

We Are Very Thankful

(Blessing before Meals)

Jack Miffleton

INTRO (♩ = ca. 66)

C6 C6/B F6/A C6 Am7 G7/B C

Keyboard

VERSES

C6 C6/B F6/A C6 Am7 G7/B C

Cantor All

Autumn 1. For leaves that crunch be - neath our feet,
 Winter/Advent 2. For chill - y winds that howl and hum,
 Christmas 3. For Christ, the Child, the new - born King,
 Spring/Lent 4. As ti - ny seeds be - come new life,
 Easter 5. For Christ who rose up from the dead,
 Summer/Pentecost 6. For sum - mer sun and skies of blue,

we are ver - y thank - ful.

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Cantor All

1. For ap - ples, pears and gold - en wheat,
 2. For hearts pre - pared when Christ will come,
 3. As shep - herds watch and an - gels sing,
 4. And as we learn to fol - low Christ,
 5. And for his gift of liv - ing bread,
 6. And as the Spir - it makes us new,

we are ver - y thank - ful.

REFRAIN

F Dm7 C6 F C/G G7

O God, be pres - ent at this meal. Bless the farm - er in the field.
 *O God, pre - pare our hearts to - day. Take our sin and pain a - way.

C G/B Am7 C/G F6 Dm G7 C

Bless the poor with love and care, and let this gath - 'ring be a prayer.
 Bless the poor with love and care, and let our lives be - come a prayer.

F Dm Am7 G9/B 1 C 2 C Fine

Bless us! _____ Friends and fam - i - ly.
 Bless - ings! _____ Bless - ings on our meal.
 Bless us _____ at this ho - ly meal.

*Alternative Refrain is for use at the Preparation of the Gifts during Mass.

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SOLO INSTRUMENT

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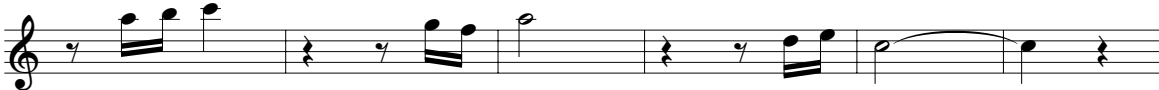
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Composer Notes

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Here is a table blessing for use throughout the year. It combines the four seasons and the liturgical year. Use the first verse and refrain to sing a blessing for a Thanksgiving Day meal. The melody is pentatonic and easy to sing without accompaniment. This song has an alternative refrain that allows it to be sung at Mass during the preparation of the table and the presentation of the gifts. It is suggested that children be allowed to give reasons for being thankful before the eucharistic prayer (*DMC 22*). This song provides a format for the children to sing their thanks.

