

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

*Northampton Presbyterian Church*

*Christ the King Sunday*

*November 20, 2022*

*10:00 AM*

# PRELUDE

*We Gather Together /  
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

arr. Ford

# WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please join us for a Fancy Fellowship & Reception to welcome our new Music Director, Trish Conover, following the worship service.
- Community Service of Thanksgiving, today at 3 PM, at Trinity Reformed UCC, Holland, PA.
- ADVENT “Bible Study for Everyone,” Monday (11/21) at 11 AM.
- Preschool Board Meeting, Monday (11/21) at 7 PM.
- Women’s Breakfast at Manny’s, Wednesday (11/23) at 9 AM.



# Giving Tree

## ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

This year NPC will be providing Christmas gifts for 20 children in foster care through the local Christian Organization Bethanna. If you would like to help, please select an ornament from our Christmas tree in the narthex with the age and gender of a particular child. Children up to 4 can receive a gift of donor's choice, children

5-11 can receive a gift from their wish list, and children 11 and up will receive a gift card from Target or Walmart. Bethanna is requesting gifts worth about \$30, if possible. Gifts should be unwrapped, and placed in a gift bag with a Christmas message. Gifts must be returned no later than **December 11th**.

Thanks for your continuing generosity, NPC!

# RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

*(Inspired by Psalm 100)*

ONE: Around the world this day, the universal church celebrates the “The Reign of Christ.” Christ Jesus, friend of the poor, the meek and the merciful, has been enthroned above all authority and power in this world and in the world that is to come.

**MANY: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth, serve the Lord with gladness come into his presence with singing!**

ONE: God has placed everything under Christ’s wounded feet, appointed the one who wore a crown of thorns as the supreme head of the church, his body.

**MANY: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, come into his courts with praise. Give thanks and praise his loving name!**

# HYMN

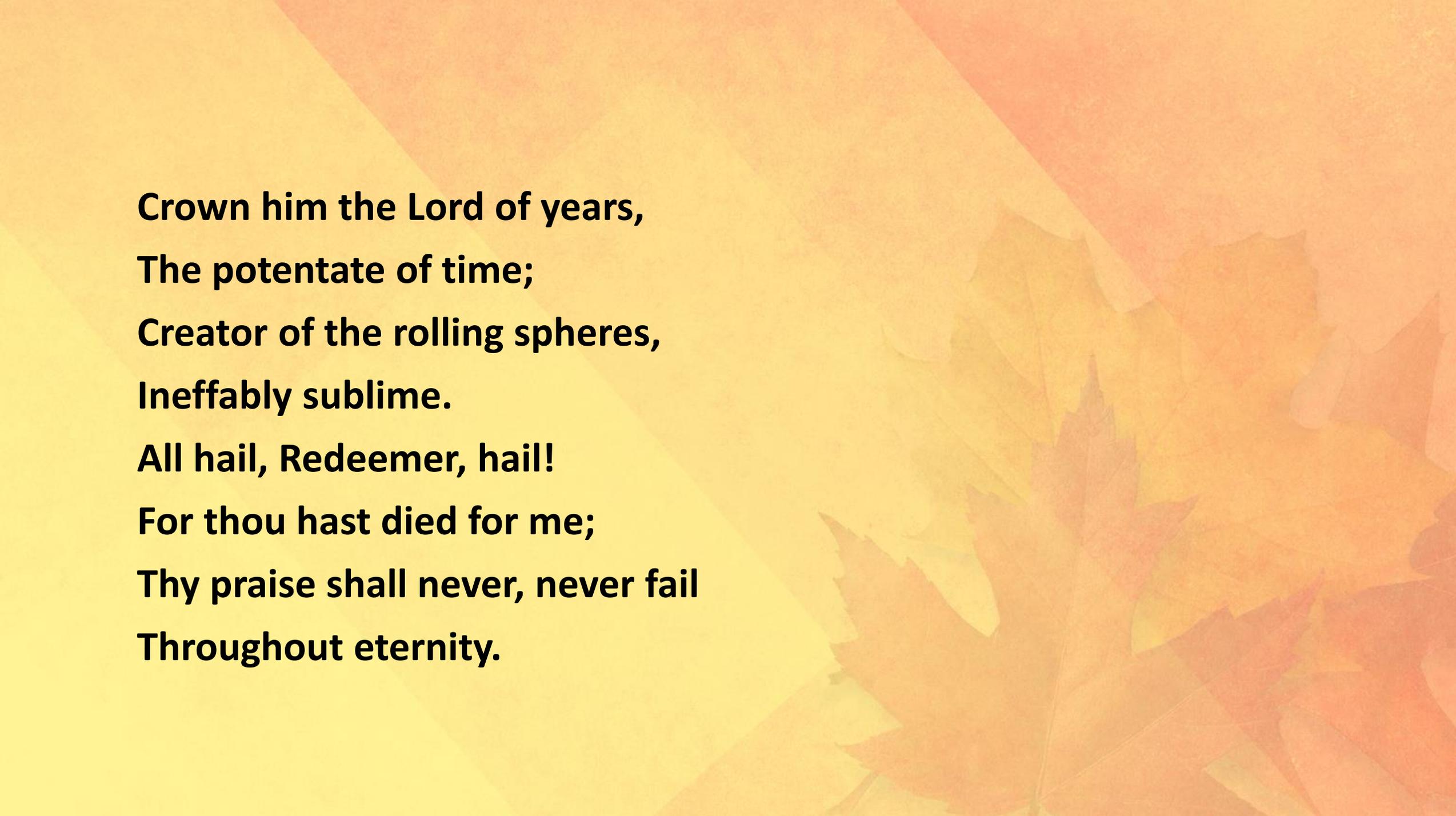
*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

