

THANKSGIVING EVE

November 25, 2026

Special Service

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Pre-Service Prayer

Our Father in Heaven. You gave me life and provided all that I need for this life purely by Your grace. Thank You for family, friends, fellow believers, the nation in which I live, and countless other blessings that You give me every day. On this Thanksgiving Eve, remind me especially of the forgiveness of all sins that I have through the atoning work of Jesus who gave up His life that I might have life. Lead me to live for You out of thankfulness for all You have done for me and continue to do for me. Lead me to be dedicated to help those who need help. To You, Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be honor, praise and thanksgiving now and forever. Amen.

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Please stand.

Welcome

P Welcome to this festival of thanksgiving and praise to our Almighty God from Whom we receive every good gift. We worship this evening in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit …

Confession of Sins

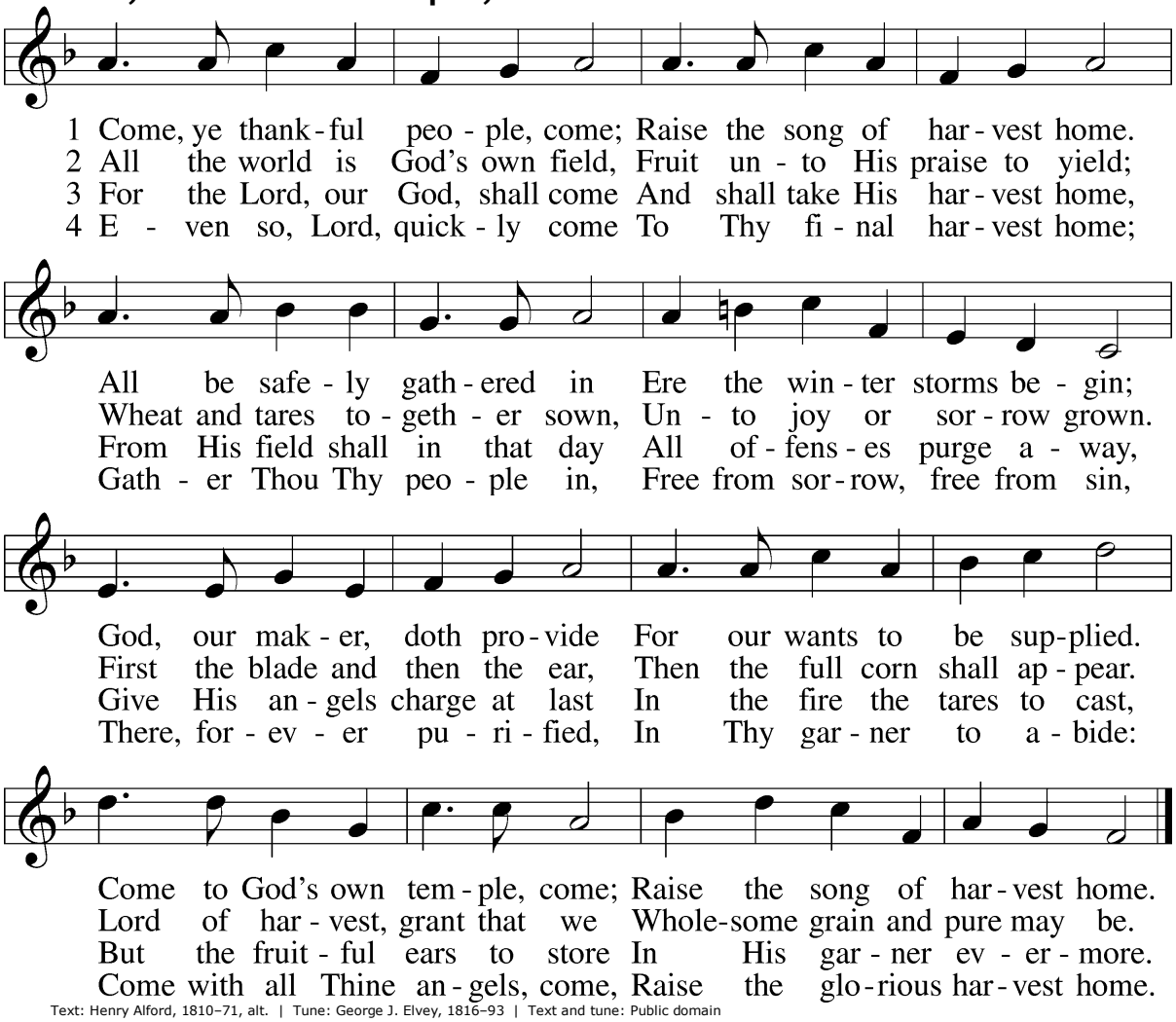
P We have come together in the presence of the Triune God, to give thanks for all good and perfect gifts which we have received from His hand. To prepare ourselves for worship, let us confess our sins with penitent hearts and obtain forgiveness from God's infinite grace and mercy.

