

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE EPISTLES II Corinthians 2:14-16
(page 965 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

HOMILY *The Sweet Scent of the Saints* Timothy L. Russell

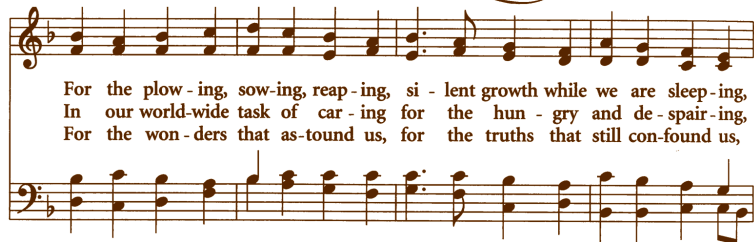
✦HYMN OF THANKFUL PRAISE: "For the Fruit of All Creation". .AR HYD Y NOS



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.
3. For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,
For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.
most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "We Plow the Fields and Scatter" WIR PFLUGEN

✦Indicates congregation standing

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THANKSGIVING

Day

WORSHIP SERVICE

November 24, 2011

ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD



ORGAN PRELUDE: "Let All Things Now Living" ASH GROVE
Lenora Morrow, organ

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please turn off your cell phone.*

CALL TO WORSHIP. Sanders L. Willson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 55 "To God Be the Glory"TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✦READING FROM THE PSALTER Psalm 103:1-13

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,**

who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.**

As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Great God and King, for all that is gracious in our lives,
revealing the image of Christ,

we give You thanks.

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

we give You thanks.

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

we give You thanks.

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

we give You thanks.

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty and justice,

we give You thanks.

For the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;
to You, O God, be praise and glory.

Amen.

✦HYMN OF PRAISE:

No. 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING TO THE LORD

*A special offering will be taken today for World Relief, Calvary Rescue Mission,
and Memphis Union Mission. If you wish to participate, please mark your checks
"for Thanksgiving Offering" or use the special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes
in the pew racks.*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Thanks Be to Thee" G.F. Handel

Thanks be to Thee, Lord our God.
Thy people hast Thou led with Thee
Israel forth through the sea.

Like a Shepherd hast Thou led us, Lord.
Thine the hand that leadeth us from everlasting
Thou hast been our God.

Thanks be to Thee, Lord our God.
Thy people hast Thou led with Thee
Israel forth through the sea.

Brett Trimble, soloist

✦DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A TESTIMONY OF GOD'S GOODNESS. Martha Graham Gore

INSTRUMENTAL REFLECTION:

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Paul Jones
Dee Walker, flute; Lenora Morrow, piano

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.