

# November 15, 2020

## The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost



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### SERVICE of WORD and PRAYER *from With One Voice*

THE PRELUDE: *Lord, Speak to Us, that We May Speak*  
ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

HYMN: "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs 1,2,4

### 415 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, On your peo - ple  
2 Lo! The hosts of e - vil round us Scorn the Christ, as -  
3 Cure your chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; Bend our pride to  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion To the e - vils

pour your pow'r; Crown your an - cient Church's . . . sto - ry;  
sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us  
your con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,  
we de - plore; Let the gift of your sal - va - tion

Bring its bud to glo - rious flow'r. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age  
Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
Be our glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.  
For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.  
Lest we miss your king - dom's goal, Lest we miss your king - dom's goal.  
Serv - ing you whom we a - dore, Serv - ing you whom we a - dore.

## THE GREETING & DIALOG

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

You are the treasured people of the LORD,  
**a people holy to the LORD our God.**  
Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.  
**Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.**  
One does not live by bread alone,  
**but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

## SCRIPTURE SONG

Refrain  
Sal - va - tion be - longs to our God and to  
Christ the Lamb for - ev - er and ev - er.

Great and won - der - ful are your deeds, O God of the u - ni - verse;  
just and true are your ways, O Rul - er of all the na - tions.

Refrain  
Who can fail to hon - or you, Lord, and sing the glo - ry of your name?

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One. All  
na - tions will draw near and wor - ship be - fore you,  
for your just and ho - ly works have been re - vealed.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.  
Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

TEMPLE TALK: *Disaster Preparedness*

Andrew King

## COMMISSIONING of DISASTER RESPONSE COORDINATOR

### THE FIRST LESSON

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.

THE PSALM *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.**

THE SECOND LESSON

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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Word of Life"

Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!  
 Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!  
 Our hearts burn with - in us while you o - pen to us the Scrip - tures.  
 Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all glo - ry to you!  
 Word of life, Je - sus Christ, all praise to you!

## THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25<sup>th</sup> chapter.

### Glory to you, O Lord.

## THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

“For 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, saying, ‘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, 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, O Christ.

HYMN: “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light” vs 1,3

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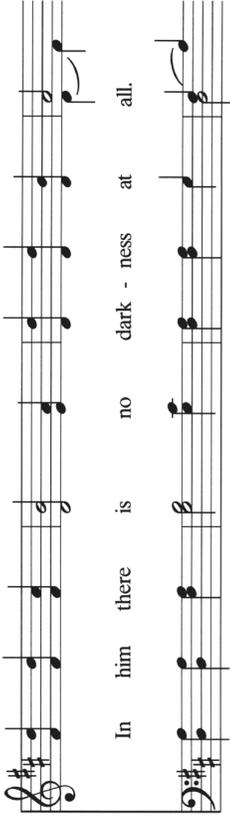
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God.  
3 I'm look-ing for . . . the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
I want to look at Je-sus.  
I want to be with Je-sus.

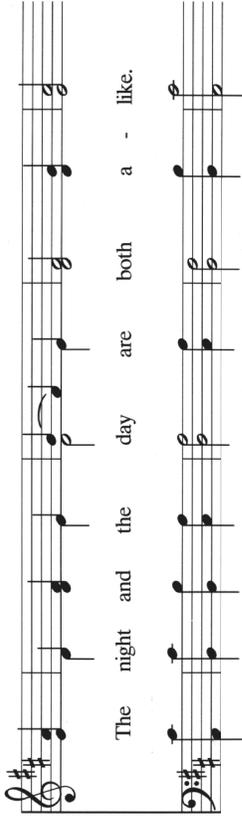
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
Clear Sun of Right-eous-ness, shine on my path,  
When we have run . . . with pa-tience the race,

The star of my life . . . is Je-sus.  
and show me the way . . . to the Fa-ther.  
we shall know the joy . . . of Je-sus.

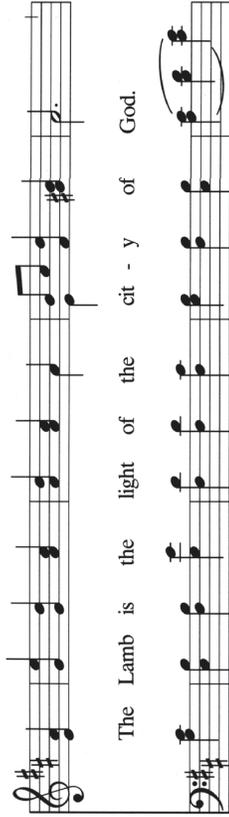
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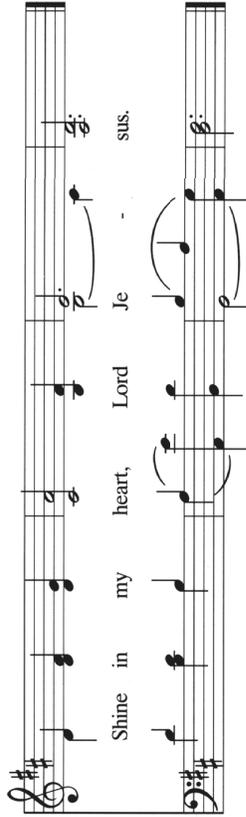
In him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

THE SERMON

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

In Christ, you have heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation.

**We believe in him and are marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit**

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**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 into hell.**

**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 dead.**

**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**

Build yourselves up on your most holy faith; **pray in the Holy Spirit.**

Keep yourselves in the love of God;

**look forward to the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation:

**Everything old has passed away; behold, everything has become new!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.

Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.

*(silence for reflection and self examination.)*

Gracious God,

**Have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone.**

**Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and**

serve you in newness of life,  
**To the honor and glory of your holy name;  
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your 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 SHARING OF THE PEACE**

Sisters and brothers, rejoice. Mend your ways, encourage one another, Agree with one another, live in peace.  
 The peace of the Lord be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**THE OFFERING**

**THE OFFERTORY: "Glory to You, God" vs. 3**

*(Advent to Transfiguration)  
 (Lent to Pentecost)  
 (Season after Pentecost)*

Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
 God, our Creator,  
 you open wide your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. With these gifts we bless you for your tender nurture and care. Help us to delight in your will and walk in your ways, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

As God's people called to love one another,  
 let us pray for the needs of the Church, the human family, and all the world.

God of mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else you see that we need, grant us, O God, for the sake of Christ who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.  
**Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
 and forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us;  
 and lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen**

**THE BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit,  
 bless you now and forever.  
**Amen**

HYMN: "Awake, O Sleeper" vs 1,2,3,4

## Awake, O Sleeper

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1 A - wake, O sleep - er, rise from death, and Christ shall give you light;  
2 To us on earth he came to bring from sin and fear re - lease,  
3 Then walk in love as Christ has loved, who died that he might save;  
4 For us Christ lived, for us he died, and con - quered in the strife.

so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *My Country, 'Tis of Thee*