

grateful & heart

SERVICE GUIDE

The *Grateful Heart Service Guide* is designed to flavor your worship service for the Thanksgiving holiday. Unlike my Christmas and Easter Guides that each contain 6 songs, the *Grateful Heart Guide* contains 3 songs. It's also a little more mix-and-match than my other service guides with at least 7 service order combinations.

The flexibility of the *Grateful Heart Service Guide* will allow you to use it in different forms for years to come. Instead of having a full service of Thanksgiving songs, **The *Grateful Heart Service Guide* will let you set a tone of Thanksgiving by opening your service with a few Thanksgiving-themed songs, have a welcome and announcements, then continue on with a regular praise set.** Or just open your service with one Underscore and one song. Service order ideas can be found later in this tutorial.

This versatile service can be led with as little as a capable pianist and worship leader, or with a 3 part praise team, praise band and/or a full SATB choir (plus orchestral instruments with the full instrumental edition.) If you don't have any musicians, lead the service with the stereo tracks, or even mix tracks with live performances.

Get as elaborate as you want. Do all the readings with one person or select different elders/deacons and/or members of the congregation for each reading (make sure the people you select have expression and are committed to practicing with the included demos.) Or, just play the MP3 vocal demos of the readings. Have a pianist or a full band lead the songs.

I hope my *Grateful Heart Service Guide* will provide you and your congregation with a way to commemorate an often overlooked holiday: Thanksgiving.

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Ideas for using the *Grateful Heart Service Guide*:

>What you'll need to provide:

1. A narrator. The narrations are short so you might want your worship leader or praise team member to read them.

2. A few people to pray. Underscore 2 is designed as a background for prayers before *Now Thank We All Our God*. Make it as short or long as you want. I suggest playing it twice (as written.) This gives you about 1 ½ to 2 minutes. When the introduction to *Now Thank We All Our God* starts the worship leader steps forward and prays to end the prayer time. Try either having praise team members pray short thanksgiving prayers or set up a mic and ask preselected people from the congregation to offer short thanksgiving prayers.

You might try using what they called "popcorn prayers" back in my high school youth group - each person can offer a prayer on a short topic like "Father, I've been out of work for 6 months, thank you for my new job." Then the next person takes the mic and offers a prayer.

>Tips for using the *Grateful Heart Service Guide*:

1. Scarce musicians. Burn a CD of the underscores and vocal demos and play it in lieu of using musicians.

2. Keyboard player. The service can be conducted with a single, capable pianist. Have a keyboard player accompany the narration by playing the underscores under the narration (the underscores have chords so a guitarist can play along, too.) You will want to have a short rehearsal with the pianist and narrators to make sure their timing is perfect.

3. Change keys. Finale files are provided which will allow you to change the key if you own Finale or Sibelius software. However, *I do not recommend changing the keys as the underscores are designed to transition you from song to song in the keys I've selected.*

4. Logo. A Photoshop file and TIFF file is included of the "Grateful Heart" logo so you can reproduce it in your bulletin.

5. PowerPoint files. Standard definition PowerPoint files are provided for the songs. Widescreen blank slides are included if you want to build your own slides in that format.

6. Lengthen your service. Extend the *Grateful Heart Service Guide* with two additional songs - sold separately at PraiseCharts.com. Unfortunately, due to copyright issues I'm not allowed to include popular praise songs in my service guides. Search for *Let Everything That Has Breath* and Chris Tomlin's *Forever* at PraiseCharts.com if you'd like to lengthen your service.

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come is arranged to sound similar to Matt Redman's *Let Everything That Has Breath* (in fact, worship leader Charlie Hall's guitarist Kendall Combes, who's playing on my arrangement of *Come Ye*, is also playing on the original live version of *Let Everything*!) Flow right out of *Come Ye Thankful* in the key of E into *Let Everything* without stopping - your congregation won't even realize they're singing a different song!

Then, the final lyrics of ***Now Thank We All Our God*** are *For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore*, which segues thematically into Chris Tomlin's *Forever*. The optional "amens" I've added to *Now Thank We* take it into the key of G (I recommend singing *Forever* in the lower key of G.) Underscore 2 foreshadows *Forever*'s intro. If you don't have time to learn the "amens" just end the song in the key of D.

