

Thursday after November 21
THANKSGIVING DAY
(Within the Postfestive period of the Entrance)

melody: Pod tvoj pokrov / We Hasten to Your Patronage

text: Matthias Claudius, 1782; tr. J. M. Campbell, 1861

Hymn



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter the good seed on the land,
2. He on - ly is the Mak - er of all things near and far;
3. We thank You then, O Fa - ther, for all things bright and good,



But it is fed and wa - tered by God's al - might - y hand;
He paints the way-side flow - er, He lights the ev'n - ing star.
The seed - time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food:



He sends the snow in win - ter, the warmth to swell the grain,
The winds and waves o - bey Him, by Him, the birds are fed;
No gifts have we to of - fer for all Your love im - parts,



The breez - es and the sun - shine, the soft, re - fresh - ing rain.
Much more to us, His chil - dren, He gives our dai - ly bread.
But that which You de - sire of us— our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

Refrain

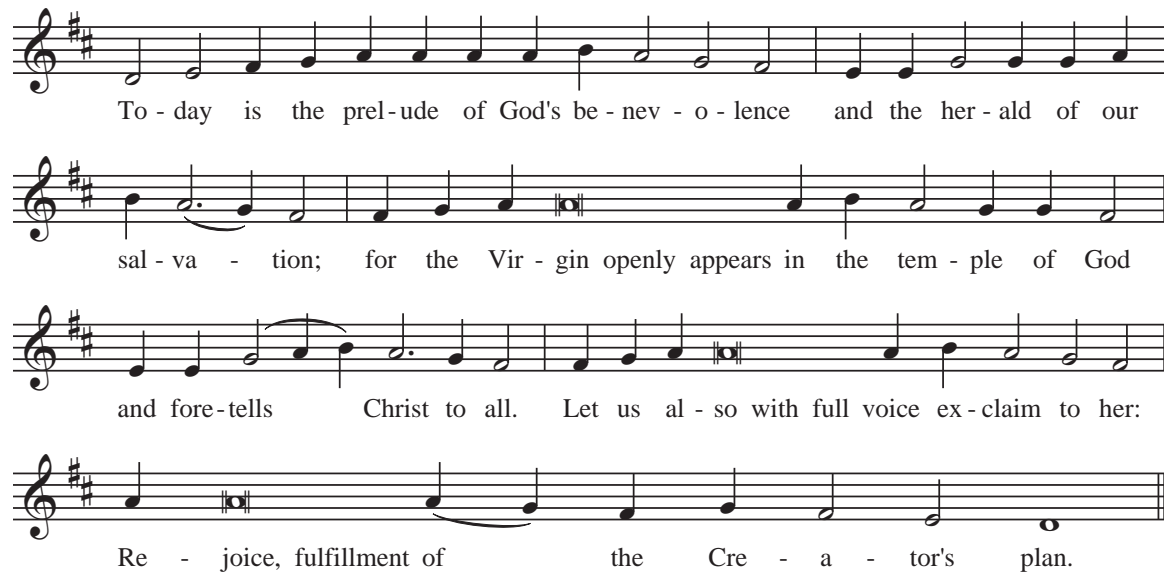


For all good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove;



