

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD IN SONG

"Let All Things Now Living" #554

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration, a song let us raise,
till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

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COMMISSION AND BLESSING

SUNG RESPONSE

"Now Thank We All Our God" #555 (vs. 3)

**All praise and thanks to God, Who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heaven adore,
The God who was, and is, And shall be evermore.**

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POSTLUDE: *"Now Thank We All Our God"* - Johann Sebastian Bach

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PRELUDE: *"We Gather Together"* - Wilbur Held

GREETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS/OPENING PRAYER

FIRST THOUGHTS Psalm 46 p. 885

"Thankful for God’s Continual Presence"

PRAISING OUR GOD IN SONG

"We Gather Together #559

**We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; all glory be Thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender will be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

(L) The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all
(R) And also with you.

PROFESSING OUR FAITH

(From the Presbyterian Brief Statement of Faith)

In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

FURTHER THOUGHTS Colossians 1:9-20 p. 1,832

(L) The word of the Lord. (R) **Thanks be to God.**

"Thankful that God 'Qualifies' Us, Through the Son"

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"Alleluia #1"

(Refrain) **Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Come let us praise the Living God, Joyfully sing to our Savior. (R)

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. (R)

We have been crucified with Christ. Now we shall live forever. (R)

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen. (R)

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PRAYER OF REPENTANCE

God of grace and glory, we thank you that through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ we have been forgiven our sins; past, present, and future. We rejoice in knowing that through the gift of faith we are a new creation in Christ! We admit however, that we have not lived fully into who you have created and redeemed us to be. We do not always love you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We can find it difficult to treat our neighbors and ourselves with the same forgiveness, mercy, and grace which you shower upon us. We ask that by the power of your Spirit, we would be transformed, so we may fully delight in your will and walk in your light, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong" Let the poor say, "I am rich"

Because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, Give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because God's given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks, Give thanks, Give thanks.

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OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

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 yours is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

FINAL THOUGHTS Jeremiah 23:1-6 p. 1,210

"Thankful for God's Promised Future"