**Crown him with many crowns,  
The Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity.**

**Crown him the Lord of love;  
Behold his hand and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above,  
In beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye  
At mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of peace,  
Whose power a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease,  
Absorbed in prayer and praise.  
His reign shall know no end;  
And round his pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet.**

The background features a warm, golden-yellow to orange gradient. On the right side, there are several overlapping, semi-transparent images of autumn leaves in shades of orange, red, and yellow. A large, faint sunburst or starburst pattern is visible in the background, centered behind the text.

**Crown him the Lord of years,  
The potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres,  
Ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail!  
For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity.**

# **UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, we confess that far too often we do not want a savior who is a king. We would prefer Jesus be subject to us, rather than the other way around. We are not keen for a redeemer who has any claims on us and certainly not one who makes demands of us. We have our own plans and agendas, after all. We are happy for Jesus to approve them for us. But a savior who is a king? One we owe allegiance and obedience? No thanks. Forgive our foolishness, O God! We know that everything we have and everything we are is a gift from you. But we are forgetful, rebellious and stubborn. Thank you for not giving up on us. We ask for forgiveness and restoration, not because of anything we have or have not done, but only for the sake of Christ the King. Amen.**

*(We pause for a moment of silent, personal confession.)*

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Through Christ the King, we have been given a pardon from God. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all.  
**Amen.**

# **HYMN**

*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me*

*GLORY TO GOD*

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,**

**And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,**

**And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen.**

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**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

**DEDICATION OF ART KITS AND  
“WELCOME HOME” KIT**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Luke 23:33-43*

**SERMON**

*Here and There*

Rev. Judith A. Dwyer

# **SPECIAL MUSIC**

*In the Spirit of Thanksgiving*

*arr. Nix*

## **PRESENTATION OF OUR PLEDGES FOR 2023**

*“...You shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from your land that the LORD your God gives you, and you shall put it in a basket, and you shall go to the place which the LORD your God will choose, to make his name to dwell there,”  
Deuteronomy 26:2.*

# **RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT AND DEDICATION:**

ONE: Creator of all, the earth is yours, the world and all who live in it.

**MANY: You have entrusted us with gifts—time, talent, energy, money—and asked us to use them to build your kingdom. With thanks and praise we respond to your call.**

ONE: We bring these gifts you have given, returning your generosity, paying it forward.

