

<p>Welcome to Trinity</p>

Luther's Works, Vol. 15, p.29, On Ecclesiastes 2:1

I said to myself: Come now, I will make a test of pleasure.

It is as though he were saying: "Since anxieties and my own plans cannot achieve anything, I shall refrain from them.

I shall turn to the right hand and make a more tranquil life for myself. I shall create ease and tranquillity, take delight in good things, let everything happen as it happens and chooses, and live a life of pleasure." But this, too, was useless and was no more successful than his earlier reliance on human wisdom and anxiety, for God resists this also. Tranquillity is not attainable except from the Word and work of God. Experience itself teaches this. Often dinner parties are arranged to create a happy atmosphere, with foods and entertainment intended to make the guests happy. But usually it comes out just the opposite way, and only seldom does a good party result. Either there are gloomy and solemn faces present, or something else upsets all the arrangements, especially when there is such deliberation and planning about how much fun it will be. By contrast, it often happens that someone happens upon a most joyful dinner party by accident, that is, by the gift of God. The same thing happens in other areas of life. One seeks pleasure in love but soon experiences bitterness. Augustine also complains in his *Confessions* that he was tormented horribly in the very midst of his amorous affairs.¹ Thus when we seize upon pleasure, it is soon covered with bitterness. Therefore, the best thing is to abide in the Word and work of God, to instruct the heart this way in how to be peaceful and content with the things that are present. If the Lord has given one a wife, one should now hold on to her and enjoy her. If you want to exceed these limits and add to this gift which you have

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<p>Assistants</p>

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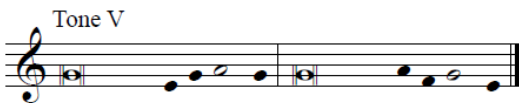
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Thanksgiving Day Psalmody & Hymns

Psalm 100

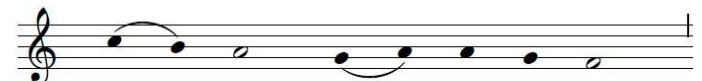
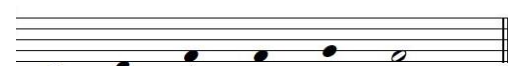
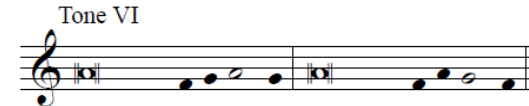
Cantor:  Serve the Lord with glad - ness;
 Come be - fore His pre - sence with sing - ing.
Tone V 

P: ¹Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!
²Serve the Lord with glad-ness;
Come before His pres-ence with sing-ing.
C: ³Know that the **Lord, He is God**;
It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people and the sheep of His pas-ture.
P: ⁴Enter into His gates with thanksgiving,
And in-to His courts with praise.
Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.
C: ⁵For the Lord is good; His mercy is **ev-er-last-ing**,
And His truth endures to all **gen-er-a-tions**.
Glory be to the **Fa-ther** and to the **Son**,
And to the **Ho-ly Spir-it**.
As it was in **the be-gin-ning**,
Is now, and will be **for-ev-er. A-men.**

Antiphon repeated by Cantor

Hymn #441 “We Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Psalm 121

Cantor:  My help comes from the Lord,
 who made heav'n and earth.
Tone VI 

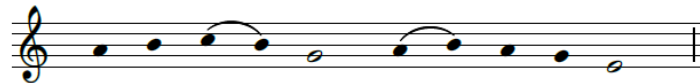
P: ¹I will lift up my eyes to the hills—
From whence comes my help?
C: ²My help comes from the Lord,
Who made **heav-en and earth**.
P: ³He will not allow your foot to be moved;
He who keeps you will not slum-ber.
C: ⁴Behold, He who keeps Isra-el
Shall neither **slum-ber nor sleep**.
P: ⁵The Lord is your keep-er;
The Lord is your shade at your right hand.
C: ⁶The sun shall not **strike you by day**,
Nor the **moon by night**.
P: ⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all e-vil;
He shall pre-serve your soul.
C: ⁸The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in
From this time forth, and **e-ven for-ever-more**.
Glory be to the **Fa-ther** and to the **Son**,
And to the **Ho-ly Spir-it**.
As it was in **the be-gin-ning**,
Is now, and will be **for-ev-er. A-men.**

Antiphon repeated by Cantor

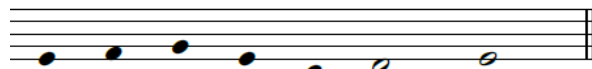
Hymn #405 “We Give You But Your Own”

Psalm 67

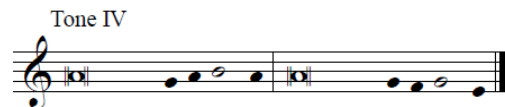
Cantor:



Let the peo - ples, praise You, O God;



Let all the peo - ples praise You.



P: ¹God be merciful to us and bless us,
And cause His face to shine u-pon us.

C: ²That Your way may be known on earth,
Your salvation a-mong all na-tions.

P: ³Let the peoples, praise You, O God;
Let all the peo-ples praise You.

C: ⁴Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy!
For You shall judge the people righteously,
And govern the na-tions on earth.

P: ⁵Let the peoples, praise You, O God;
Let all the peo-ples praise You.