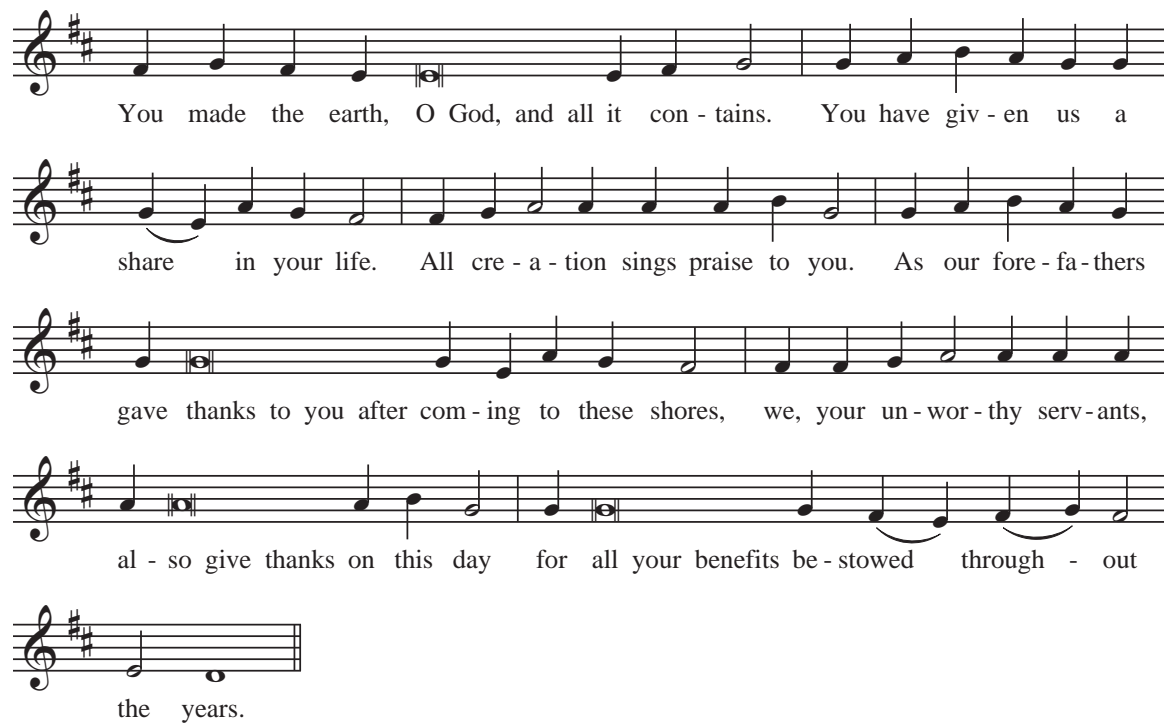
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord, for all His grace and love.

Troparion of the Entrance - Tone 4

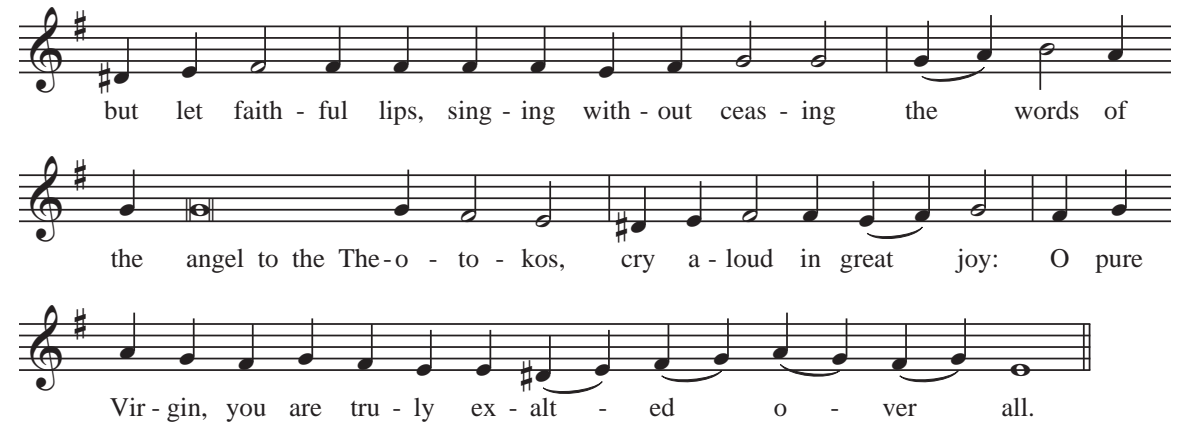


To - day is the pre - lude of God's be - nev - o - lence and the her - ald of our
 sal - va - tion; for the Vir - gin openly appears in the tem - ple of God
 and fore - tells Christ to all. Let us al - so with full voice ex - claim to her:
 Re - joice, fulfillment of the Cre - a - tor's plan.

