

The Twenty-third Sunday After Pentecost November 8, 2020

The Service of the Word

Temporary Safety Rules

- ♣ Be joyful, grateful, and blessed!
- Please wear mask anytime you are not seated in a pew/chair.
- **B**athroom: please only one person in a bathroom at a time.
- The Communion: A priest will come through the aisle to distribute bread (host) only. If you wish NOT to receive the bread, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Opening Voluntary: Samuel Klauss (piano)

Opening Hymn: "America the Beautiful"

Oh beautiful, for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain;
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America! America! God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy

Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and

forever! Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

The Collect of the Day - prayed by the Celebrant

The First Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the

archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 70 (read responsively by whole verse)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

Sequence Hymn: "Bless the Lord Oh My Soul"

Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, and all that is within me Bless His Holy name

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He has done great things, He has done great things He has done great things, Bless His Holy name Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me Bless His holy name

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Matthew.

People Glory to you Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Reader People The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Roger Hungerford

The Nicene Creed (p. 358 BCP)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate:

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the

dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped & glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

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. – *Silence* – 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 stand strong and courageously for your truth. – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Renew in us a sense of reverent bewilderment for the earth as your creation and for life itself as a precious gift. Lead us, Lord, so that we may use the resources of this life rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as you love us. – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially those who are in hospitals and nursing facilities, and those who are suffering silently among us today – *Silence* – give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Shine your perpetual light, O Lord, upon all who have died, and rest your sustaining grace upon all who mourn – *Silence* – Lord, in your mercy. *Hear our prayer*.

The Confession Altogether

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*.

The Peace: Welcome & Announcements



This portion of the service begins on p. 361 in the BCP however, you are encouraged to give your attention to the altar.

Offertory: "O Come to the Altar"

Are you hurting and broken within?

Overwhelmed by the weight of your sin, Jesus is calling.

Have you come to the end of yourself?

Do you thirst for a drink from the well, Jesus is calling.

Refrain:

O come to the altar, the Father's arms are open wide Forgiveness was bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Leave behind your regrets and mistakes Come today, there's no reason to wait, Jesus is calling. Bring your sorrows and trade them for joy From the ashes a new life is born, Jesus is calling. (Refrain)

Oh what a Savior, isn't He wonderful? Sing hallelujah! Christ is risen! Bow down before Him, for He is Lord of all. Sing hallelujah! Christ is risen! (Refrain)

The Great Thanksgiving

CelebrantThe Lord be with you.PeopleAnd also with you.CelebrantLift up your hearts.PeopleWe lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again..

Prayer for Grace and Blessing

Loving God, while I cannot receive your Holy Communion at this time, I sincerely ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon me now and upon all of your children. Fill me, sustain me, and lead me with your life-giving Grace and strength, today and forever. *Amen*.

Communion Hymn: "Draw Nigh and Take the Body of

the Lord"

Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord, And drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.

With heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, Gives living waters to the thirsting soul.

Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere, And take the pledges of salvation here.

Communion Hymn: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

Refrain:

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire He is the LORD our God We are not consumed, by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up (Refrain)

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength (Refrain)

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful one And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom. (Refrain)

Post Communion Prayer

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: "Eternal Father Strong to Save" *Eternal Father, strong to save.*

Whose arm doth bond the restless wave, Who bids the mighty ocean deep Its own appointed limits keep; O hear us when we cry to Thee For those in peril on the sea.

The Dismissal

Closing Voluntary: Samuel Klauss (piano)

Flower Dedications



In Honor of our 32nd Anniversary Roy & Lorrie Wilkinson



Your Sermon Notes

Prayer List

Requested Prayer

Adam, Adam D., Aly & Baby Logan, Arlene, Barbara, Betty J., Betty W.,Bob, Bobbie, Brad, Brenda, Bryan, Catherine, Fr. Chris, Cindy Ba., Cindy Br., Darlene, David H., David I., Debrah, Doug, Drew, Ed., Ellie, Elsie, Emme, Faith, Fay, Fred, Grace, Jackie, James, Jamie, Jean, Jennifer W., Jessica, Jillian, Joey, John B., John G., Jordan, Joseph, Jude, Judy G., Karen, Kelly, Ken, Kevin, Kiefer, Kimberly, Kristyn, Laya, Linda E., Linda M., Luke Allen, Margaret, Marguerite, Melissa, Nancy, Neta, Pat, T., Patrick B., Paula, K., Paula M., Peggy, Polly, Ralph, Selene, Sherry Jo, Sherry, Sierra, Stacie, Sue, Susan B., Susan C., Susan K., Teresa K., Teresa L., Terry, Tif, Tom, Tony, The Lanier Family, The Youth, & Wendy, All those affected by Hurricane Sally & the Wildfires in the West

Military

Adam Thomas, Adam Zigler, Ben Boyer, Bill Elliott, Chase Coleman, Christian Clark, Daniel Payden, Donovan Chau, Doug Wiessman,

Dylan Hoewt, Edie Ruiz, Grant Hungerford, Hunter Bailey, J Jackie Neville, Jason Wine, Jeremy Rice, Jose Hernandez, Kathryn Rubio, Kevin Kahl, Marc Ruiz, Mike Darrah, Nicholas Pinkston, Raymond Buckalew, Jr., Sean Haight, Shaun Southall, Terry W. Triplett, Jr., Tyler Post

Repose of the Soul

Cecil "Buddy" Lanier Joseph Pullen Rolande Morency Lee Spain Greg Williams Americans who have died from COVID-19

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