



*AND NOW
BLESS
THE GOD OF ALL,
WHO HAS DONE WONDROUS THINGS
FOR US*

Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies.

For the love which from our birth over and around lie

Refrain: Lord of all to you we raise this our hymn of grateful praise!

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child.

Friends on earth and friends above; for all gentle thoughts and mild.

Psalm 136

Refrain: ***Thank you, Lord, for your faithfulness and love. Alleluia!***

1. Thank you for the heavens that cover us,

For the earth beneath our feet,

For the sun in the day and the stars in the night, (***Antiphon***)

2. Thank you for the snow and the rains,

And the rivers and the lakes

For the majestic mountains, the valleys,

the trees and flowers. (***Antiphon***)

3. Thank you for those who demonstrate your love to us

For the great men and women who followed you throughout history.

For priests and prophets, apostles and ministers

who lived among us. (***Antiphon***)

4. For doctors, teachers, mothers and fathers

And painters, musicians and writers

And farmers, laborers and clerks. (***Antiphon***)

5. For those men and women who accepted your love
And dedicated their lives to loving their neighbors. (*Antiphon*)

6. Thank you for choosing me to be one of your people,
For calling me and equipping me to communicate
your love to the people with whom I serve. (*Antiphon*)

7. Glory to you, God our Creator, To Jesus, the Christ,
And to the Holy Spirit who dwells in our midst
Both now and forever. (*Antiphon*)

Readings

**“Sing and play music in your hearts to the Lord,
always giving thanks for everything to God the Father
in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Ephesians 5:19-20)**

“And now bless the God of all, who has done wondrous things on earth;
Who fosters people’s growth from their mother’s womb,
And fashions them according to his will.” (Sirach 50:22)

*“Realizing that he had been healed, he returned, glorifying God
In a loud voice. He fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him.
He was a Samaritan. Jesus said to him: “Ten were cleansed, were they not?
Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned
To give thanks to God? Jesus said to him: “Stand up and go. Your faith has saved you.”
(Luke 17:11-19)*

The Word of God! Thanks be to God!

Reflection Time

Brothers I invite you now to take five minutes of quiet to reflect on what you are thankful for.

Your life like mine is filled with people, experiences, opportunities, events, both positive and negative which have molded us to be who we are.

When you are ready, I invite you to share with us from the heart a few things you are grateful for.

Reflective Music

Sharing

Magnificat (to the melody of Amazing Grace)

1. My soul proclaims the Lord, my God; my spirit sings God's praise!

God looks on me and lifts me up, and gladness fills my days!

2. All nations now will share my joy; God's gifts have been out poured.

This little one God has made great. I magnify the Lord.

3. For those who love God's holy name, God's mercy will not die,

Whose strong right arm puts down the proud and lifts the lowly high.

4. God fills the hungry with good things and sends the rich away;

The promise made to Abraham is filled to endless day.

5. O Father, Son and Spirit blest, to you all thanks and praise;

To you be glory, power and might, from age to endless age.

Our Father

Gathering all our prayers and thanks for God into one,

let us now pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Concluding Prayer

Father, giver of all good gifts,

Your wondrous gifts of love are countless and your goodness is infinite.

On this Thanksgiving Day, we come before you with grateful hearts and minds

For all we have received.

Open our hearts to concern for our fellow human beings and all creatures of the earth.

May we share our gifts with a generous heart.

We thank you for your Son, Jesus the Christ, through whom we make this prayer.

Amen.

Blessed Edmund Rice, pray for us!