Troparion of Thanksgiving - Tone 7



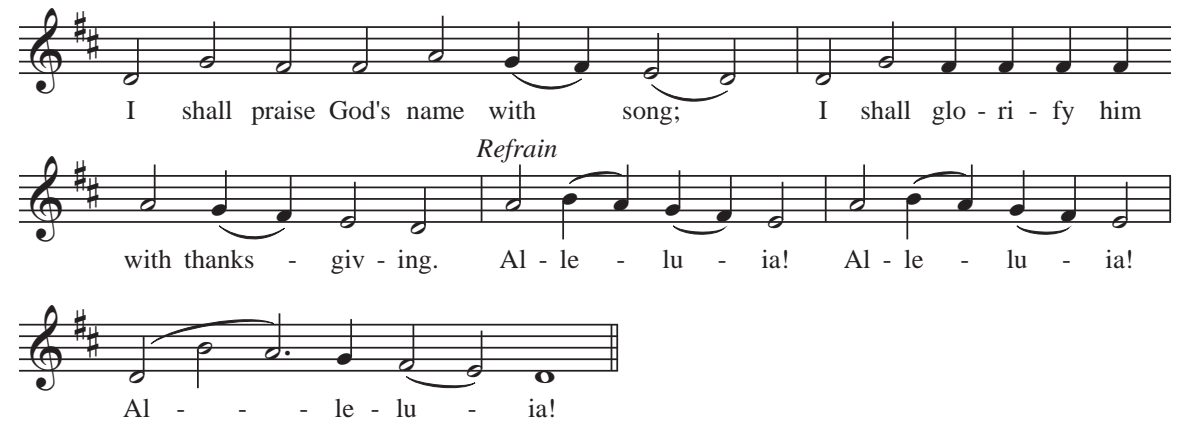
You made the earth, O God, and all it con - tains. You have giv - en us a
 share in your life. All cre - a - tion sings praise to you. As our fore - fa - thers
 gave thanks to you after com - ing to these shores, we, your un - wor - thy serv - ants,
 al - so give thanks on this day for all your benefits be - stowed through - out
 the years.



but let faith - ful lips, sing - ing with - out ceas - ing the words of
 the angel to the The - o - to - kos, cry a - loud in great joy: O pure
 Vir - gin, you are tru - ly ex - alt - ed o - ver all.

Communion Hymns:

For the Entrance, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 68:31):



I shall praise God's name with song; I shall glo - ri - fy him
Refrain
 with thanks - giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 Al - - - le - lu - ia!

And for Thanksgiving, the Communion Hymn is (Psalm 66:7):



The earth has yield - ed its fruit, for God, our God, has blessed us.
Refrain
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - - - le - lu - ia.

Anamnesis Acclamation

We praise you, we bless you, we thank you, thank you, O
 Lord, and we pray to you, our God, and we pray to you, our God,
 and we pray to you, our God.

Instead of "It is truly proper..."

Magnification:

The an - gels were struck with a-maze - ment, be-hold - ing the en-trance
 of the Most Pure; see - ing how the Vir - gin en-tered in - to the
 Ho - ly of Ho - lies.

Irmos:

Tone 6 Irmos, simple setting

Let no un - in - i - ti - at - ed hand touch the liv - ing Ark of God;

Cantor

Glo - ry to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
 Spir - - - it.

