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We humbly gather on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nation and Metis people.

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Seeds of the Spirit

Gather

So take a deep breath. Be present. Be thankful. Be together.

Chorus:

Make a joyful noise all the earth!

Worship your God with gladness.

Make a joyful noise all the earth.

Come to this place with a song!

1. Know that your God has made you.
Know it's to God we belong.
And come to this place with joyfulness and praise.
Worship your God with a song! (Chorus)

2. Enter these gates, thanksgiving.
Enter these courts with praise.
Sing thanks to your God and bless this holy name.
Worship your God with a song! (Chorus)
3. Ages thru' endless ages,
seasons of endless years.
The love of our Maker ever shall endure,
Worship your God with a song! (Chorus)

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Centre

"At My Table" by the Marcus Mosley Ensemble
Musical Interlude

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Blessings, Concerns, Spirit Sightings, Expressions of Gratitude

Gracious God, we give thanks for your abundant blessings: life, love, food, shelter, community, and the beauty of creation. We also acknowledge the suffering in the world and pray for those in need, for peace, and for a just and sustainable future. Open our hearts to gratitude and guide us to share our blessings with others this Thanksgiving. Amen.

Hymn: For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe-keeping, thanks be to God.

In the true reward of labour, God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.
In the worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

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Scripture Exodus 32:1-14

Message

br. Bob Hawkesworth

Respond

We have all known the long road, the quiet ache, the feeling of standing at a distance from our own lives. We have walked with our heads down, hoping for a simple mending, a small release.
And on the way, the healing comes.

It comes, not always like a lightning strike, but like the slow, determined turning of a sunflower toward the light. It is the unexpected kindness, the clarity in the morning air, the strength we didn't know we had. It is the bounty of the earth, which asks for nothing but our attention.
Our eyes are opened, and we see the gift.

The world tells us to hurry on, to claim our prize and continue. The path to the future is straight and paved with purpose. But the spirit whispers another way. It asks, "Will you stop for a moment? Will you turn from the path and simply notice what has been given?"
We stop. We turn. We pay attention. Our thanks rise up from the heart of our lives.

For a life made clean is a wonderful thing, but a life made whole is the deeper blessing. This is the work of gratitude: to gather the scattered pieces of our joy and build a home for the spirit.
In gratitude, we are made whole. Amen.

Hymn: ***God, Your Blessings Overflow***

God, your blessings overflow! What can we begin to say?
How can we begin to show All our gratitude this day?
God, we join to worship you, Giving thanks for all you do.

Thank you for the life you give, For each friend and family,
For the land in which we live, For your love that sets us free.

Thank you, God, for daily bread, And for feasts of joy you spread.

So we join in thanks this day. And your gifts we freely share,
So we follow Christ, the Way, Loving, serving everywhere.
Spirit, may our lives express All our daily thankfulness.

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Benediction:

God our Creator and Redeemer, open our eyes to a larger awareness of your goodness, and our souls to deeper gratitude. Then, uplifted with thanksgiving, may we give ourselves to the tasks of making this world better for all.