C **I confess before God that I am a sinner. I have sinned against God in thought, word, and deed. I sin against God's Word whenever I hear it but do not receive it earnestly. I do not show the works of love toward my neighbor as I should. I am impatient and greedy. I am often dissatisfied, complaining instead of always thanking God. I would gladly be freed from my sins of unthankfulness and all other sins. O Lord, I pray, strengthen my little faith and comfort my weak conscience by means of Your divine Word and Promise.**

P All thanks be to God! Where sin abounded God's grace abounded much more! Almighty God, our heavenly Father has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives all our sin. Hear His holy and comforting Word: *God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. Come let us reason together says the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they be like crimson, they shall be as wool.*

You may be seated.

892 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



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Please stand.

Call to Worship

P Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C **God's steadfast love endures forever.**

P Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name.

C **Make known God's deeds among the peoples!**

P God blesses us with gifts of love:

C **With food and clothing, home and family.**

P God bless us with daily work:

C **And all we need from day to day.**

P God protect us in time of danger:

C **And guard us from every evil.**

P God calls us into relationship with him:

C **And forms us into one holy people, the Church of Jesus Christ in this place.**

P Therefore shall we offer thanks and praise to the Lord our God.

C **O Lord our God, we will give thanks to you forever.**

Salutation and Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray. Almighty God our Father, your generous goodness comes to us new every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Response

P My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord

C **My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.**

P For he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

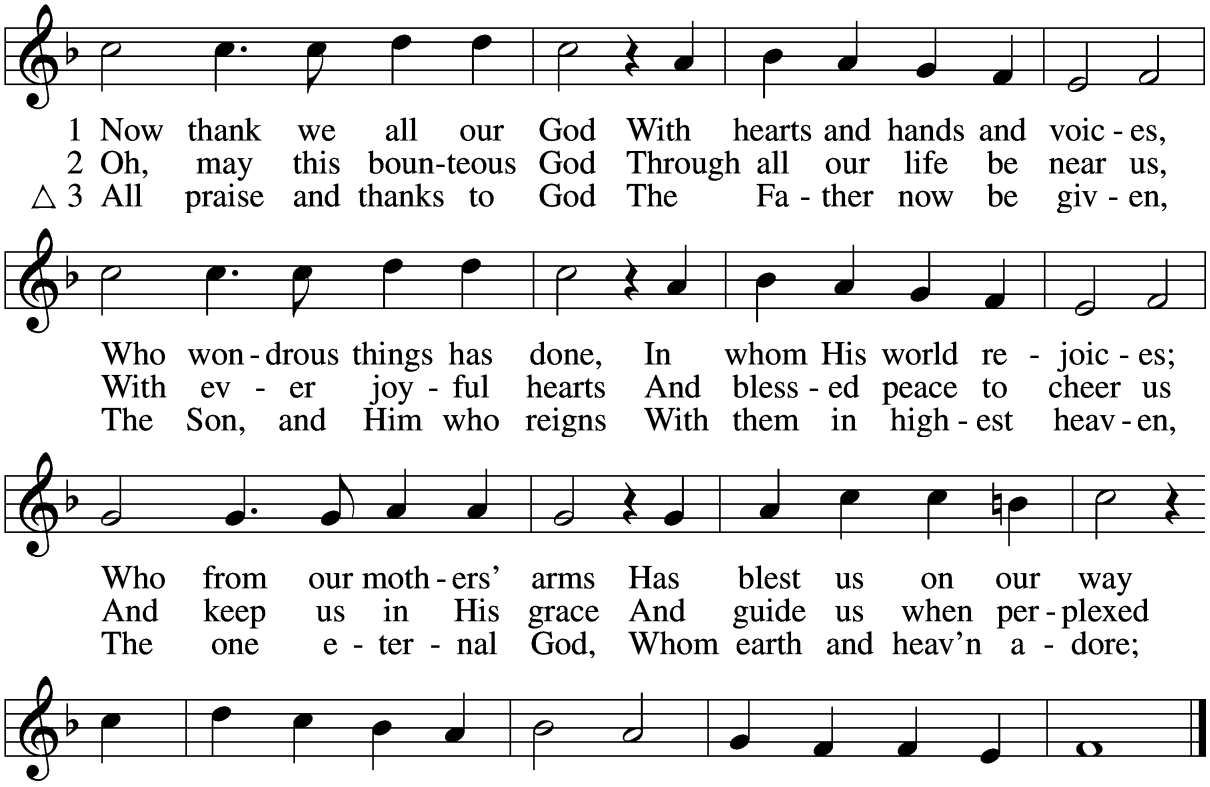
C **From this day all generations will call me blessed.**

