



Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge Sunday, October 12, 2025 Thanksgiving Sunday

Kilbride 9:30 a.m., Carlisle 11:00 a.m.
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*Those who wish to do so are invited to stand for the Hymns and the Sending Forth/Benediction. Likewise, those who wish to do so are invited to respond aloud where indicated by **bold print**.*

Welcome

The Life and Work of the Church

Acknowledgement of the Land

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Let the light we kindle go before us, strong in hope, wide in good will, inviting the day to come. Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life in the presentness of God.

(Silent prayer time as we consider: "This day I am grateful for. . .")

God of abundant grace, we give you thanks. Amen.

Introit: VU 516 (vv. 1 & 2) – Come, You Thankful People Come

Words: Henry Alford 1844, alt.; Music: George Job Elvøy 1858

On her YouTube channel [folksandhymns](#), musician Hannah Fridenmaker shares her performance of this nineteenth-century hymn originally written for village harvest festivals in England. Although revised several times, the lyrics were first penned in 1844 by Henry Alford, an Anglican rector as well as a renowned scholar, poet, and writer who later became the dean of Canterbury Cathedral.

[Come, Ye Thankful People, Come](#)

- 1 Come, you thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
safe before the storms begin;
God, our maker, does provide

for our needs 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,
harvests for God's praise to yield;
wheat and weeds together sown,
here for joy or sorrow grown;
First the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
harvest-giver, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

Invitation to Worship:

Birds sing. Leaves quake. Thunder claps. Waters gurgle.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Children hum. Elders smile. Teens tune in.

Shower soloists belt out praise.

Worship with our God with gladness; gather in God's presence with singing.

We rise and we eat. We work and play and rest.

We talk and we listen. All the while, God is with us.

We are God's people; come to life in God.

We worship with silence and joyous song, with listening and with speaking.

Enter with thanksgiving and praise;

for God is good and steadfast in love forever.

Prayer for Harmony:

(inspired by the Haudenosaunee thanksgiving address)

The cycles of life continue. Bring, Holy One, our minds together to give thanks to you and each other.

May our minds be one in thanksgiving.

Creation gives us all that we need – our feet are supported as we tread this earth.

We are filled with joy that we receive all the gifts of life.

Waters quench our thirst and give us strength.

The fish purify the water and give themselves to the cycles of life.

We give thanks for water. We give thanks for fish.

Plants grow, work wonders, and sustain all other life.

We survive on grains, vegetables, beans, and berries.

We give thanks for plants. We give thanks for plant food.

Medicines can take away our sickness.

We give thanks for medicine.

Animals give up their lives for food. We are honoured by them. Trees offer shelter, shade, beauty, and fruit. They are symbols of peace and strength. Birds fly overhead and sing beautifully, reminding us to appreciate life.

We give thanks for animals. We give thanks for the trees.

We give thanks for the birds.

The four winds refresh us, bringing messages and giving strength.

Thunder and lightning renew life.

We give thanks for the four winds.

We give thanks for thunder and lightning.

We greet the sun, which brings the light of each new day and fires life.

The moon lights the night sky and governs the ocean tides.

By her changing face we measure time.

The stars spread across the sky like jewelry.

They guide us home in night travel.

We give thanks for the sun and the moon.

We give thanks for the stars.

The Creator, the Great Spirit, offers all the gifts of creation and sends all the love around us.

We are one with the earth and its peoples in our longing for life and wholeness.

Bring, Holy One, our hearts and minds together.

We give thanks to the Creator and each other.

May our minds be one in thanksgiving. Amen.

Hymn: MV 30 – It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

Words: Ruth Duck 1992; Music: Ron Klusmeier 1992

A small but mighty group of musicians from Trinity Presbyterian Church in York Mills, Toronto, present a commendable virtual performance of Ruth Duck and Ron Klusmeier's 1992 collaboration, which takes its inspiration from Psalm 148.

