Prelude & Quiet Meditation (suggested reading Psalm 65)

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come" #721

1 Come, ye 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 wants to be supplied; come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

2 All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield, wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrows 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.

3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his harvest home, from his field shall in that day all offenses purge away, give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast, but the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come to your final harvest home, gather all your people in, free from sorrow, free from sin, there, forever purified, in your presence to abide. Come, with all your angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

Gathering Words

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made the heavens and earth. We glorify our God with songs of thanksgiving and joy. We will not forget all that God has done, feeding our grandparents with manna, quenching our thirst with streams of living water. We will not forget to speak the simple words, "Thank you!" to our God. As we sing and shout together of God's amazing love.

"God of Wonders" (3118757)

Verse 1 Lord of all creation Of water earth and sky The heavens are Your tabernacle Glory to the Lord on high

Chorus 1 God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy The universe declares Your majesty You are holy holy Lord of heaven and earth Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 2 Early in the morning I will celebrate the light When I stumble in the darkness I will call Your name by night

Bridge

Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) You are holy

Chorus 2 God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father hold me hold me The universe declares Your majesty You are holy holy holy holy

Chorus 3 God of wonders beyond our galaxy You are holy holy Precious Lord reveal Your heart to me Father hold me hold me

Ending Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth) Hallelujah (to the Lord of heaven and earth)

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"Forever" (3148428)

Verse 1 Give thanks to the Lord Our God and King His love endures forever For He is good He is above all things His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

Verse 2 With a mighty hand And an outstretched arm His love endures forever For the life that's been reborn His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

Pre-Chorus Sing praise sing praise

Chorus Forever God is faithful Forever God is strong Forever God is with us Forever forever

Verse 3 From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever And by the grace of God We will carry on His love endures forever Sing praise sing praise

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Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Prayer of Confession

We fill our lives with the fear of scarcity, assuming there is not enough money, time, patience or love. We turn away when a stranger asks for nourishment, claiming there isn't enough even for ourselves.

Forgive us when we doubt your abundance and ignore the possibilities in what we have been given.

We often sit with arms crossed and fists clenched, crying out that you have turned away and left us empty handed.

Forgive us when we reject your abundance and neglect the possibilities in what we have been given.

We easily give thanks for the good things in life, turning away from those which lead us to deeper community or second-guessing blessings as too good to be true. **Open our eyes to the wonders that surround us. Help us surrender to the loving embrace that enfolds us.**

"Give Thanks" #359 (20285)

Chorus Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ His Son

Verse 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

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"Doxology" #34

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 Dedication

"For the Fruit of All Creation" #723

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Prayer of the People

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

YOU SOW WHAT YOU REAP

"For Beauty of Meadows" #28

1 For beauty of meadows, for grandeur of trees, For flowers of woodlands, for creatures of seas, For all You created and gave us to share, We praise You, Creator, extolling your care.

2 As stewards of beauty received at Your hand, As creatures who hear Your most urgent command, We turn from our wasteful destruction of life, Confessing our failures, confessing our strife.

3 Teach us once again to be gardeners in peace; All nature around us is ours but on lease; Your name we would hallow in all that we do, Fulfilling our calling, creating with You.

Sending

The God of hilarity sends you out.

So we can share joy with everyone.

The Brother of the poor sends you out.

So we may bring hope and healing to the broken and despairing.

The Spirit of wonder sends you out.

So we may join all creation in offering thanks. Amen.