**MANY: We offer ourselves, our lives, our hopes and fears, our dollars and our hours. We commit ourselves to work for your world, to love and serve wherever you call.**

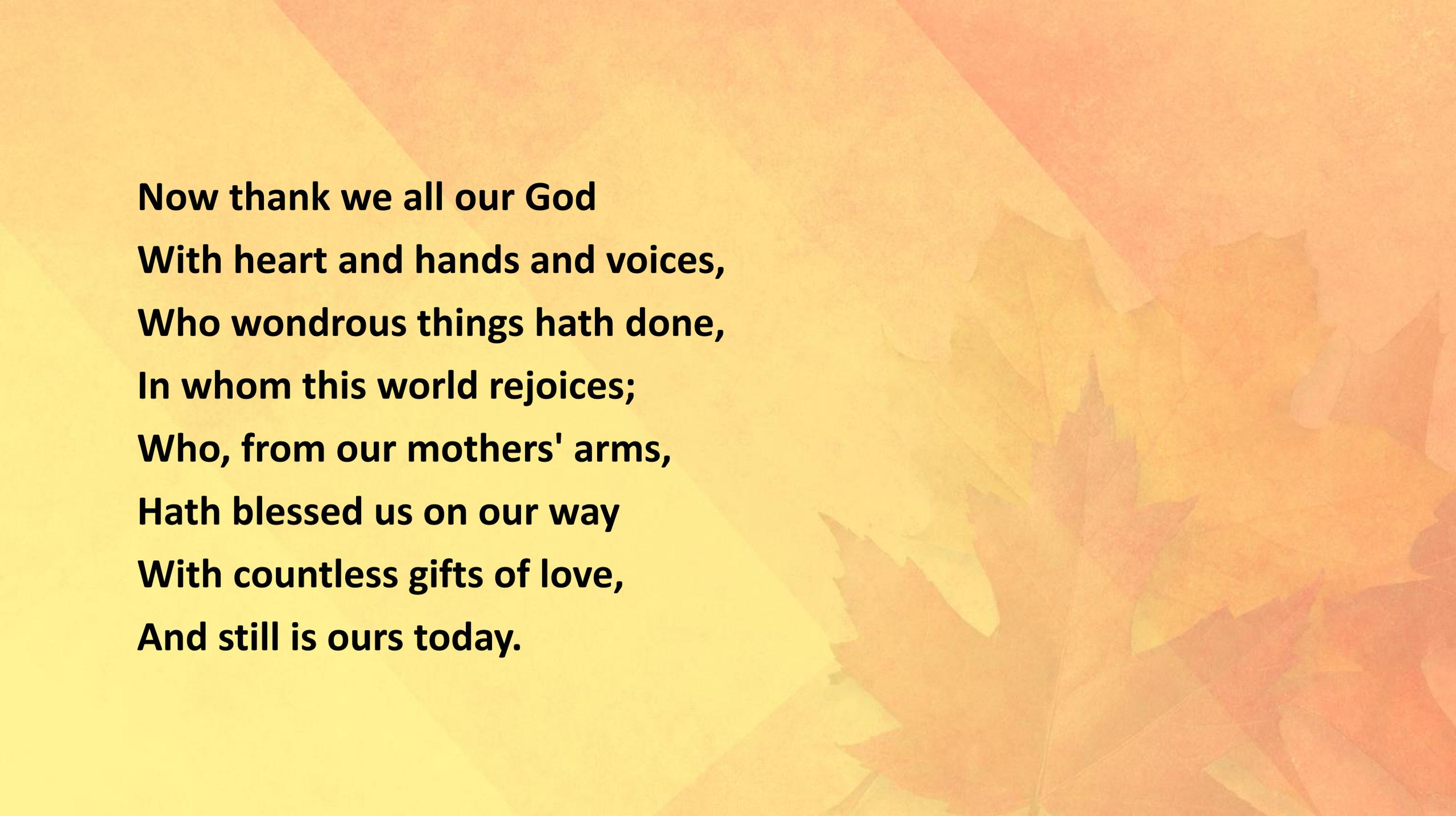
ONE: We ask your blessing on this, your church, as we seek to follow you with heart, mind, and soul.

