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# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28 November 15, 2020



#### **Morning Prayer**

#### Officiant

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

#### **Officiant**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

#### Officiant and People

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### **Officiant**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen* 

#### The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

#### Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### **Jubilate** Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;\* serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.

# Know this: The Lord himself is God; \* he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise;\* give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting;\* and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

#### Psalm 90:1-12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge \* from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, \* from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, \* "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \* and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; \* we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; \* in the evening it is dried up and withered.

- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; \* we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, \* and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \* we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; \* yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \* who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days \* that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### A Reading from Zephaniah (1:7, 12-18)

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice. he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be

consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

#### Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah

Surely, it is God who saves me;\* I will trust in him and not be afraid.

### For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,\* and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing\* from the springs of salvation.

### And on that day you shall say,\* Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples;\* see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

# Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things,\* and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy,\* for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Officiant and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

#### A Reading from 1 Thessalonians (5:1-11)

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore

encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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#### Canticle 18 - A Song to the Lamb

Splendor and honor and kingly power\* are yours by right, O Lord our God,

For you created everything that is,\* and by your will they were created and have their being;

And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,\* for with your blood you have redeemed for God,

From every family, language, people, and nation,\* a kingdom of priests to serve our God.

And so, to him who sits upon the throne,\* and to Christ the Lamb,

Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor\* for ever and for evermore.

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (25:14-30)

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saving, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one

who had received the one talent also came forward. saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** 

#### The Sermon

Fr. Haynes

Silence for reflection

#### The Apostles' Creed

Officiant and People together

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### The Prayers

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Officiant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Officiant Let us pray.

Our father in heaven hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
- R. And grant us your salvation.
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
- R. Let your people sing with joy.
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
- R. For only in you can we live in safety.
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
- R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
- R. Your saving health among all nations.
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
- R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
- R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

#### **Officiant**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

#### Leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for the Anglican Communion, especially for the Dioceses of The Free State - (Southern Africa), Rumonge - (Burundi), On the Coast - (Nigeria), Kwoi - (Nigeria), Rupert's Land - (Canada), Dogura - (Papua New Guinea), Rutana - (Burundi), Doko - (Nigeria), Dominican Republic - (The Episcopal Church), Ruwenzori - (Uganda), Dornakal - (South India), Sabah - (South East Asia), Down & Dromore - (Ireland), and The Church of Ceylon; our diocese, especially for Trinity, Everett; St. Philip, Marysville; and for our parish, especially our Lemon Meringue Pie Buddy Group: Anne & Bob Hartwig; Mary Saray; Saray Yuorn; Bob, Kathy, and John Winslow; Chuck & Lyn Zimmerman; Scott, Holly, Chelsea, and Sydney Donnelly; Chrystal, Devon, and Marques Lampman; Debbie Williams; Stevie, Sam, Toni, Halli, and Lacey McMillan.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our armed forces, their families, and those who are deployed, especially for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We thank you for all the blessings of this life, especially for those we now name.

Lord, in your mercy,

#### Hear our prayer

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those on our prayer list and those in our hearts, praying especially for Lyn, Areewa, Brenda, Marisa, Sandy, Paulette, Erica, Rico, Steven, David, Hollie, Christine, Theresa, Beth, Justin, Saray, Julianne, Jessica, Antonette, Ryan, Jackie, Bill & Paula, Janis, Leif, Kari, Kathryn, Deb, Mike, Judy, Elizabeth, Milana McLead, Alisande, Jenny, Peggy,

Gordon, Jerry, Debbie, Arne for all who suffer from COVID 19, their families, and friends, and for those we now name;

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.* 

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Jim Oberg, that your will for them may be fulfilled. We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy, *Hear our prayer.* 

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Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.* 

#### Announcements, Birthdays, Anniversaries

After the Offering is collected and placed upon the altar, the following is sung

**Song of Praise Hymn #380 vs. 3** *Doxology* Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

#### The General Thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus

Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### The Blessing

The Peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.* 

#### St. Matthew Mission Statement

To be a church that passionately embraces and values all people, growing in the love of Christ through word and action.

*Officiant* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing

in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.