

NOW THEREFORE, I do recommend and assign THURSDAY, the TWENTY-SIXTH DAY of NOVEMBER next [1789], to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country; ... for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

— President George Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation

We Gather to Praise God

** indicates those who are able may stand
congregation says the words in bold print*

ORGAN PRELUDE

WELCOME Edmund G. Crowley

* CALL TO WORSHIP *spoken responsively* Jim Howard

Let us gather together in thanksgiving to God.
For God has made us and this earth which gives us sustenance.

Let us gather in gratitude to one another.
For we are the bearers of God’s blessing and love for the earth and for all people.

Come, you blessed and joyful people, come!
**Let us praise God; let us join hearts;
let us reach out in care and courage
so that the goodness of life may be for all God’s children.**

* OPENING HYMN #30 *We Gather Together* Back of Green Missal

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION *spoken responsively* Huntley Halvorson

Let us give thanks for all God’s gifts so freely bestowed upon us:
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;
**For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women,
revealing the image of Christ;**
For our daily food and drink, our homes and families,
and our friends;
For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve;

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play;
For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity;
For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice;
For the communion of saints, in all times and places.
Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.
**To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father,
and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

* 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

We Listen for God’s Word

HEBREW SCRIPTURE	Joel 2:21-27	
PSALTER READING #789	Psalm 67	Grey (Music) Missa
* HYMN (see insert)	<i>God of Wonders</i>	
CHILDREN’S TIME	“Attitude of Gratitude”	Jim Howard
SACRED DANCE	“Gratitude”	Nichole Nordeman
FOCUS ON YOUTH		Mike Mavitt
* HYMN (see insert)	<i>Give Thanks</i>	
SERVICE OF PRAYER AND ORGAN RESPONSE		Dave Eaton
ANTHEM	<i>How Beautiful</i>	Twila Paris
GOSPEL READING	Luke 12:15-21	
HOMILY		Edmund G. Crowley

We Respond to God's Word

THE OFFERINGS OF THE PEOPLE — FOR THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

OFFERTORY

* DOXOLOGY #582 (*note original rhythm*) Grey (Music) Missal

**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.**

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION *by the leader*

* CLOSING HYMN #624 *Let All Things Now Living* Grey (Music) Missal

* BENEDICTION *by the pastor* Edmund G. Crowley

* ORGAN POSTLUDE

We Depart to Serve God

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WELCOME to the Pembroke – Allenstown Community



THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Thanksgiving Eve
Wednesday, November 24, 2010
7:00 p.m.

St. John the Baptist
Catholic Church
10 School Street
Allenstown, New Hampshire

God Of Wonders

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
Lord of heaven and earth

Verse 1

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

Verse 2

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

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

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

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Give Thanks

Verse

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

(repeat)

Chorus

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
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

ENDING

Give thanks

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