P The Almighty has done great things for me.

C **And holy is his name.** (Luke 1:46-49)

You may be seated.

895 Now Thank We All Our God



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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 8:7–18

7For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, flowing out in the valleys and hills, 8a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, 9a land in which you will eat bread without scarcity, in which you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron, and out of whose hills you

can dig copper. [10]And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the LORD your God for the good land he has given you.

[11]"Take care lest you forget the LORD your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, [12]lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, [13]and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, [14]then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, [15]who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, [16]who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. [17]Beware lest you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.' [18]You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Psalm 145:15–16; 118:1

The eyes of all look to you, [O Lord,]
and you give them their food in due season.
You open your hand
and satisfy the desire of every living thing.
Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

[4]Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. [5]Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; [6]do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. [7]And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the seventeenth chapter.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[11]On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. [12]And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance [13]and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." [14]When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. [15]Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; [16]and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. [17]Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? [18]Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" [19]And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

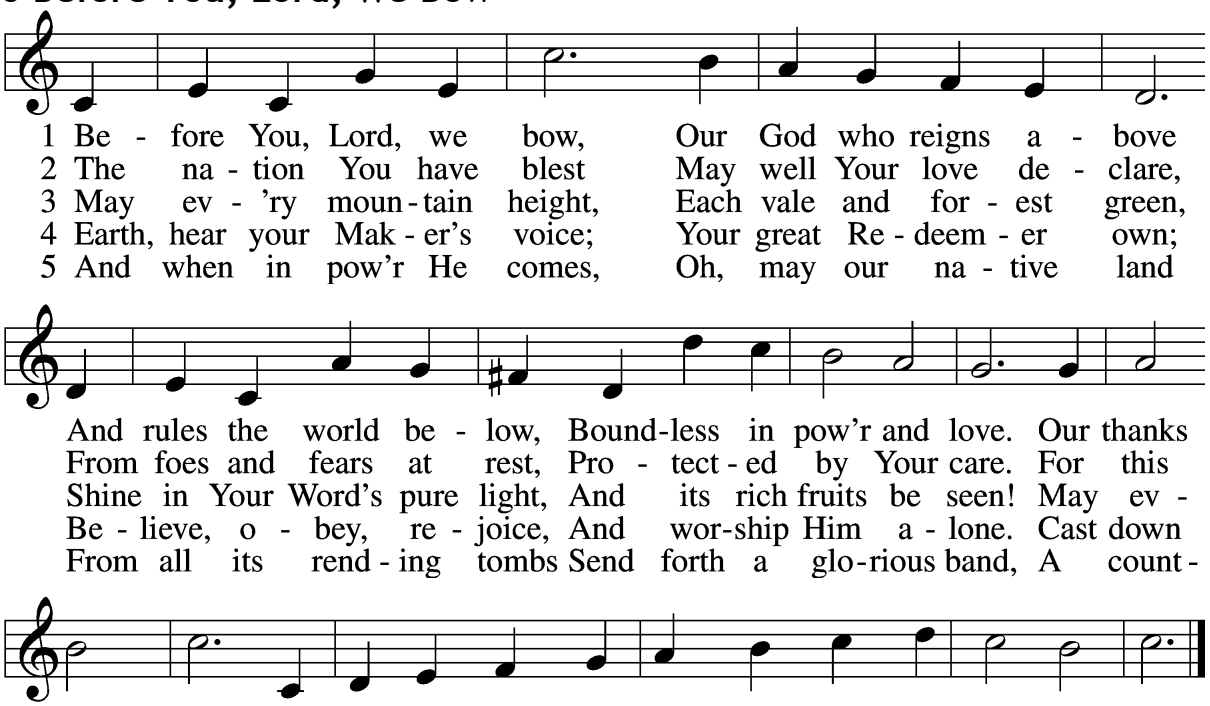
C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life ✝ everlasting. Amen.