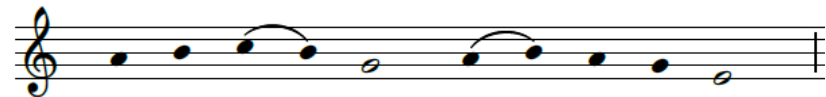
C: ⁶Then the earth shall yield her in-crease;
God, our own God, shall bless us.

P: ⁷God shall bless us,
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

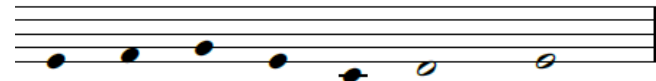
C: Glory be to the Fa-ther and to the Son,
And to the Ho-ly Spir-it.

As it was in the be-gin-ning,
Is now, and will be for-ev-er. A-men.

Antiphon repeated by Cantor



Let the peo - ples, praise You, O God;



Let all the peo - ples praise You.

Collect for Thanksgiving Day

Almighty God, heavenly Father, your mercies are new to us every morning and you, though we in no wise deserve your goodness, abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul; give us, we humbly pray, your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all your benefits, and cheerfully serve you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN

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...in the present, you will get grief and sorrow instead of pleasure. One should therefore simply stick to what the Lord wills and gives. If you want joy and delight, wait to receive it from Him. As He offers it to you, accept it. "Rejoice with those who rejoice" (Rom. 12:15). Do not try to be wise and solemn in the midst of those who are rejoicing, as sanctimonious people do, who dampen the happiness of other people, which God has given. Just be sure to acknowledge that all of this comes to you from God; accept it from His hand and use it as His gift.

In sum, we should not find enjoyment in happiness, goods, our own counsels, or any other thing; only as God has given them should we use them. One should let God have His way. It is not up to us to prescribe the place, the person, or the manner; if we do, we shall go wrong. This does not mean that happiness is condemned as something evil or vain. What is condemned is human striving and planning, when we ourselves want or try to create happiness without respect to the will of God. But as both come from God, so let us use them. As it is a sin to invite anxiety and sorrow by our own counsels and also a sin to refuse to suffer them when they are imposed on us by God, so it is also to be condemned if we run away from happiness and do not accept it when it is given by God. This is what those sanctimonious killjoys do when they "disfigure their faces" (Matt. 6:16). They seek out places, times, and persons that are gloomy, and they prescribe strict regulations, which is hypocritical and vain. They want us to weep with those who weep, but they themselves refuse to rejoice with those who rejoice (cf. Rom. 12:15). Sorrow, happiness, and all such things, whether external or internal, must not be measured on the basis of places, times, etc.; but as they come from God in His complete freedom, so one should use them in complete freedom.



Thanksgiving Day Prayer

ALMIGHTY GOD, heavenly Father, we praise and magnify Thy holy name for all the temporal and spiritual mercies Thou hast bestowed upon us at all times. Thou dost cause Thy holy, saving Word to be preached to us in purity and truth, comforting, admonishing, warning, and reproving us thereby, and fully apprising us how to turn from our evil ways, to obtain salvation by faith in Thy dear Son, and to walk before Thee in righteousness and all holy obedience. Thou makest us to dwell in a goodly land; Thou, O Lord, Thyself carest for it; and Thine eyes are continually upon it from the beginning of the year even unto the end. Thou hast ordained for us our beloved government and dost endow those in authority with wisdom so to rule, that, being safely kept under their governance, we may pass our days in quietness and peace. Thou dost vouchsafe to us the priceless boon of liberty, so that, without let or hindrance, we may freely serve Thee according to Thy Word, be quickened in our most holy faith, confess Thy name, and spread abroad Thy Gospel, and in our homes and churches and schools teach, our children the knowledge of the saving truth, bringing them up in the nurture and admonition of their Lord Jesus Christ. Thou forgivest us richly and daily all our sins and dost not deal with us according to our iniquities. As high as the heaven is above the earth, so great is Thy mercy toward us.

We beseech Thee, give us truly thankful hearts, that we may not forget all Thy benefits and Thy never-failing mercies. Enable us to realize that Thy goodness should lead us and our whole people to repentance, and that we are not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies and of all Thy truth, because we have repaid Thy manifold bounties with all manner of sin and unrighteousness and amply deserved that Thou shouldst cause Thy loving-kindness altogether to cease among us. As Thou hast delivered up Thine only-begotten Son for us all, and with Him also freely givest us all things, through Him bestowing Thine abundant blessing upon our land, its government, and its inhabitants, that all men may seek and find Thee in this acceptable time and the day of salvation; do not Thou forsake us, but for His sake be gracious unto us forevermore. With the finger of Thy Holy Spirit write in our hearts the perpetual remembrance of Thy faithfulness. Open Thou our lips, that we may praise Thy grace and mercy, and

confess Thy name and Word. As Thou hast prospered us in earthly goods, make us willing and ready to praise Thee by our works and to honor Thee with our substance for the extension of Thy kingdom. Let this mind be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, that we have compassion on our neighbor in his need, even as Thou hast had pity on us. Preserve us from vanity and presumption, lest we say: Our power and the might of our hands hath gotten us this wealth; but let us remember Thee, the Lord, our God, by whose power and benediction our beloved Church, our country, and our government are preserved, to the end that we may inculcate upon our children and our children's children for a memorial forever that Thou hast done great things for us and that we rejoice in Thee.

Our soul shall bless Thee at all times and never forget all Thy benefits. Let us walk in Thy ways, until we shall glorify Thee and exalt Thy name in the New Jerusalem; through Jesus Christ, Thy dear Son, our Lord. Amen.

