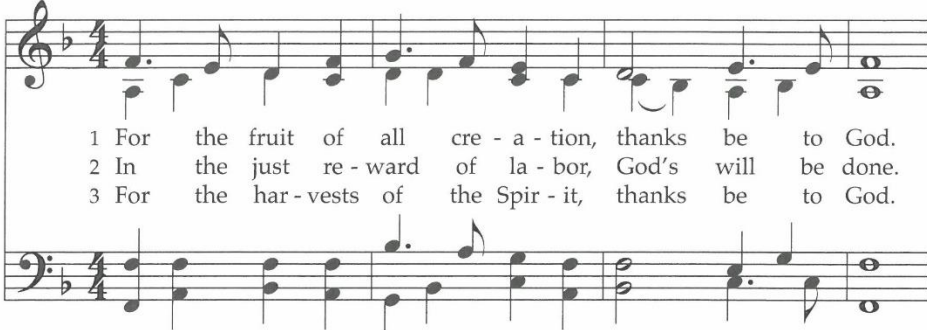


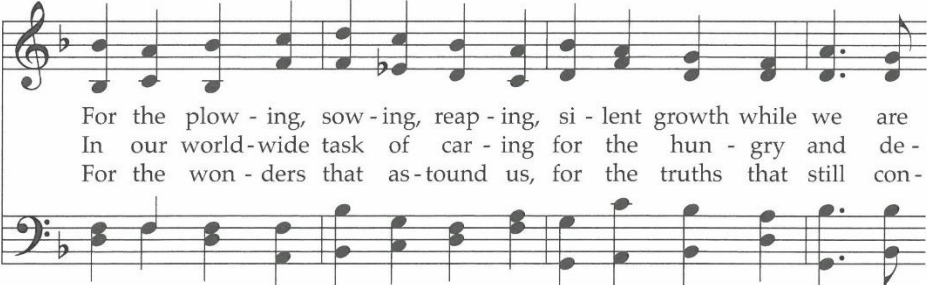
For the Fruit of All Creation 36



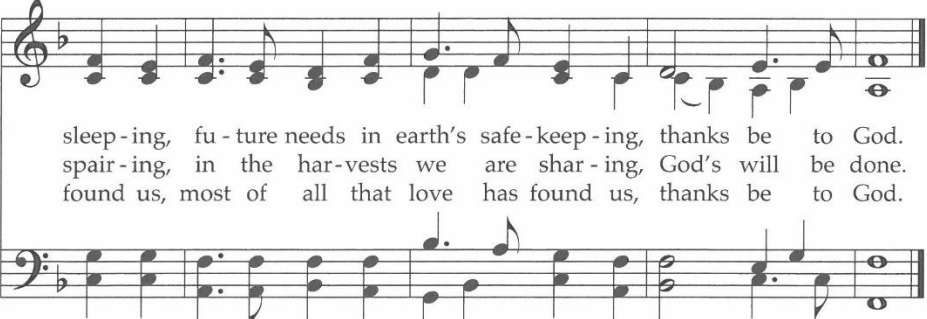
1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be done.
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For the gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will be done.
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.



For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de -
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con -



sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 spair - ing, in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 found us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Originally called "Harvest Hymn," this text is much more comprehensive than that title implies. It also deals with stewardship, thanksgiving, and God's endless gifts that continue to astound us. It is set to a familiar Welsh tune whose name means "throughout the night."

VIDEO PRAYER

“Thanksgiving In All Circumstances”

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S LOVE & SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you and all others!

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Colossians 3:16

(Common English Bible)

The word of Christ must live in you richly. Teach and warn each other with all wisdom by singing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing to God with gratitude in your hearts. Beautiful things are always in your right hand.

First Thessalonians 5:16–18

(Common English Bible)

Rejoice always. Pray continually. Give thanks in every situation because this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.

VIDEO

“Finding Moments of Gratitude in a Pandemic”

DUET

“Thanksgiving Song”

by Mary Chapin Carpenter

Terri Monrad, solo — Christopher Callender, guitar

*Grateful for each hand we hold gathered round this table.
From far and near we travel home, blessed that we are able.*

*Grateful for this sheltered place with light in every window,
Saying welcome, welcome, share this feast
Come in away from sorrow.*

*Father, mother, daughter, son, neighbor, friend and friendless;
All together everyone in the gift of loving-kindness.*

*Grateful for what’s understood, and all that is forgiven;
We try so hard to be good, to lead a life worth living.*

*Father, mother, daughter, son, neighbor, friend, and friendless;
All together everyone, let grateful days be endless.*

Grateful for each hand we hold gathered round this table.

REFLECTION

“Adopting an Attitude”

Rev. Mitch Trigger

Sending

EXPRESSIONS OF GRATITUDE AND CARE

HYMN 645

“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

MIT FREUDEN ZART

645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

THANKSGIVING

mur - mur stilled:
all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry!
cho - sen band:
take your part:

The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt.
MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt.

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CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Partita on Simple Gifts, Variation VII”
Linda Dover, organist

Noël Goemanne

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

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