You may be seated.

966 Before You, Lord, We Bow



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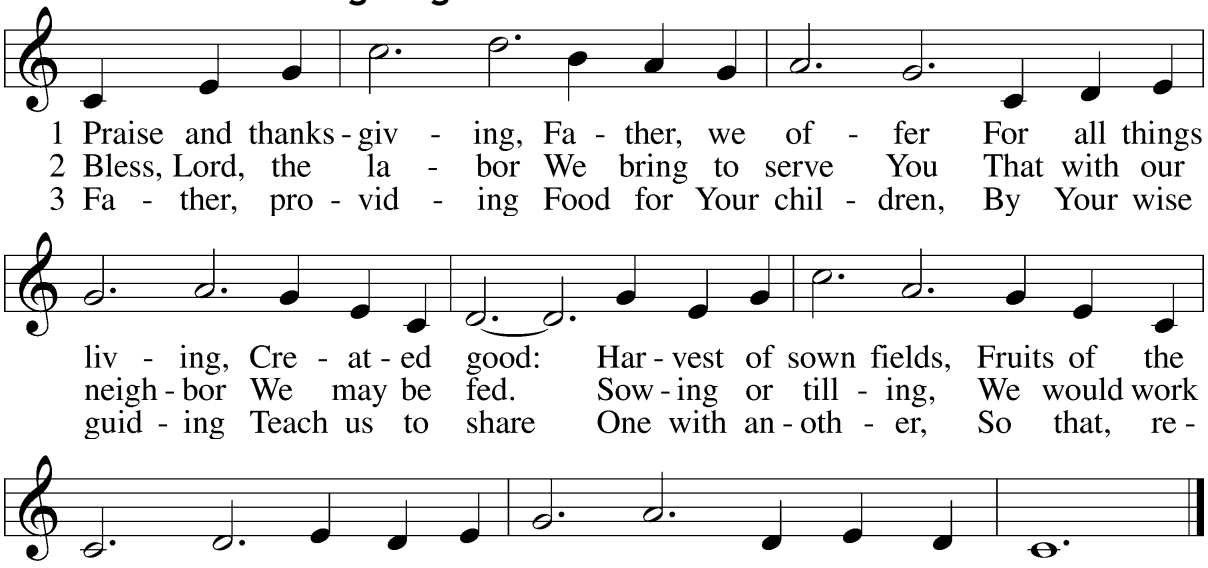
Sermon "In Everything Give Thanks"

1 Thessalonians 5:18

[18]give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

789 Praise and Thanksgiving



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Offering

Hymn as the Offering is brought forward. Please stand.

