



Meditation Text

The God who is so terrifying that we must hide our faces from his resplendence is the same God who has come down to deliver his people in their extremity. That is the secret. The Son who “sits upon his glorious throne with all the nations gathered before him” (Matthew 25:31-32) is the same One who, at the very apex of his cosmic power, reveals that the universe turns upon a cup of water given to the littlest ones in his name. An outpouring of the love of our hearts toward this King will therefore transcend the merely anxious. Acts of mercy toward his little ones are vindicated already in the court of heaven, because they are taken up into the divine life of the Son of God, who loved us and gave himself for us.

– Fleming Rutledge

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Invitation to Worship

Matt Marston

Prelude

We Gather Together
Alan Hester, Trumpet and Flugelhorn;
Ryan Bratton, Tuba

Netherlands Folk Tune

Invocation

Emily Harbin

Hymn

Now Thank We All Our God
Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother’s arms, hath blest 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 His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore,
Far thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.
Martin Rinkart, 1636; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1858

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Stewardship Testimony

Helen Mills

*Scripture Lesson

Psalm 100

Frank Granger

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

Leader: Know that the Lord is God.

People: **It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

People: Give thanks to him, bless his name.
Leader: For the Lord is good;
People: His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *Thankful* Joanne and Milton LeDoux
Combined Children's Choir
*From deep in my heart come melodies clear; As I go on my way.
My music of love, praise songs you can hear, and, even in times of trouble,
I can say: Thankful, I am thankful your love makes me sing.
Thankful, I am thankful, thankful to my king, Jesus, you're my King.*

Silent Prayers

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer Matt Marston

Scripture Lesson Matthew 25:31-46 Anna Randa

Sermon *What Counts in the End* Matt Marston

Hymn *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.*

*Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring 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 Thy angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.*
— Henry Alford, 1844

Stewardship Prayer LaReece Stewart, Deacon

Offertory *'Tis the Gift to Be Simple* Netherlands Folk Tune/
Sarah DelBene, Flute arr. John Purifoy

Benediction Matt Marston

Postlude
