



# Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.

Morning Prayer: Rite One

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church & Richmond, Virginia

## Prelude

Fanfare for the Common Man

Jerusalem

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

Gagliarda

Amazing Grace

Rhosymedre

Aaron Copland

C. Hubert H. Parry

Ottorino Respighi, arr. Craig Garner

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Traditional

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; all is safe - ly  
 2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield; wheat and tares to -  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home; from his field shall  
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har-vest-home; gath - er thou thy



gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin; God, our ma - ker doth pro-vide  
 geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown; first the blade, and then the ear,  
 in that day all of -fens - es purge a - way; give his an - gels charge at last  
 peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin; there, for ev - er pur - i - fied,



for our wants to be sup - plied; come to God's own  
 then the full corn shall ap - pear; grant, O har - vest  
 in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruit - ful  
 in thy pres - ence to a - bid; come, with all thine



tem - ple come, raise the song of har - vest - home.  
 Lord, that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 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.

Hymn 377

All people that on earth do dwell

Old 100th

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 -  
 ev - er sure; 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.

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \***  
**because of their transgressions.**
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \***  
**they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house,**  
**by the holiness of your temple.**
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; \***  
**they are girded about with might.**
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \***  
**you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.**
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, \***  
**for so you provide for the earth.**
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, \***  
**and your paths overflow with plenty.**
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,**  
**and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; \***  
**let them shout for joy and sing.**
- 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** Deuteronomy 8:7-18 *Remain seated.*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said to all Israel: For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the Lord your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget the Lord your God, by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes, which I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them, and when your herds and flocks have multiplied, and your silver and gold is multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock, and fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you, and in the end to do you good.

Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

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** Luke 17:11-19 *Remain seated.*

Reader A Reading from the Gospel according to Luke.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you 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.*

Kremser



1. We gath-er to- geth- er to ask the Lord's bless- ing; he chas- tens and has- tens his will to make  
2. Be- side us to guide us, our God with us join- ing, or- dain- ing, main- tain- ing his king- dom di-  
3. We all do ex- tol thee, thou lead- er tri- um- phant, and pray that thou still our de- fend- er wilt



known; the wick- ed op- press- ing now cease from dis- tress- ing. Sing  
vine; so from the be- gin- ning the fight we were win- ning. Thou,  
be. Let thy con- gre- ga- tion es- cape trib- u- la- tion: thy



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

**The Sermon** The Rev. William S. Stanley

**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

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

*Officiant*    For the beauty and wonder of thy creation, in earth and sky and sea,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant*    For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant*    For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant*    For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant*    For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant*    For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant*    For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant*    For the communion of saints, in all times and places,  
*People*        **We thank thee, Lord.**

*Officiant* 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.*

**Offertory Anthem** *Gratias agimus tibi* from Mass in B minor *Sung by the choir.* J. S. Bach  
*Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.* (We give thanks to you for your 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, for pur - ple moun - tain  
2. O beau - ti - ful for he - roes proved in lib - er - at - ing strife, who more than self their  
3. O beau - ti - ful for pa - triot dream that sees be - yond the years thine al - a - bas - ter



ma - jes - ties a - bove the fruit - ed plain! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God  
coun - try loved, and mer - cy more than life! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God  
cit - ies gleam, un - dimmed by hu - man tears! A - mer - i - ca! A - mer - i - ca! God



shed his grace on thee, and crown thy good with bro - ther - hood from sea to shin - ing sea.  
mend thine ev - ery flaw, con - firm thy soul in self - con - trol, thy lib - er - ty in law.  
shed his grace on thee, 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 sing; land where my  
 2. My na - tive coun - try, thee, land of the no - ble free, thy name I love; I love thy  
 3. Let mu - sic swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet free-dom's song; let mor - tal  
 4. Our fa - thers' God, to thee, au - thor of lib - er - ty, to thee we sing; long may our  
 fa - thers died, land of the pil - grim's pride, from ev - ery moun-tain - side let free-dom ring.  
 rocks and rills, thy woods and tem - pled hills; my heart with rap - ture thrills like that a - bove.  
 tongues a - wake, let all that breathe par - take, let rocks their si - lence break, the sound pro-long.  
 land be bright with free-dom's ho - ly light; pro - tect us by thy might, great God, our King.

**Hymn 720** O say can you see *Sung by all, standing.* *National Anthem*

O say can you see, by the dawn's ear - ly light, what so proud - ly we  
 hailed at the twi-ght'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*



## The Dedication of a Memorial Cross The Garden of the Holy Spirit

*Officiant* All things come from you, O Lord.  
*People* **And from your own gifts do we give to you.**  
*Officiant* Prosper the work of your hands;  
*People* **Prosper our handiwork.**  
*Officiant* Show your servants your works;  
*People* **And your splendor to your children.**  
*Officiant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Officiant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have put it into the hearts of your people to make offerings for your service, and have been pleased to accept their gifts. Be with us now and bless us as we set apart this cross, plaque, and etched stone to your praise and glory and in memory of Richard Coles Edmunds, Jr. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we remember before you today Richard Coles Edmunds, Jr and all your faithful servants; and we pray that, having opened to them the gates of larger life, you will receive them more and more into your joyful service, that, with all who have faithfully served you in the past, they may share in the eternal victory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of life, grant that this memorial garden may continue to be a place of rest and hope. May it be a comfort to the living, and a haven of peace for those who sleep in Christ. May it serve for generations to come as a witness to the promise of resurrection. **Amen.**

**Gloria** *Sung by the choir.*

Gerre Hancock

Adapted from the Book of Occasional Services (2022), page 253-4

### 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; and Emory and Carrington Williams, Jr. and Timothy C. McCoy, Sr. by their family.

### Participants

**OFFICIANT:** The Rev. Cate Anthony; **PREACHER:** The Rev. William S. Stanley; **LAY READERS:** James Driscoll, Cotesworth Pinckney; **MUSICIANS:** St. Stephen's Choir; Chris Edwards, *director*; Mike Davison, *trumpet*; Craig Taylor, *trumpet*; Amanda Burton, *horn*; Alex Theofanos, *trombone*; Jeff Hudson, *tuba*; Jim Jacobson, *timpani*; Brent te Velde, *organ*; **VERGER:** Kathy Brock

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