

To *one*
he gave
FIVE
talents,



to
another
TWO,

to *another*
ONE,
to each
according to
his ability.

Matthew 25:15



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Sunday, November 15, 2020

8:15 and 10:45 am - Communion

24th Sunday after Pentecost

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *The Summons*

(When the music of the prelude begins, please lower your voice; but, after worship raise your voice with joy!)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Leader: In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation: Amen.

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

L: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

L: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

GATHERING SONG

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O Zion, Haste

1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is light;
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Text: Mary A. Thomson, 1834-1923
Music: James Walch, 1837-1901

ANGELIC SONGS
11 10 11 10 and refrain

Refrain

Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,

tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

GREETING

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

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth
and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have.
Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and
prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

FIRST READING: Zephaniah 1: 7-16

L: The first reading is from Zephaniah, the 1st chapter.

⁷ Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,
for the day of the LORD is near.

The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;
he has consecrated those he has invited.

⁸ On the day of the LORD's sacrifice

I will punish the officials
and the king's sons
and all those clad

in foreign clothes.

⁹ On that day I will punish
all who avoid stepping on the threshold,
who fill the temple of their gods
with violence and deceit.

¹⁰ "On that day,"
declares the LORD,

"a cry will go up from the Fish Gate,
wailing from the New Quarter,
and a loud crash from the hills.

¹¹ Wail, you who live in the market district;
all your merchants will be wiped out,
all who trade with silver will be destroyed.

¹² At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps
and punish those who are complacent,
who are like wine left on its dregs,
who think, 'The LORD will do nothing,
either good or bad.'

¹³ Their wealth will be plundered,
their houses demolished.

Though they build houses,
they will not live in them;
though they plant vineyards,
they will not drink the wine."

¹⁴ The great day of the LORD is near—
near and coming quickly.

The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter;
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.

¹⁵ That day will be a day of wrath—
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of trouble and ruin,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and blackness—

¹⁶ a day of trumpet and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the corner towers.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90

L: Please let us read responsively Psalm 90.

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.

² **Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

³ You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

⁴ **A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**

⁵ Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—
they are like the new grass of the morning:

⁶ **In the morning it springs up new,
but by evening it is dry and withered.**

⁷ We are consumed by your anger
and terrified by your indignation.

⁸ **You have set our iniquities before you,
our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

⁹ All our days pass away under your wrath;
we finish our years with a moan.

¹⁰ **Our days may come to seventy years,
or eighty, if our strength endures;
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

¹¹ If only we knew the power of your anger!
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

¹² **Teach us to number our days,
that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

L: The second reading is from First Thessalonians, the 5th chapter.

¹ Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

⁴ But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. ⁹ For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. ¹⁰ He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

(10:45 am only)

Amazing Love - Kendrick

Jeannine Sanford and Holly Puett, duet

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*
Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

L: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 25th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁴ "Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. ¹⁵ To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. ¹⁶ The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. ¹⁷ So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. ¹⁸ But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

¹⁹ "After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

²¹ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in

charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²² "The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

²³ "His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

²⁴ "Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

²⁶ "His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? ²⁷ Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.'

²⁸ "'So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. ²⁹ For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ³⁰ And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

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Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
Music: Irish traditional

SLANE
10 10 10 10

NICENE CREED

**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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,

who 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 INTERCESSION

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

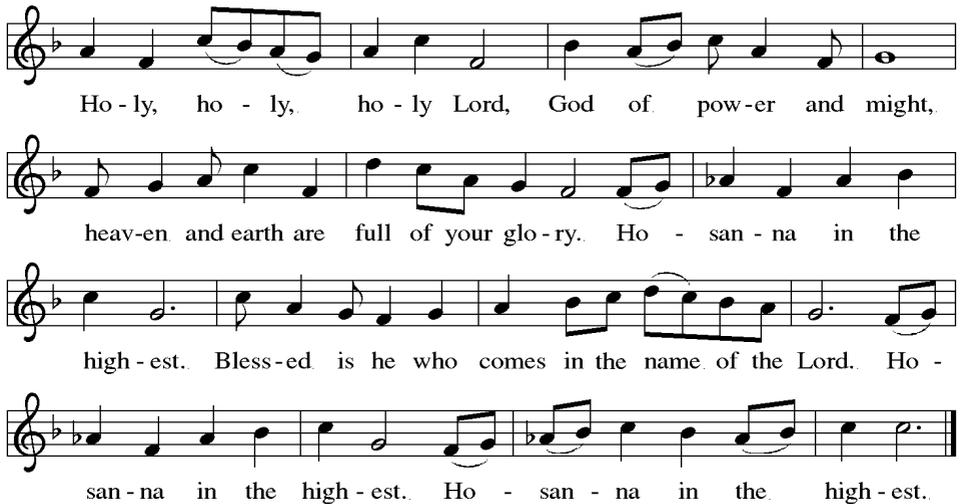
C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

C: Amen

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

L: Let us pray.

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✚ give you peace.

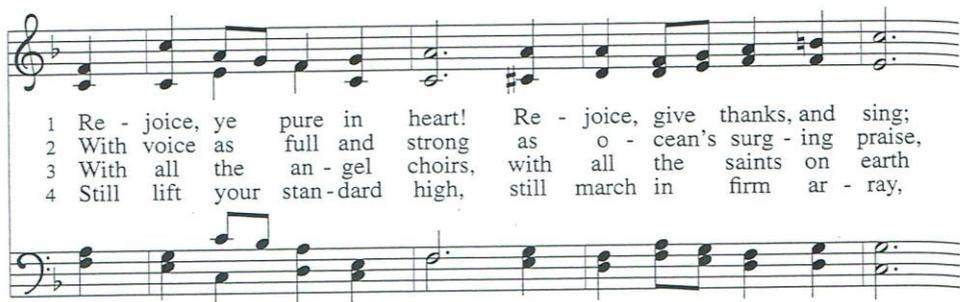
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

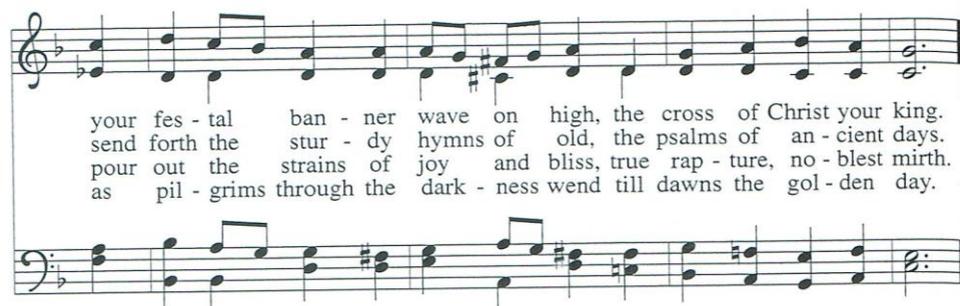
SENDING SONG

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Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing;
2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,
3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth
4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,



your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.
send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

Refrain



Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

PREPARING FOR NEXT WEEK

Christ the King

Ezek. 34:11–16, 20–24, Psalm 95:1–7a, I Cor. 15:20–28, Matt. 25:31–46



Altar Flowers

The altar flowers this morning are given to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents by Bert and Beryl Mottern

THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM INCLUDES:

	8:15 Service	10:45 Service
LECTOR	Amy Montag-Smith	Dick Beatty
GREETER	Linda Heade	Susan Beatty
OFFERING COUNTERS	Kathy McRandal and Lil Bachman	

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