**MANY:** Bless also these gifts, our investment in your future, that they may multiply in faith, hope, and love. Amen.

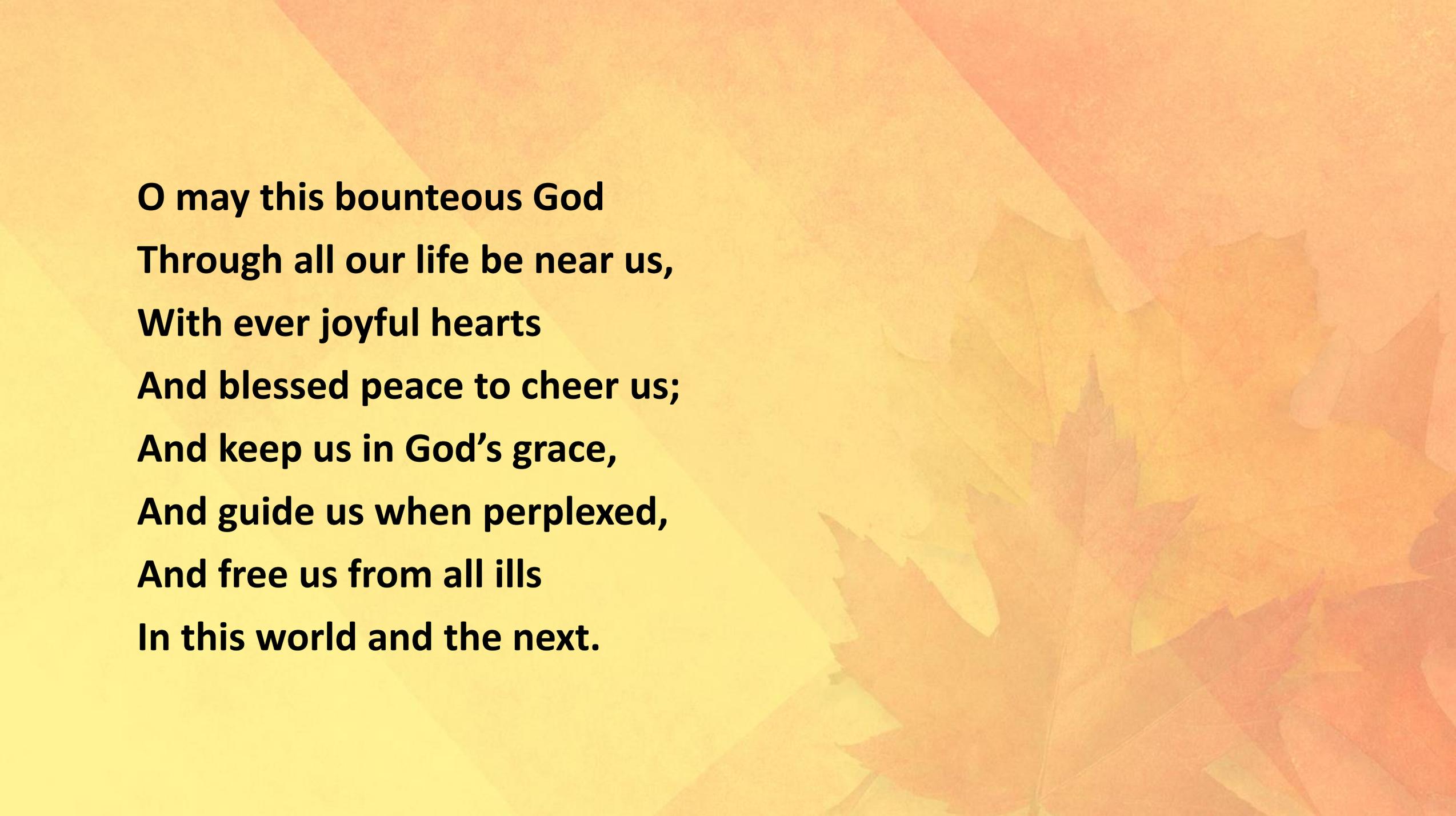
## **HYMN**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

