

Thanksgiving Eve Lovefeast



*Praise the LORD, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.
Psalm 103:22*

Friedland Moravian Church

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Organ Prelude

Handbells

Call to Worship

Give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

Scripture

Hymn 450

St. George's, Windsor (205 F)

Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, does provide
for our needs to be supplied:
come with all his people, come,
raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield,
wheat and weeds together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Prayer

Lovefeast

At this point in the service, the Dieners will serve. When everyone is served, we will pray the Moravian blessing and partake together.

Glory be to God, the Father!
Glory be to God, the Son!
Glory be to God, the Spirit!
Great Jehovah, Three in One:
Glory, Glory; Glory, Glory,
While eternal ages run.

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Message

Hymn 531

St. Thomas (582 P)

Stand up, and bless the Lord,
you people of his choice!
Stand up and bless the Lord your God,
with heart and soul and voice.

God is our strength and song,
and his salvation ours;
then be his love in Christ proclaimed
with all our ransomed pow'rs.

Stand up, and bless the Lord!
The Lord, your God, adore!
Stand up, and bless his glorious name,
henceforth, for evermore.

Benediction

Postlude

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Revolving seasons still proclaim
 Thy all-sustaining word;
 Seed-time and harvest speak Thy Name,
 The promise-keeping Lord.

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Almsgiving (3 C)

O Lord of heaven and earth and sea,
 To You all praise and glory be!
 How shall we show our love to You,
 Who givest all?

For peaceful homes and healthful days,
 For all the blessings earth displays,
 We owe You thankfulness and praise,
 Who givest all.

To You, from Whom we all derive
 Our life, our gifts, our power to give:
 O may we ever with You live,
 Who givest all.

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Offering

The Thanksgiving offering will go to help families in our community.

Anthem

Regent Square (585 D)

Thanks we give and adoration
 For the Gospel's joyful sound;
 May the fruits of Your salvation
 In our hearts and lives abound:
 King of Glory, King of Glory,
 Sway Your scepter all around.

Praise to God, immortal praise,
 For the love that crowns our days!
 Bounteous source of every joy,
 Let Your praise our tongues employ;
 All to You, our God, we owe,
 Source whence all our blessings flow.

All the plenty summer pours,
 Autumn's rich o'erflowing stores,
 Flocks that whiten all the plain,
 Yellow sheaves of ripened grain
 Lord, for these our souls shall raise
 Grateful vows and solemn praise.

As Your prospering hand has blest,
 May we give You of our best
 And by deeds of kindly love
 For Your mercies grateful prove,
 Singing thus through all our days,
 Praise to God, immortal praise.

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Hymn 533

Nun Danket (146 A)

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

O may this gracious God
 through all our life be near us,
 with ever joyful hearts
 and blessed peace to cheer us,
 and keep us in his grace,
 and guide us when perplexed,
 and free us from all ills
 in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son and Spirit blessed,
Who reign in highest heaven -
the one eternal God,
whom heav'n and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Herrnhut (11 A)

Praise, oh praise our God and King;
hymns of adoration sing:
for his mercies still endure
ever faithful, ever sure.

Praise him that he made the sun
day by day his course to run;
praise him that he gave the rain
to mature the swelling grain.

Praise him for our harvest-store;
he has filled the garner-floor;
and for richer food than this,
pledge of everlasting bliss.

Glory to our bounteous King;
glory let creation sing:
glory to the Father, Son,
and blest Spirit, Three in One.

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Hymn 538

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

Dix (581 H)

For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,
sun and moon, and stars of light,
Lord of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child.
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled,
Lord of all, to you we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.

*Following a brief, silent prayer for absent loved ones and
those with special needs, we will pray aloud the Moravian blessing.*

Come Lord Jesus, our guest to be,
and bless these gifts bestowed by Thee.
Bless our loved ones everywhere,
and keep them in Thy loving care. Amen.

Partake

Anthems

*The Dieners will return to take up the coffee mugs as we
sing the following hymns.*

St. Agnes (14 Cc)

O Thou, Who givest all their food,
Causing Thy sun to shine
Upon the evil and the good,
Earth's teeming stores are Thine.

Thy covenant to man secures
The harvest of his toil;
Thy faithful word, while earth endures,
With plenty clothes the soil.

The wintry frost, the flowery prime,
Alike Thy laws obey;
Each herb and blossom knows its time,
And feels the quickening ray.