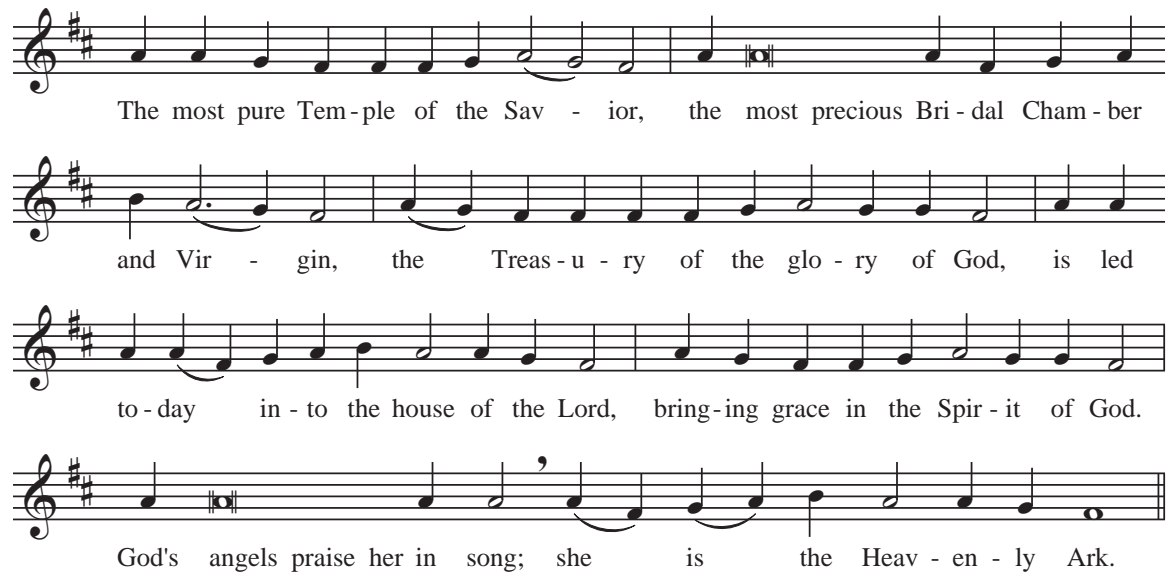
Kontakion of Thanksgiving - Tone 3

To - day, O faith - ful, sing to God your thanks - giv - ing hymns; learn - ing
 Scrip - ture's com - mand to give thanks with heart as well as lips, and to seal
 heart and lips with bless - ed deeds. Let A - mer - i - ca play her thankful part
 a - mong the na - tions, giv - ing praise to our sav - ing Lord, the ben - e - fac - tor
 of our souls.

Cantor

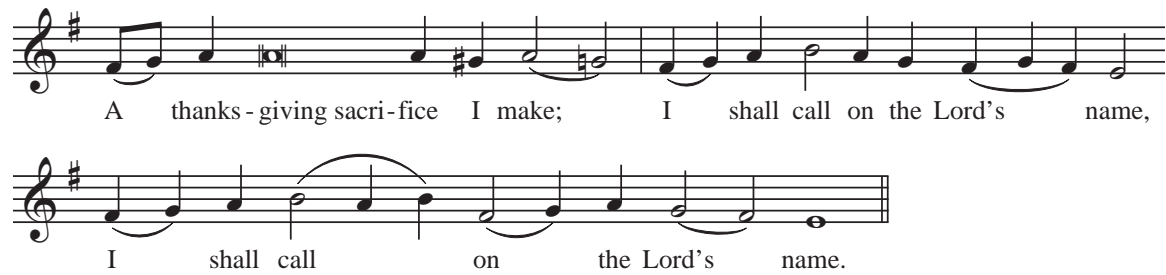
Now and ev - er and for - ev - er. A - men.

Kontakion of the Entrance - Tone 4:



The most pure Tem-ple of the Sav - ior, the most precious Bri - dal Cham - ber
and Vir - gin, the Treas - u - ry of the glo - ry of God, is led
to - day in - to the house of the Lord, bring - ing grace in the Spir - it of God.
God's angels praise her in song; she is the Heav - en - ly Ark.

Prokeimenon of Thanksgiving - Tone 2 (Psalm 115:8,3):

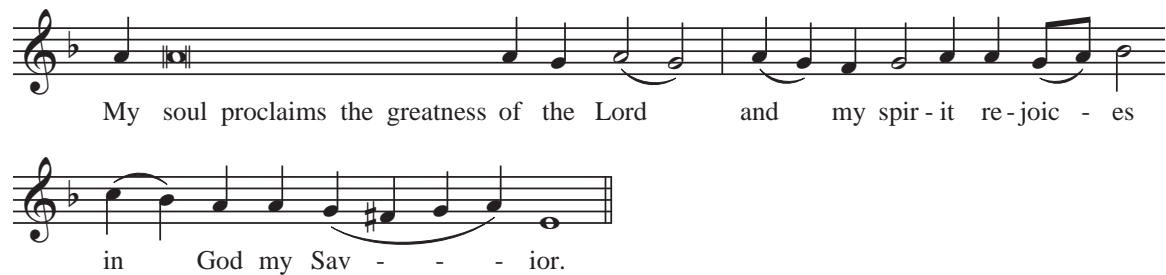


A thanks - giving sacri - fice I make; I shall call on the Lord's name,
I shall call on the Lord's name.