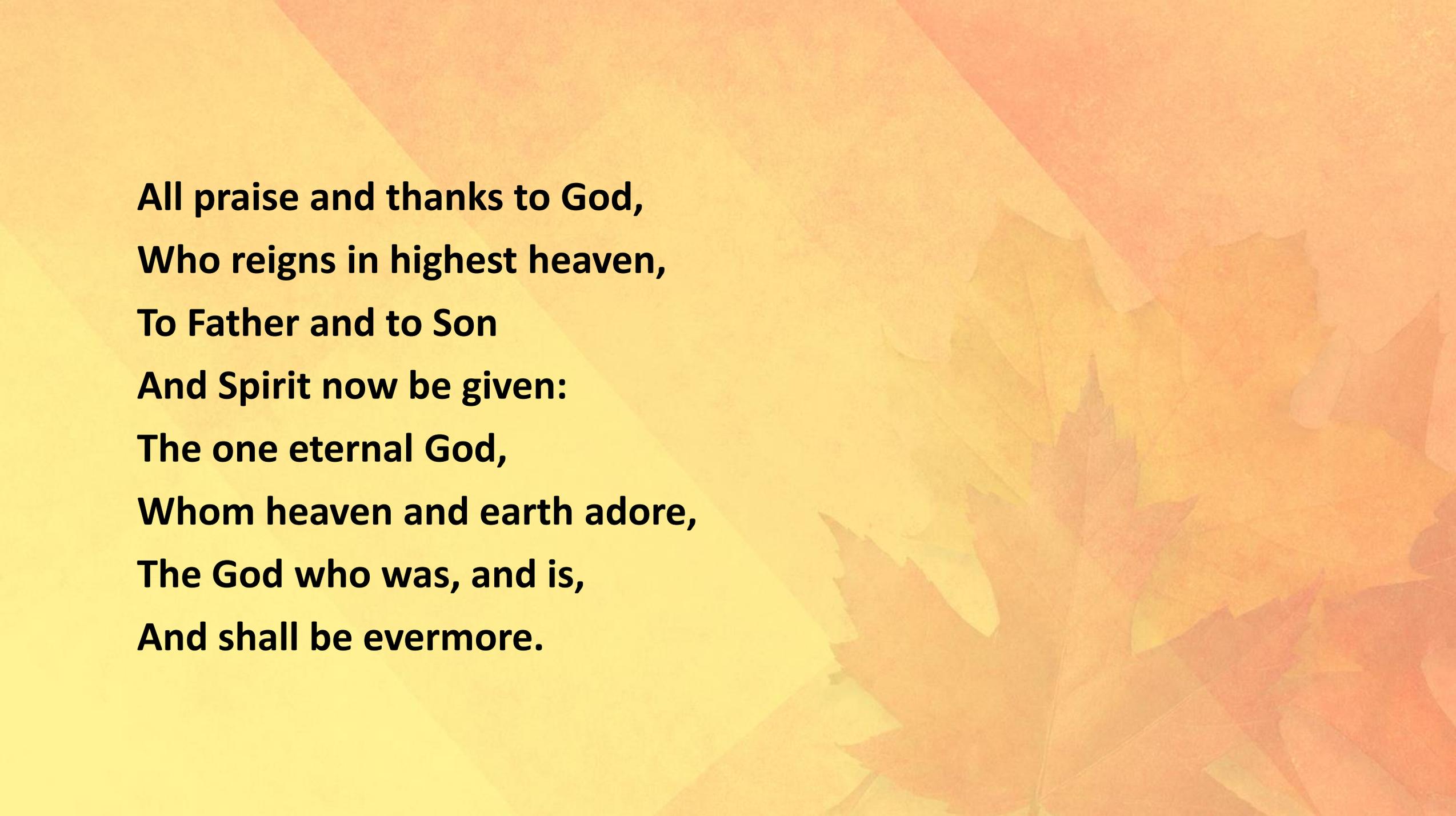
*NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT*



**Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.**



**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 in God's grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.**



**All praise and thanks to God,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son  
And Spirit now be given:  
The one eternal God,  
Whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is,  
And shall be evermore.**

