



Litany for the 125th Anniversary Memorial Organ, Christ Church, Needham

Officiant Today we seek God's blessing as we gather with thankfulness to dedicate this instrument of praise to God's glory. God has graciously given us a wonderful gift in music; and may this instrument, provided by the gracious generosity of God's people, enable us to better sound our praise and thanksgiving.

Believing instruments of sacred music are approved of God, to be used for thanksgiving and praise in regards glorious name,

All We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

Officiant That it may lift up the melody of psalm and hymn and spiritual song in such ways that all may go forth from this holy place with high resolve to do the will of God,

All We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

Officiant To help kindle the flame of devotion that all who assemble here may be inspired and enabled to worship God in spirit and truth,

All We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

Officiant To help comfort the sorrowing and help cheer the faint, to help bring purity to our minds and peace into our hearts, and to help lead all who may hear its sounds in the way of salvation and eternal life,

All We dedicate this organ to God as an instrument of praise.

Officiant Let us pray. For this instrument of praise God now set apart for sacred worship, for all this material components for those who designed and built it, for those who skills awaken harmonies to enhance our worship, and for all who gave to make this gift possible,

All We give you thanks, oh Lord.

Officiant O gracious God, may this organ, alone or in concert with other instruments and voices, be to all who worship here a source of joy and inspiration for years, even generations to come. We dedicate this organ to the proclamation of the gospel; the healing of life's discords; the expression of redemption's joys; the revelation of the hidden expression of divine harmony; to comforting those who sorrow and exulting with those who celebrate in life's transitions. Be with your servants who will use this instrument to make music for you and your people, as you prepare us on earth to sing your praises in heaven; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



[Hymn 420 vv 1, 5](#)

When in our music God is glorified

Engelberg

Members of the Organ Committees in Recent Years

Members of the Parish

Myra Anderson
Nardin Baker
Ed Brailey
John Jensen (*in memorium*)
Duff Lingard
Tim Lysaght
Jean McCarthy
Dorothy Rifai
Alan West (*in memorium*)
Linnea Wren

Staff

Pam Goody
Charles Raines

And with particular gratitude to:

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Tim Lysaght, for finding new homes for thousands of vintage organ pipes;

Charles Raines, for embracing and researching cutting edge organ technology;

And especially:

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