laws,  
we have left undone those things which we ought to have done,  
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.  
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,  
spare thou those who confess their faults,  
restore thou those who are penitent,  
according to thy promises declared unto mankind  
in Christ Jesus our Lord;  
and grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,  
that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,  
to the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Priest alone stands and says*

The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of his Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## Invitatory and Psalter

*The people stand.*

*Officiant* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.**

*All* **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Sung by all. Stanzas 3 & 4 are sung by the choir alone.

1. All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with  
 2. Know that the Lord is God in - deed; with - out our aid he  
 3. O en - ter then his gates with praise, ap - proach with joy his  
 4. For why? the Lord our God is good, his mer - cy is for  
 5. To Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, the God whom heav'n and  
 cheer - ful voice: him serve with mirth, his praise forth  
 did us make: we are his folk, he doth us  
 courts un - to; praise, laud, and bless his Name al -  
 cy - cr surc; his truth at all times firm - ly  
 earth a - dore, from men and from the an - gel  
 tell, come ye be - fore him and re - joice.  
 feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.  
 ways, for it is seem - ly so to do.  
 stood, and shall from age to age en - dure.  
 host be praise and glo - ry ev - er - more.

**Psalm 126** Said responsively by whole verse, seated. All say the Gloria Patri together.

Prayer Book, page 782

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, \*  
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, \***  
**and our tongue with shouts of joy.**
- 3 Then they said among the nations, \*  
“The LORD has done great things for them.”
- 4 **The LORD has done great things for us, \***  
**and we are glad indeed.**
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, \*  
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 **Those who sowed with tears \***  
**will reap with songs of joy.**
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, \*  
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

**All Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

**The First Lesson** Joel 2:21-27 *Remain seated.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Joel.

Do not fear, O soil; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things! Do not fear, you animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green; the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the LORD your God; for he has given the early rain for your vindication, he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before. The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil. I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD

your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the LORD, am your God and there is no other. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

**Anthem** For the Beauty of the Earth *Sung by the choir.*

John 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 of 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 world 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.

**The Second Lesson** Matthew 6:25-33 *Remain seated.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus said, "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."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.** *A period of silence is kept.*

**Hymn 433** We gather together *Sung by all, standing.*

Kremsner



1. We gath-er to - geth-er to ask the Lord's bless - ing; he chas - tens and  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing, or - dain - ing, main -  
3. We all do ex - tol thee, thou lead - er tri - um - phant, and pray that thou



has - tens his will to make known; the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -  
tain - ing his king - dom di - vine; so from the be - gin - ning the fight - we were  
still our de - fend - er wilt be. Let thy congre - ga - tion es - cape - trib - u -



tress - ing; sing prais - es to his Name; - he for - gets not his own.  
win - ing; thou, Lord, wast at our side: - all - glo - ry be thine!  
la - tion: thy Name be ev - er praised! - O - Lord, make us free!

**The Sermon**    The Rev. William L. Sachs

**The Apostles' Creed**    *Said by all, standing.*

Prayer Book, page 53

**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.**

**The Prayers**

Prayer Book, page 54

*Officiant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And with thy spirit.**

*Officiant*    Let us pray.    *Please kneel as you are able.*

*All*            **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.**

**The Collect of the Day**

Prayer Book, page 194

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

**A Litany of Thanksgiving**    *Remain kneeling.*

Prayer Book, page 837

*Reader*        Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely bestowed upon us.  
*A period of silence is kept.*

*Reader*        For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,

*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

People **We thank thee, Lord.**

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

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

**Welcome and Announcements** Please be seated.

All comes from God, so from what God has given, we offer gifts as we participate in God's work in the world. You may offer your gift online (scan the QR code) or in an offering plate as they come by.



**Offertory Anthem** *Gratias agimus tibi* from Mass in B minor Sung by the choir.

J. S. Bach

*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.* Translation: We give thanks to thee for thy great glory.

**At the Presentation**

Now thank we all our God Sung by all, standing.

*Nun danket alle Gott*

**Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;  
Who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**Hymn 719** O beautiful for spacious skies Sung by all, standing.

*Materna*

1. O beau - ti - ful for spa - cious skies, for am - ber waves of grain,  
2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife,  
3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years

for pur - ple moun - tain ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain!  
who more than self their coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life!  
thine al - a - bas - ter ci - ties gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears!

A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal God shed his grace on thee,  
A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal God mend thine ev - ery flaw,  
A - mer - i - cal A - mer - i - cal God shed his grace on thee,

and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.

**The General Thanksgiving**

Prayer Book, page 54

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray. Please kneel.

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.**

We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
 and all the blessings of this life;  
 but above all for thine inestimable love  
 in the redemption of the world  
 by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 for the means of grace,  
 and for the hope of glory.  
 And, we beseech thee,  
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;  
 and that we show forth thy praise,  
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
 by giving up our selves to thy service,  
 and by walking before thee  
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

**Anthem**      The Lord Bless You and Keep You      *Sung by the choir.*      John Rutter  
 The Lord bless you and keep you:  
 The Lord makes his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
 The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you  
 and give you peace. Amen.

**Dismissal**      *Please stand.*  
**Officiant**      Let us bless the Lord.  
**People**      **Thanks be to God.**

**Concluding Sentence**  
**Officiant**      The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us  
 all evermore. **Amen.**

**Hymn 717**      My country, 'tis of thee      *Sung by all, standing.*      *America*

1. My coun-try, 'tis of thee, sweet land of lib - er - ty, of thee I  
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free, thy name I  
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet free-dom's  
 4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty, to thee we

sing; land where my fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride,  
 love; I love thy rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills;  
 song; let mor - tal tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take,  
 sing; long may our land be bright with free-dom's ho - ly light;

from ev - ery moun - tain - side let free - dom ring,  
 my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro - long.  
 pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.



O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light, whatso proud - ly we  
 hailed at the twi - light's last gleam - ing, whose broad stripes and bright  
 stars, through the per - il - ous fight, o'er the ram - parts we watched, were so gal - lant - ly  
 stream - ing? And the rock - ets' red glare, the bombs burst - ing in air, gave  
 proof through the night that our flag was still there. O say does that star - span - gled  
 ban - ner yet wave o'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

**Postlude** Sonata, from *Die Bänkelsängerlieder*

Anonymous



## Memorials

The Thanksgiving arrangements are given to the glory of God and in memory of T. Coleman Andrews, Jr. and Barbara Ransome Andrews by their children and grandchildren; in memory of Emory and Carrington Williams, Jr. and Timothy C. McCoy, Sr. by their family; in memory of Joseph and Ruth McCoy and Jeannette Mellor by their family; and in memory of Anne Bell Turnbull by her family.

## Participants

**OFFICIANT:** The Rev. John W. A. Jenkins; **PREACHER:** The Rev. William L. Sachs; **LAY READERS:** Mary Martin, Alisa Booze Troetschel; **ACOLYTES:** Eliza Cochran, Preston Cochran, Lee Driscoll, Tripp Schnell, Betsy Spalding, Carter Spalding; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Choir; Chris Edwards, *director*; Mike Davison, *trumpet*; Craig Taylor, *trumpet*; Amy Roberts, *horn*; Alex Theofanos, *trombone*; Jeff Hudson, *tuba*; Jim Jacobson, *timpani*; Brent te Velde, *organ*; **VERGER:** Kathy Brock

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