

*In celebration of the marriage of  
Sally A. Johnston and Wayne H. Bishop*

# NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

for SATB Choir, Congregation and organ,  
with optional handbells, brass quartet (quintet), and timpani

Text by MARTIN RINKART (ca. 1636)  
Translated by CATHERINE WINKWORTH (1858)

NUN DANKE  
Tune by JOHANN CRÜGER (1648)  
Harmonization based on one by FELIX MENDELSSOHN (1840)  
Setting by HAL H. HOPSON (ASCAP)

**With majestic vigor** (♩ = ca. 92)

**INTRODUCTION**

**HANDBELLS**

**ORGAN**

**Man.** *f*

**Ped.**

**Sk**

**6**

**11**

**15**

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## **STANZA 1: *Choir & Congregation***

Bells (f) CONGREGATION f [19]

Cong.

S A

T B

Org. (f) [19]

[24]

[24]

won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es; who

won-drous things has done, in whom this world re - joic - es; who

[24] (b)

[A]

A musical score for three voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor) and piano. The music is in common time, with a key signature of one flat. The vocal parts are written on treble and bass staves, with lyrics provided below the staff. The piano part is on a separate staff at the bottom. Measure numbers 29 and 33 are indicated above the staves. The lyrics describe maternal blessing and love.

29  
from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way with  
from our\_moth - ers'\_ arms has blessed\_us on\_our\_ way with  
29  
count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
33  
count - less\_ gifts\_ of love, and\_ still is\_ ours to - day.

\* No breath.

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STANZA 2: *Choir only (Tenors and Basses)**p*

37

2. O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,

37

*p*

37

41

41

ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless-ed peace to cheer us;

45

45

with

and

49

49

53

keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed; and

53

,

57

free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

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INTERLUDE

Bells

ff

Org.

f ff

STANZA 3: *Choir & Congregation*

Bells { 

66

(*ff*)

DESCANT (*selected voices*)

*ff* 66

Ah\_\_\_\_\_ ah\_\_\_\_\_ ah\_\_\_\_\_

*ff* MELODY

3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - en; the

66

(*ff*)

71

ah\_\_\_\_\_ ah\_\_\_\_\_

Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en; the

71

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Musical score for voices and piano, page 9, measures 76-80. The vocal parts are in G clef, and the piano part is in F clef. The key signature is one flat. Measure 76: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 77: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 78: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 79: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 80: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns.

one e - ter - nal God, whom earth\_ and heav'n a - dore; for

Musical score for voices and piano, page 9, measures 80-84. The vocal parts are in G clef, and the piano part is in F clef. The key signature is one flat. Measure 80: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 81: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 82: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 83: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Measure 84: Treble vocal line has eighth-note patterns. Bass vocal line has eighth-note patterns.

thus if was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

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Handbells used: 6



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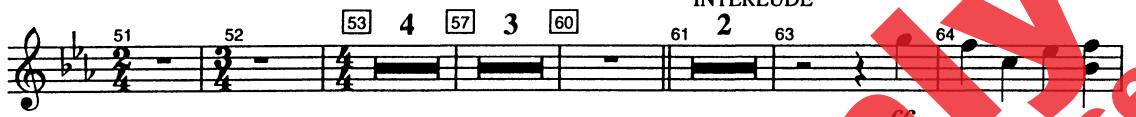
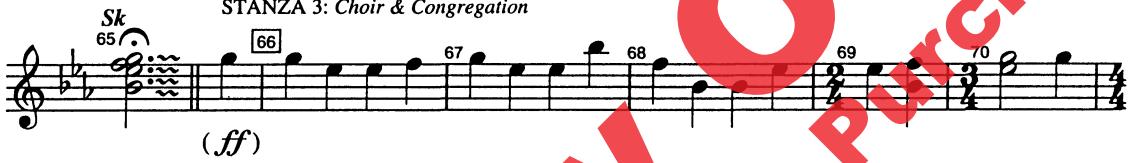
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STANZA 2: *Choir only*

## INTERLUDE

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CONGREGATION SINGS STANZA 1 & 3 (*Stanza 2: Choir only*)



1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and  
2. *O may this boun-teous God through all our life be*  
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be

voic - es;  
near us;  
giv en;



who won-drous things has done in whom this world re - joic - es;  
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer - us;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est heav - en;



who from our moth-ers' arms has blessed us on our way  
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed;  
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;



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