Verse: What can I return to the Lord for all he has given me?

Immediately after the verse:

Prokeimenon of the Entrance - Tone 3 (Luke 1:46-48):



My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spir - it re - joic - es
in God my Sav - - - ior.

Alleluia of Thanksgiving - Tone 5 (Psalm 117:21,28):



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - ia!

Verse: I shall thank you for you have answered and you are my Savior.

Verse: You are my God, I thank you; my God, I praise you.

After the second verse:

Alleluia of the Entrance - Tone 8 (Psalm 44:11,13):

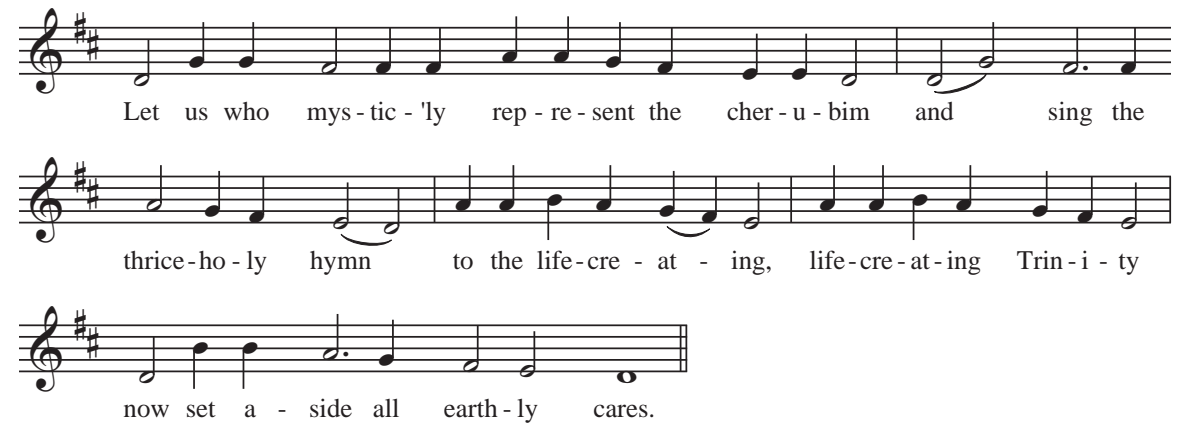


Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - - - ia! Al - - - le - lu - ia!

Verse: Listen, O daughter, and see and incline your ear.

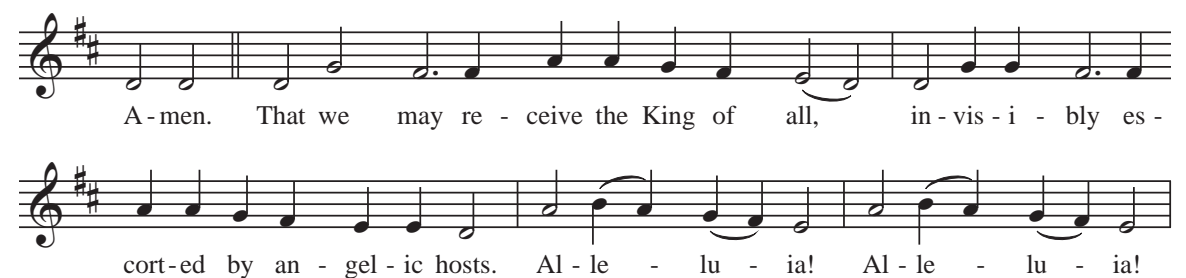
Cherubic Hymn

based on "O, kto, kto"



Let us who mys - tic - 'ly rep - re - sent the cher - u - bim and sing the
thrice - ho - ly hymn to the life - cre - at - ing, life - cre - at - ing Trin - i - ty
now set a - side all earth - ly cares.

After the commemorations:



A - men. That we may re - ceive the King of all, in - vis - i - bly es -
cort - ed by an - gel - ic hosts. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!