7. *Now Thank We All Our God* hymn history. Contemporary worshiping churches may not be familiar with the age-old hymn *Now Thank We All Our God*. I like to provide context for anything unfamiliar, so I've included a short hymn history on *Now Thank We* you might like to print in your bulletin. Instead of having a prayer time during Underscore 2 the worship leader might direct the congregation to read the history. The history is written by Rev. Charles Ensley of Bay Shore Congregational Church in Long Beach, CA and he's graciously given permission to reprint it.

8. 3 Part Vocal Demos: I've included separate mixes with *just* the 3 part vocals (no soloists.) Please feel free to email these MP3s to your vocalists, burn CDs and/or put them on planning websites to help them learn their parts faster.

9. Reprise *Grateful Heart* at the end of your service. Do a verse 1 reprise at the end of your service by starting at the beginning and instead of taking the first ending at measure 44 go to the end at measure 77.

Questions or comments? Contact us at h2ghelp@heartstogod.com.

Service Order Ideas

The *Grateful Heart Service Guide* can be used in several formats that will provide you with material for years to come. Here are a few service order ideas:

Service Order 1: Full Guide

Underscore 3 (*Come Ye Thankful* narration)
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Underscore 2 (prayer time)
Now Thank We All Our God

Continue with your regular service

Offertory Special: Underscore 1 + *Grateful Heart*

Optional: End your service with a verse 1 reprise of *Grateful Heart*

Service Order 2: Full Guide

Underscore 1
Grateful Heart
Underscore 4 (this Underscore transitions from Bb to E)
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Underscore 2 (prayer time)
Now Thank We All Our God

Continue with your regular service

Optional: End your service with a verse 1 reprise of *Grateful Heart*

Service Order 3: Full Guide With Additional Songs (additional songs sold separately)

Underscore 1
Grateful Heart
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Let Everything That Has Breath (sold separately at PraiseCharts.com)
Underscore 2 (prayer time)
Now Thank We All Our God (with *amens* to transition to G)
Chris Tomlin's *Forever* in G (sold separately at PraiseCharts.com)

Continue with your regular service

Optional: End your service with a verse 1 reprise of *Grateful Heart*

**Service Order 4: Full Guide With Additional Songs
(additional songs sold separately)**

Underscore 3

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***Let Everything That Has Breath* (sold separately at PraiseCharts.com)**

Underscore 2 (prayer time)

Now Thank We All Our God (with *amens* to transition to G)

***Chris Tomlin's Forever in G* (sold separately at PraiseCharts.com)**

Continue with your regular service

Offertory Special: Underscore 1 + *Grateful Heart*

Optional: End your service with a verse 1 reprise of *Grateful Heart*

Service Order 5: Flavor Your Service with *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Underscore 3 (*Come Ye Thankful* narration)

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

***optional: Let Everything That Has Breath* (sold separately at PraiseCharts.com)**

Continue with your regular service

Offertory Special: Underscore 1 + *Grateful Heart*

Optional: End your service with a verse 1 reprise of *Grateful Heart*

Service Order 6: Flavor Your Service with *Now Thank We All Our God*

Now Thank We reading (read under introduction to *Now Thank We*)

Now Thank We All Our God (with *amens* to transition to G)

***Chris Tomlin's Forever in G* (sold separately at PraiseCharts.com)**

Continue with your regular service

Offertory Special: Underscore 1 + *Grateful Heart*

Optional: End your service with a verse 1 reprise of *Grateful Heart*

Service Order 7: Bookend Your Service with *Grateful Heart*

Underscore 1

call to worship: *Grateful Heart*

Continue with your regular service

Optional: End your service with a verse 1 reprise of *Grateful Heart*

Underscores, Reading & History

The *Grateful Heart Service Guide* contains 4 Underscores that can be mixed and matched in several ways:

Underscore 1:

Used with the song *Grateful Heart*.

Underscore 2:

Interactive Underscore for prayer time before *Now Thank We All Our God* and after *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*.

Underscore 3:

Used when *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* opens your service.

Underscore 4:

Used when *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* follows the song *Grateful Heart* (transitions from Bb to E.)

The *Now Thank We All Our God* reading is used under the intro if this hymn is used to open your service. In the "Service Guide" folder.

***Now Thank We All Our God* Hymn History.** In the "Service Guide" folder.