

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,  
almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.  
You formed us in your image  
and breathed into us the breath of life.  
When we turned away, and our love failed  
your love remained steadfast.  
You delivered us from captivity,  
made covenant to be our sovereign God,  
and spoke to us through your prophets,  
who looked for that day  
when justice shall roll down like waters  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,  
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so,  
with your people on earth  
and all the company of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,  
heav'n and earth your glo - ry fills. Ho - san - na in high - est heav'n.  
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the ho - ly name of God.  
Ho - san - na in high - est heav'n. Ho - san - na in high - est heav'n.

*Please be seated. Pastor continues leading the prayer, recalling the acts of Christ.*

... And so,  
 in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,  
 we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving  
 as a holy and living sacrifice,  
 in union with Christ's offering for us,  
 as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died, Christ is ris'n, Christ will come on earth to reign



E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come, bring your fi-nal har-vest home.



Gath-er all your peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin.



Come, with all your an-gels, come; raise the glo-rious har-vest home.

*Pastor continues leading the prayer, asking God to pour out God's Holy Spirit on us and this meal.*

... Through your Son Jesus Christ,  
 with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,  
 all honor and glory are yours, almighty God,  
 now and forever.



A-men, a-men, a - men; a - men, a - men, a - men.



For the Lord our God shall come and shall take the har-vest home;



from the field shall in that day all of - fen-ses purge a - way



and the fruit-ful ears will store in his gar-ner ev-er-more.

Words: Traditional, adapt. John Wright from Henry Alford

Music: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR - George J. Elvey

**TIME TO ORDER POINSETTIAS**  
**ORDER DEADLINE: DECEMBER 8**



Poinsettias on the communion rails, around the trees, in the foyers... a great way to celebrate someone you love or who is now in God's hands.

The cost is \$10 for each plant that is florist quality and great for replanting. You may order poinsettias by turning in the form below or by contacting Tami Kellberg at [tami@fumcaustin.org](mailto:tami@fumcaustin.org) or 512-478-5684 (ext. 226).

Orders must be turned in by 12:00 noon on Monday, December 12. Plants can be picked up after worship on Sundays, December 18 and 25.

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Name of donor

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Phone number (in case of questions)

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Amount enclosed (make check payable to FUMC)

The poinsettia is in memory of \_\_\_\_\_

The poinsettia is in honor of \_\_\_\_\_