

Give Thanks and Sing! Thanksgiving is my favorite time of year. I love everything about it. The leaves, the crisp air, Pumpkin Spice everything, family gatherings, great food - you get the picture. I also love the hymns of this season, though it seems there is rarely time to sing many of them. To that end, I've created this anthem. It combines three of the best loved Thanksgiving hymns and provides a time for the choir to shine as well as involving the congregation. I also added an optional brass and percussion ensemble. It is intentionally small in nature (2 trumpets, 2 trombones, percussion and timpani) to make it more accessible, while still creating a wonderful addition to the presentation of this anthem. In the words of David in Psalm 100, "Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise." I hope this arrangement will be a blessing to your worship this season of Thanksgiving.

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GIVE THANKS AND SING!

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for S.A.T.B. voices, opt. congregation, opt. brass and percussion, accompanied*

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Incorporating:
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
“We Gather Together”
and “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

Triumphantly (♩ = ca. 98) **ff** **CHOIR**

SOPRANO
ALTO

TENOR
BASS

ACCOMP.

Triumphantly (♩ = ca. 98) **mf** **ff**

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Raise the song of har - vest home!

* To purchase a full-length performance recording (46505) of this piece, go to alfred.com/downloads.

Also available: Orchestration CD-ROM (Trumpet 1&2, Trombone 1&2, Percussion and Timpani) (46507)
InstruTrax CD (46506)

** Tune: ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893
Words: Henry Alford, 1810–1871

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46505

Narrator 1:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
His faithful love endures forever. (Psalm 107:1)

Narrator 2:

Enter His gates with thanksgiving
and His courts with praise;

8

mp

give thanks to Him and
praise His name. (Psalm 100:4)

14 CHOIR and CONGREGATION

mp warmer, more legato

12

mp

Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple come. —

14

mp warmer, more legato

mp

16 all is safe - ly gath - ered in,

Raise the song of har-vest home! — All is safe - ly gath - ered in,

20

22

cresc. poco a poco

ere the win - ter storms be - gin. God, our Mak - er,

22

cresc. poco a poco

23

doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.

26

mf

mf

Come to God's own tem - ple, come. Raise the song of

mf



har - vest home.

Narrator 1:

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face shine upon us. (Psalm 67:1)

33

CHOIR only * *mp*

We

mp

36

gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing.

36

* Tune: KREMSER, Dutch folk song

Words: Anonymous Dutch hymn, 16th century, tr. Theodore Baker, 1851-1934

40

mp

He chas - tens and has - tens His will to make

44

the wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -

known; wick-ed op - press - ing now cease from dis -

48

cresc. poco a poco

tress - ing Sing prais - es to His name. He for - gets not His

cresc. poco a poco

tress - ing.

cresc. poco a poco

52

own. Re - joice, ye pure in

56

heart. Re - joice give thanks and

60

sing. sing, and sing. Your fes - tive ban - ner wave on high, the

64

cross of Christ your King. Re - joice, re - joice, re -

Re - joice, re - joice, re -

68

joice, give thanks, and sing!

joice, give thanks, and sing!

slight rit.

slight rit.

CHOIR and CONGREGATION
a tempo

71

ff expectantly!

E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to Thy fi - nal har - vest home.

ff

71

a tempo

ff expectantly!

75

Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in;

Gath - er — Thou — Thy — peo - ple in; free from sor - row,

78

79

free from sin. There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied,

81

in Thy pres - ence to a - bide; come, with all Thine

84

an - gels, come. Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

88

CHOIR *only*

ff

Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple come. Raise the song of

ff

88

ff

91

slight rit.

har - vest home!

slight rit.