# **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

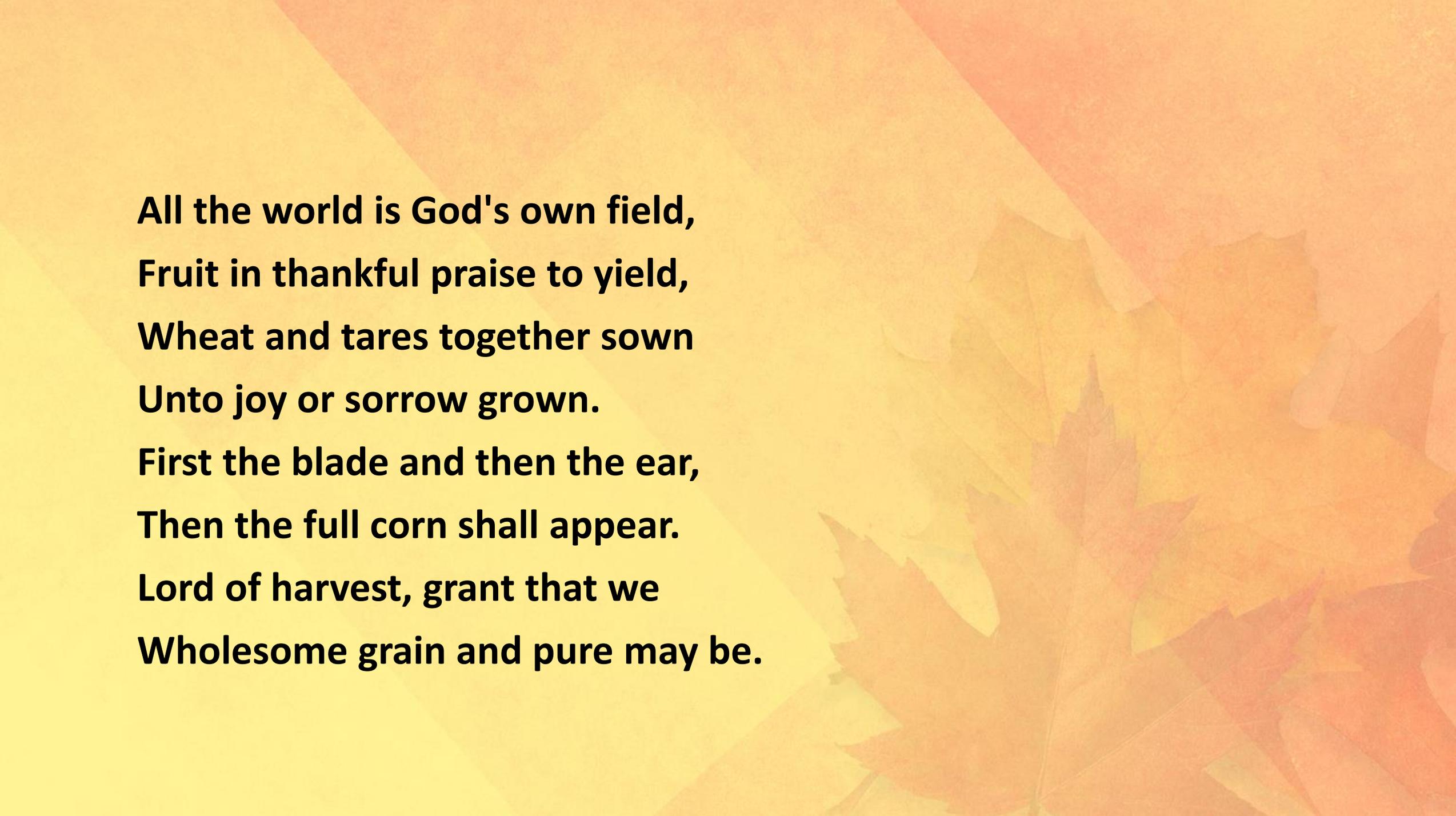
**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