It's a Song of Praise to the Maker

- 1 It's a song of praise to the Maker,
 the thrush sings high in the tree.
 It's a song of praise to the Maker,
 the gray whale sings in the sea,
 And by the Spirit you and I
 can join our voice to the holy cry.
 and sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
2. It's a call of life to the Giver
 when waves and waterfalls roar.
 It's a call of life to the Giver
 when high tides break on the shore. R
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover;

the bumblebees hum along.
It's a hymn of love to the Lover;
the summer breeze joins the song. R

- 4 It's the chorus of all creation;
It's sung by all living things.
It's the chorus of all creation;
a song the universe sings. R

A Book for the Young at Heart: *The Secret of Saying Thanks*

(Written by Douglas Wood, illustrated by Greg Shed)

Sung Response: MV 40 (refrain & v. 3) – Never Ending Joy

Words and Music: Daniel Charles Damon

The cyclical pattern of pitches and the way the opening words of this hymn are set in a breathless series of eighth notes that escape the confines of their meter aptly reflect the refrain's text. Dan Damon's 2003 tune is called HELOBUNG, which means "endless joy" in the language of the Tboli people from the Philippines.

[MV40 Never Ending Joy](#)

*Never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy!*

- 3 God of every song, every story,
God of every captive set free,
God of ever dance, every footstep,
you bring joy to me. R

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 *Do not worry about anything*

4:4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

4:5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

4:6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

4:7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

4:8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

4:9 As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19 *The healed leper gives thanks to Jesus*

17:11 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee.
17:12 As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance,
17:13 they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"
17:14 When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean.
17:15 Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice.
17:16 He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan.
17:17 Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine?"
17:18 Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?"
17:19 Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

Response: Thanks be to God, for the Word shared among us.

Reflection

Music for Reflection: piano solo

Minute for Mission (Carlisle)

Offering Prayer:

Great Giver, God of the Harvest, Creator of All – thank you for this day. Thank you for the harvest. Thank you for each other. Thank you very much for your love. May our commitments be blessed by you and let all we give and receive be in love. Amen.

Offertory: MV 191 – What Can I Do?

I invite you to sing along with the enthusiastic musicians of Golden Ears United as they perform Paul Rumbolt and Michele McCarthy's offertory, arranged by Alan Whitmore in 2005.

[MV 191 What Can I do](#)

What can I do? What can I bring?
What can I say? What can I sing?
I'll sing with joy. I'll say a prayer.
I'll bring my love. I'll do my share.

Prayers of the People & Prayer of Jesus:

Sing into prayer: VU 661 (v. 3) – Come to My Heart

Joe Pinson's 1979 hymn is performed by the Praise Singers of Windsor Park United Church in Winnipeg, including the lovely descant in the final verse.

["Come to My Heart"](#)

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
give me a song to sing.

Hymn: VU 236 – Now Thank We All Our God

Words: Martin Rinckart ca. 1636, alt.; Music: Johann Crüger 1647

Performed by the 360-member Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square, John Rutter's arrangement of Rinckart and Crüger's seventeenth-century classic takes on a triumphant quality. The iconic organ in the background of every event at Temple Square is one of the largest in the world and boasts 11,623 pipes.

[Now Thank We All Our God | The Tabernacle Choir](#)

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things has done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
- 2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and keep us strong in grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ill
in this world and the next.
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
for all that has been given,
the Son, and Spirit blest
who dwell in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Commissioning & Benediction

Sung Sending Forth: MV 40 (vv. 1 & 2) – Never Ending Joy

MV40 Never Ending Joy

*Never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy,
never ending joy, never ending joy, never ending joy!*

- 1 God of every tribe, every language,
God of every river and sea,
God of every mountain and island
you bring joy to me. R
- 2 God of every hill, every valley,
God of every leaf, every tree,
God of every cloud, every raindrop,
You bring joy to me.

Online Postlude: Everyday Is a Day of Thanksgiving

Rev. Dr. Charles George Hayes (1937-2014) was an American gospel musician and the founding pastor of the Cosmopolitan Church of Prayer in Chicago. Together, Hayes and the Cosmopolitan Church of Prayer Choir released over 30 albums over a 50-year span and enjoyed national recognition and great popularity within the gospel music industry. In this recording they give a passionate performance of Leonard Burks' gospel song, written in the tradition of the spiritual. If you'd like to follow along in your hymnal, this piece can be found in MV 185.

Everyday Is A Day of Thanksgiving - Dr. Charles G. Hayes and The Cosmopolitan Church of Prayer Choir

Liturgy Credits:

Invitation to Worship & Prayer for Harmon, adapted from Seasons of the Spirit, 2010.

Prayers of the People – adapted from Guerillas of Grace: Prayers for the Battle by Ted Loder, Augsburg Fortress, Minneapolis, 2005

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