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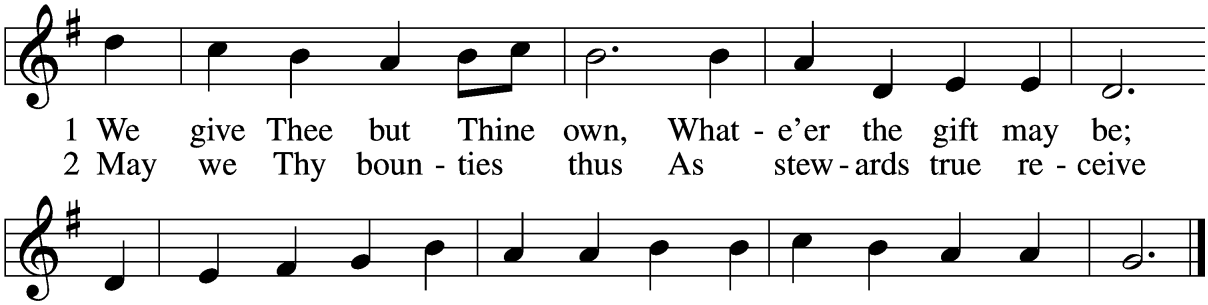

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Litany for Thanksgiving

P As the pioneers of the Plymouth colony gathered around the feasting table with native Americans in 1621 to give thanks for all that they had been given by our Bountiful Provider, so we too gather on this Eve of Thanksgiving to offer thanks for all those gifts of God to us

C **We praise you, and we thank you, O God.**

P We acknowledge that as we have greatly received, so are we to greatly give. Keep us from being unfaithful in our lives as citizens of this nation and as recipients of all that past generations of Americans have bequeathed to us.
As our ancestors trusted in you, O Lord, and you delivered them:

C **Keep us ever close to you.**

P Lord of the nations, guide our people by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give us what outward prosperity may be your will, but above all things give us faith in you, and we pray that our nation may bring glory to your name and blessings to all peoples; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C **Amen**

℗ Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

© **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 forever and ever. Amen.**

Blessings for Thanksgiving

℗ May the Lord of all creation shower his blessings and favor upon you.

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℗ May the Lord of the harvest grace your Thanksgiving table with His presence and fill your loved ones with peace.

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℗ May the Lord of salvation guide you all your days until you come into the joys of his eternal kingdom.

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℗ And may almighty God, Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

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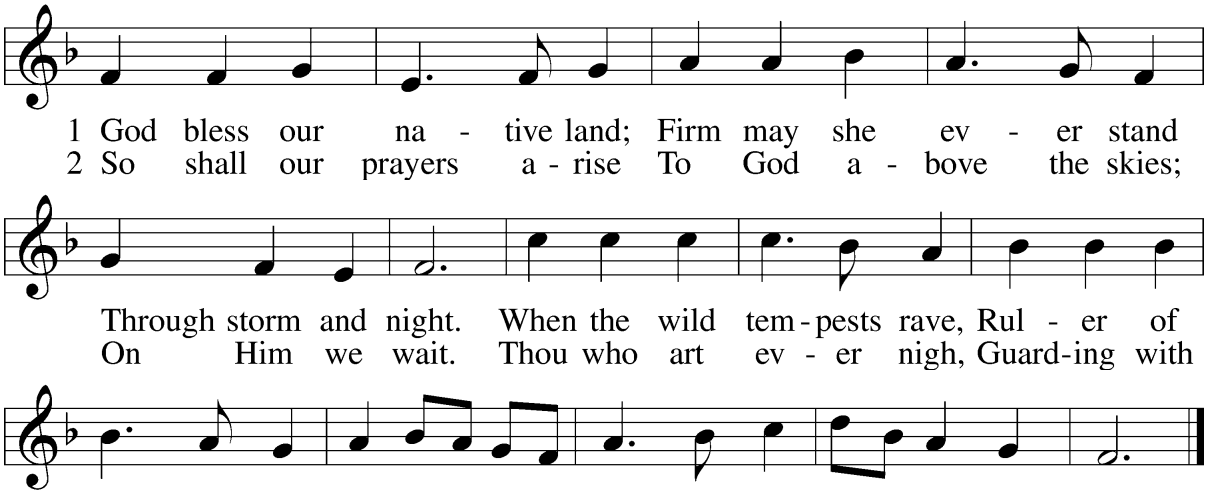
You may be seated for the closing hymn.

965 God Bless Our Native Land



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