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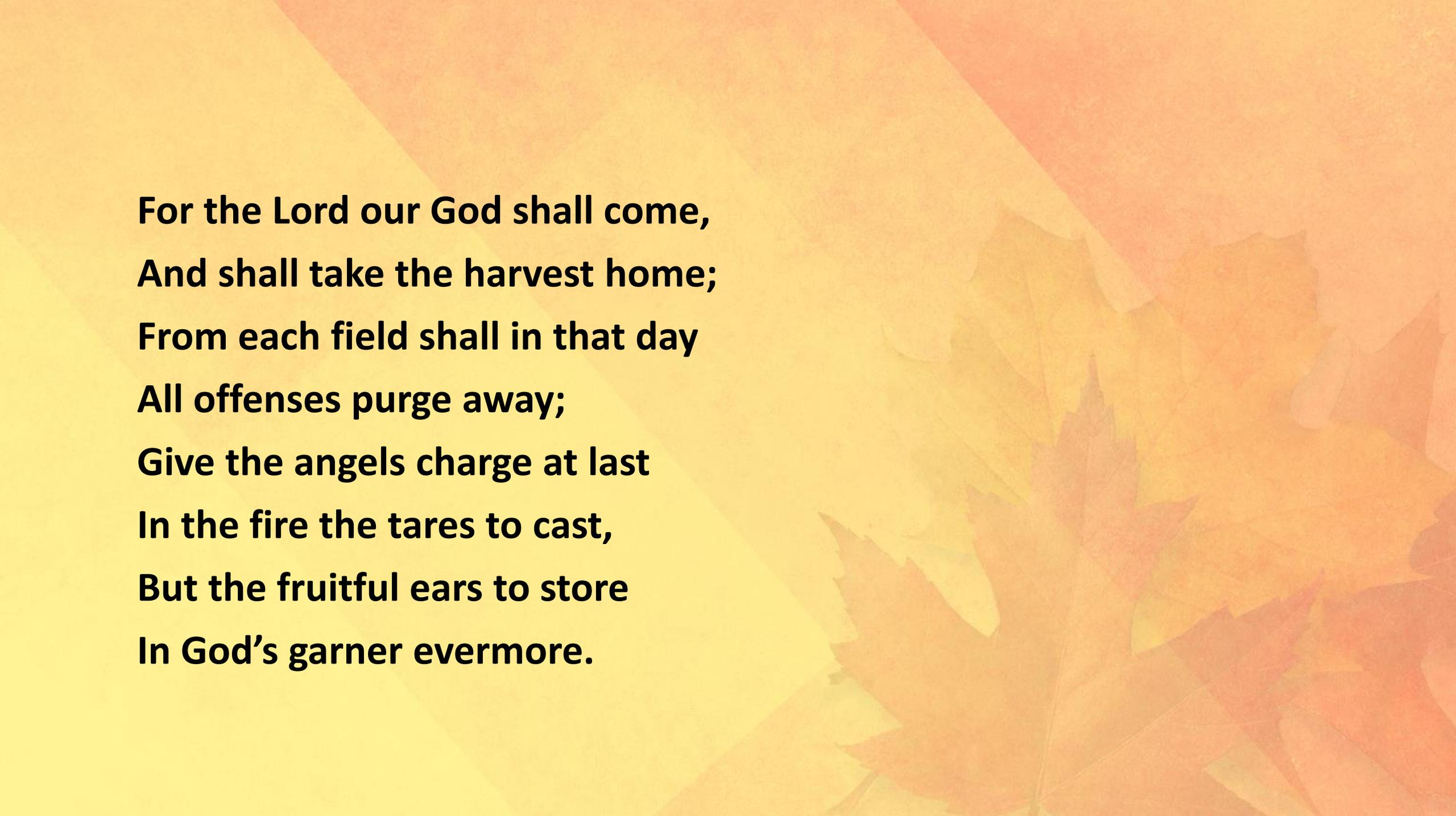
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

*ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR*

**Come, ye thankful people, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin.  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied.  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home.**



**All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit in thankful praise to yield,  
Wheat and tares together sown  
Unto joy or sorrow 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.**



**For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take the harvest home;  
From each field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away;  
Give the angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In God's garner evermore.**

**Even so, Lord, quickly come,  
To thy final harvest home.  
Gather thou thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There forever purified,  
In thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come;  
Raise the glorious harvest home!**

# RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

ONE: We bless you, God of seed and harvest, and we bless each other

**MANY: that the beauty of this world and the love that created it might be expressed through our lives and be a blessing to others now and always. Amen.**

# POSTLUDE

*Crown Him With Many Crowns*

George Elvey

## **WORSHIP NOTES:**

The **Call to Worship** is written by Bruce Prewer and posted on Bruce Prewer's Homepage.  
[www.bruceprewer.com](http://www.bruceprewer.com).

The **Prayer of Dedication** is posted on the **Generous Giving** website. [www.generousgiving.org](http://www.generousgiving.org)

The **Prayers of the People** and the **Benediction** are written by Thom M. Shuman and posted on his blog at  
[www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://www.lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com).

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