

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome, Announcements, and Service Notes

Prelude “Bringing in the Sheaves”

Call to Worship & Prayer of the Day

Hymn “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, your creatures cry – creation groans – but we turn away; we surround ourselves with noise. We are quick to excuse ourselves from responsibility; we are young; we are old; we are tired; we are busy. It is hard to imagine that we might make a difference. Life-giving God, wash us clean. Restore our imagination and our hearts. Let your courage and compassion flow through our veins until we love with abandon and our hands reach out in blessing, for the creation waits in eager longing for the revealing of the children of God. Amen.

(Moment for Silent Reflection)



Declaration of Forgiveness & The Peace of Christ

THE WORD OF GOD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Epistle Lesson Romans 7: 15 – 25a (*The Message*)

Psalmody Psalm 139: “O God, You Search Me” O GOD, YOU SEARCH ME

Gospel Lesson Matthew 13: 24 – 30

Sermon ἄφετε (Aphete) Rev. Anthony L. Larson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Special Music “Let It Be” Lennon / McCartney

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer

SENT BY GOD'S WORD
INTO THE WORLD

Hymn

“Take Us As We Are, O God” ENDLESS FEAST

Charge & Benediction

Postlude “Canon in D”



367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.

All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,

God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

O God, You Search Me (Psalm 139)

$\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 60$

Chorus:

1. O God, you search me and you know me. All my
 2. You know my res - ting and my ri - sing. You dis -
 3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord, you have
 4. Al - though your Spi - rit is u - pon me, still I
 5. For you cre - a - ted me and shaped me, gave me

Verse:

thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze. When I
 cern my pur - pose from a - far. And with
 known its mea - ning through and through. You are
 search for shel - ter from your light. There is
 life wi - thin my mo - ther's womb. For the

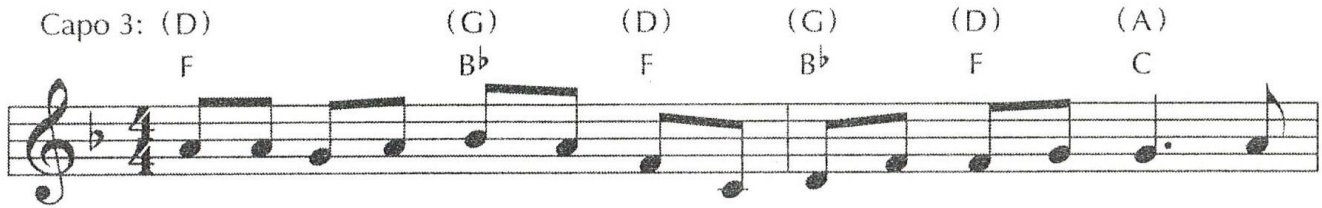
Bridge:

walk or lie down you are be - fore me: e - ver the
 love ev - er - las - ting you be - siege me: in ev' - ry
 with me, be - yond my un - der - stan - ding: God of my
 no - where on earth I can es - cape you: ev - en the
 won - der of who I am, I praise you: safe in your

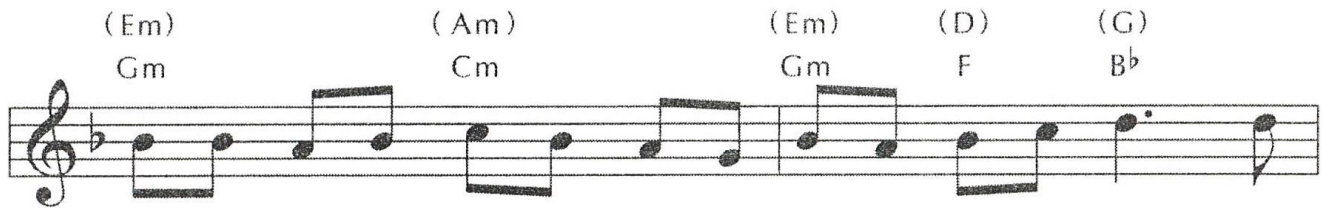
Final Verse:

ma - ker and kee - per of my days.
 mo - ment of life and death, you are.
 pre - sent, my past and fu - ture, too.
 dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
 hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

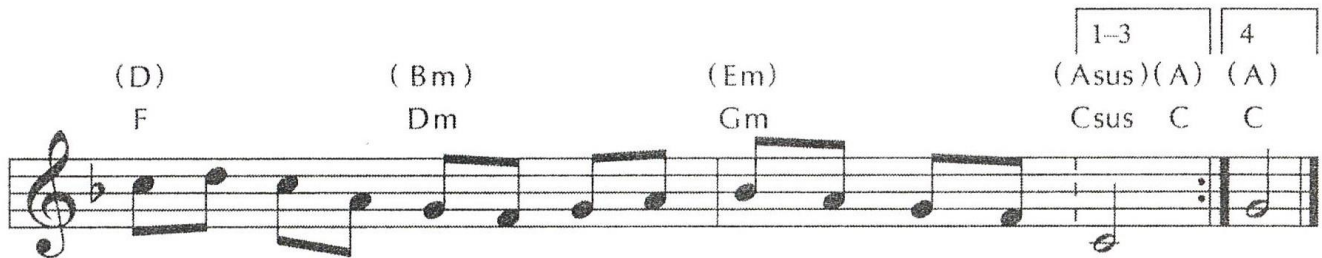
Take Us As We Are, O God



1 Take us as we are, O God, and claim us as your own. As
 2 Bless us for your ser - vice, Lord; no pow - er we de - vise will
 3 Break us o - pen to dis - close how bro - ken - ness can heal, wher -
 4 Give us to the world you love as light and salt and yeast, that



once you chose to tell your love in hu - man flesh and bone, so
 ev - er give us strength e - nough or make us tru - ly wise, yet
 ev - er bro - ken loaves suf - fice to give a crowd a meal and
 we may nour - ish in your name the last, the lost, the least, un -



let our lives be used to make your sav - ing pur - pose known.
 by your prom - ise we can know the peace your grace sup - plies.
 graves break o - pen to re - lease new life from death's dread seal.
 til at length you call us all to your un - end - ing feast.