

HAPPY
Thanksgiving

The graphic features the word 'HAPPY' in a simple, uppercase, sans-serif font. Below it, the word 'Thanksgiving' is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The text is surrounded by several autumn-themed illustrations: a bright orange pumpkin with vertical ridges is positioned above the 'T' in 'Thanksgiving'; a sprig of orange leaves and berries is on the left; another sprig of orange leaves and berries is on the right; a sprig of yellow leaves is at the bottom left; and a cluster of green grapes is at the bottom right.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Opening Prayer

Lord God, you have brought us safely to this holy hour of Thanksgiving Eve. We thank you for providing all that we need for body and life. Bless us who have gathered in your name. Forgive our sins. Speak to our hearts. Dispel our sorrows with the comfort of your Word, and receive our hymns of thanks and praise. Come and bless us as we worship you with thanksgiving: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

P: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

C: The light no darkness can overcome.

P: Stay with us Lord, for it is evening.

C: And the day is almost over.

P: Be our light and scatter the darkness.

C: And hear our evening hymn of praise.

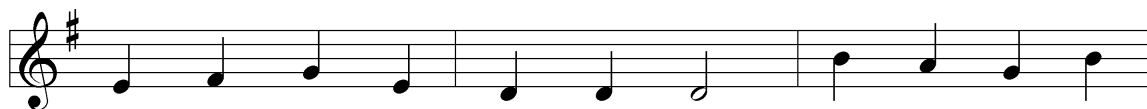
Hymn: Praise to God, Immortal Praise CW# 612



1 Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise, For the love that
 2 All the plen - ty sum - mer pours, Au - tumn's rich, o'er -
 3 Peace, pros - per - i - ty, and health, Pri - vate bliss and
 4 As your pros-p'ring hand has blest, May we give you



crowns our days. Boun - teous Source of ev - 'ry joy,
 flow - ing stores, Flocks that whit - en all the plain,
 pub - lic wealth, Knowl - edge with its glad-d'ning streams,
 of our best And by deeds of kind - ly love



Let your praise our tongues em - ploy. All to you, our
 Yel - low sheaves of rip - ened grain— Lord, for these our
 True re - li - gion's ho - lier beams— Lord, for these our
 For your mer - cies grate - ful prove, Sing - ing thus through



God, we owe, Source whence all our bless - ings flow.
 souls shall raise Grate - ful vows and sol - emn praise.
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 all our days: "Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise."

The First Lesson: 1 Chronicles 16:8-13, 34-36

Give praise to the Lord, proclaim his name;
make known among the nations what he has done.

⁹Sing to him, sing praise to him;
tell of all his wonderful acts.

¹⁰Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

¹¹Look to the Lord and his strength;
seek his face always.

¹²Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced,
¹³you his servants, the descendants of Israel,
his chosen ones, the children of Jacob.

³⁴Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever.

³⁵Cry out, “Save us, God our Savior;
gather us and deliver us from the nations,
that we may give thanks to your holy name,
and glory in your praise.”

³⁶Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel,
from everlasting to everlasting.

Psalm 30 (Read Responsively)

A psalm. A song. For the dedication of the temple. Of David.

1 I will exalt you, Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

2 Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me.

3 You, Lord, brought me up from the realm of the dead; you spared me from
going down to the pit.

**4 Sing the praises of the Lord, you his faithful people; praise his holy
name.**

5 For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;
weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.

6 When I felt secure, I said, “I will never be shaken.”

7 Lord, when you favored me, you made my royal mountain stand firm; but
when you hid your face, I was dismayed.

8 To you, Lord, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

9 “What is gained if I am silenced, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust
praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?

10 Hear, Lord, and be merciful to me; Lord, be my help.”

11 You turned my wailing into dancing, you removed my sackcloth and
clothed me with joy,

**12 that my heart may sing your praises and not be silent. Lord my God, I
will give you thanks forever.**

Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! ⁵Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. ⁹Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God. CW #610

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and
2 Oh, may this boun - teous God Through all our
3 All praise and thanks to God The Fa - ther

hands and voic - es, Who won - drous things has done,
life be near us, With ev - er - joy - ful hearts
now be giv - en, The Son, and him who reigns

In whom his world re - joic - es, Who from our
And bless - ed peace to cheer us And keep us
With them in high - est heav - en, The one e -

moth - er's arms Has blessed us on our way With
in his grace And guide us when per - plexed And
ter - nal God, Whom earth and heav'n a - dore! For

count - less gifts of love And still is ours to - day.
free us from all ills In this world and the next.
thus it was, is now, And shall be ev - er - more.

Sermon: Psalm 30

“Forever Thankful”

Hymn: Abide With Me CW #588 vs1-4



1 A - bide with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 Come not in ter - rors, as the King of kings,
4 Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
Earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way.
But kind and good, with heal - ing in thy wings,
And though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
Change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Tears for all woes, a heart for ev - 'ry plea;
Thou hast not left me oft as I left thee.



Help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me!
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me!
Come, Friend of sin - ners, thus a - bide with me.
On to the close, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Offering

In thanksgiving for God's many earthly and even greater eternal blessings to his people, we now worship the Lord with our offerings.

Thanksgiving Prayer (Responsive)

Lord of heaven and earth, you made all things beautiful. You have provided green forests and refreshing streams. You have arranged the orderly procession of day and night for our work and rest.

Thank you for the mountains and the prairies, the roaring sea, and the gentle breeze.

Thank you for roofs that shelter us, for clothing that protects us, and for food and drink. Thank you for our work, for projects that are done well, and for the approval of supervisors and teachers. Thank you for all who serve at night to make our days more pleasant.

Thank you for associates at work, for their encouragement and praise, and for the joys of human friendships.

Thank you for our cities and our countrysides, for farms and factories, for streets and highways, and for all of life that flows so swiftly before us.

Thank you for children at play, their boundless energy, and their shouts of joy and laughter.

Thank you for the morning greetings we receive, and for all the smiles that come from faces loved by you.

Thank you for Christian friends, for their affection and their care.

Hear us, Lord, as we give thanks for personal blessings.

Silent prayer.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his coming to us in Word and sacraments, for his giving and forgiving, and for listening to our prayers. Receive our gifts and offerings as our sacrifice of praise.

Lead us in thankful living today and always. Amen.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

Hymn: Abide With Me CW #588 vs 5-7

5 I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour.

What but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?

Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?

Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me!

6 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;

Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?

I triumph still if thou abide with me.

7 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;

Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;

In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

