



PRELUDE *Now Thank We All Our God, BWV 79, J.S. Bach,*

adapted from the German hymn "Nun danket alle Gotte" written by Martin Rinkart, 1636
- Ian Alvarez, brass solo

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

Though we could be discontent,
we come to give thanks.

Though we could be complaining,
we come to offer appreciation.

Though we could be upset about what we lack,
we come in gratitude for what we have.

We enter now into this time of worship
**rejoicing in our personal and corporate blessings,
singing songs of joy,
giving thanks together.**

HYMN #475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

PRAYER OF PRAISE

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

**not because we have to,
but because we sincerely want to;
not because we are afraid,
but because we are full of gratitude.**

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

**not so we might try and earn heavenly favors,
but because we seek
only what you want to give us.**

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

**not because you need our praise
to keep you happy,
but because we need to praise you
to keep our hearts filled with joy.**

Come to us, Spirit of God,
source of every blessing,

and tune our hearts to sing your praise.

RESPONSE (insert) *Spirit of the Living God*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND REFLECTION

**Loving God, we confess that it is hard these days
to focus on the good, to love well,
and to be grateful for what we have.**

**It is easy to lose patience and hope,
and we get caught between wanting to do
whatever we please, and wanting to be
helpful and generous to others.**

**Help us to lean on you and each other
when things get difficult.**

**Encourage our hearts, and help us to be your people
who exercise faith, hope, and love
to the best of our ability in these unusual days.**

We pray in the name of Jesus, who is with us always.

(silent prayer and reflection)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE—based on Philippians 4:4-8

Do not worry; the Lord is near!
God hears our prayers with compassion
and with abundant, steadfast love,
and guards our hearts and minds with peace.

Beloved, know that God rejoices over you,
guides you into new life, and sends you
into the world to live generously, in love,
for the sake of others.

Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

SCRIPTURE READINGS Psalm 16:5-11 and Philippians
4:10-20

MESSAGE Contentment and Generosity

HYMN #691 *Lord, When I Came into This Life*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,

your 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

now and forever. Amen.

HYMN #546 *Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Be Thou My Vision*

Old Irish poem, 6th-8th centuries

Music is an Irish ballad harmonized by

David Evans 1927

- Ian Alvarez, chimes solo