

Order of Worship + November 8, 2020
Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Confession and Forgiveness

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

C: **Amen**

P: 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**

P: 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.

Please take a few moments for silent reflection.

P: 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**

Announcement of God's Forgiveness

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

Opening Song:

"God is Here "

WOV #719

719 God Is Here!

1 God is here! As we your peo-ple meet to of-fer
2 Here are sym-bols to re-mind us of our life-long
3 Here our chil-dren find a wel-come in the Shep-herd's
4 Lord of all, of Church and king-dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full-er mea-sure
need of grace; here are ta-ble, font, and pul-pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak-en,
change and doubt keep us faith-ful to the Gos-pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen-tral place. Here in hon-es-
Christ sus-tains us, as of old. Here the ser-vants
help us work your pur-pose out. Here, in this day's

world a-round us, all our var-ied skills and arts
ty of preach-ing, here in si-lence, as in speech,
of the Ser-vant seek in wor-ship to ex-plore
ded-i-ca-tion, all we have to give, re-ceive;

wait the com-ing of the Spir-it in-to o-pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new-ness and re-new-al, God the Spir-it comes to each.
 what it means in dai-ly liv-ing to be-lieve and to a-dore.
 we, who can-not live with-out you, we a-dore you! We be-lieve!

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Salutation

P: 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.**

Kyrie

A: **In peace, let us pray to the Lord**

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: **For the peace from above, and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord**

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: **For the peace of the whole world, for the well being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord**

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: **For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord**

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: **Help, save, comfort and defend us gracious Lord**

C: Amen.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray...

C: **God of light and life, through your most Holy Spirit, illumine our lives with your grace so that we may be ready for the coming of your Son. Grant that we may bear the light of your love to the world in need, that all may know of your justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

First Lesson

Amos 5:18-24

Woe to you who long for the day of the Lord! Why do you long for the day of the Lord? That day will be darkness, not light. ¹⁹ It will be as though a man fled from a lion only to meet a bear, as though he entered his house and rested his hand on the wall only to have a snake bite him.

²⁰ Will not the day of the Lord be darkness, not light - pitch-dark, without a ray of brightness? ²¹ "I hate, I despise your religious festivals; your assemblies are a stench to me. ²² Even though you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them. Though you bring choice fellowship offerings, I will have no regard for them.

²³ Away with the noise of your songs! I will not listen to the music of your harps. ²⁴ But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 70

*Read responsively with the congregation reading the words in **bold***

L: Hasten, O God, to save me; come quickly, Lord, to help me.

C: **May those who want to take my life be put to shame and confusion; may all who desire my ruin be turned back in disgrace.**

L: May those who say to me, “Aha! Aha!” turn back because of their shame.

C: But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who long for your saving help always say, “The Lord is great!”

L: But as for me, I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.

C: You are my help and my deliverer; Lord, do not delay.

Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Brothers and sisters, we do not want you to be uninformed about those who sleep in death, so that you do not grieve like the rest of mankind, who have no hope. ¹⁴ For we believe that Jesus died and rose again, and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him.

¹⁵ According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷ After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. ¹⁸ Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Gospel Announcement

Matthew 25:1-13

P: The Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

“At that time the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. ² Five of them were foolish and five were wise. ³ The foolish ones took their lamps but did not take any oil with them. ⁴ The wise ones, however, took oil in jars along with their lamps. ⁵ The bridegroom was a long time in coming, and they all became drowsy and fell asleep.

⁶“At midnight the cry rang out: ‘Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to meet him!’

⁷“Then all the virgins woke up and trimmed their lamps. ⁸ The foolish ones said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil; our lamps are going out.’

⁹“‘No,’ they replied, ‘there may not be enough for both us and you. Instead, go to those who sell oil and buy some for yourselves.’

¹⁰“But while they were on their way to buy the oil, the bridegroom arrived. The virgins who were ready went in with him to the wedding banquet. And the door was shut.

¹¹“Later the others also came. ‘Lord, Lord,’ they said, ‘open the door for us!’

¹²“But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I don’t know you.’

¹³“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Angie Schatz

Sermon

Ken Nelson

Sermon Song

“My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness”

¹My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who bore my pain

Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
And gave me life again
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness
And clothed me with His light
And wrote His law of righteousness
With pow'r upon my heart

²My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who walks beside
Who floods my weaknesses with strength
And causes fears to fly
Whose every promise is enough
For every step I take
Sustaining me with arms of love
And crowning me with grace

³My heart is filled with thankfulness
To Him who reigns above
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace
Whose every thought is love
For every day I have on earth
Is given by the King
So I will give my life my all
To love and follow Him

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Apostles' Creed

A: Let us profess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize:

C: **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, and the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The prayers conclude

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Peace of Christ

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: You may share a sign of peace with your family members.

Offertory: "Let The Vineyards" WOV page 35

Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.

The image shows a musical score for the Offertory "Let The Vineyards" from the Worship of God (WOV) page 35. The score is written on three staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Let the vine-yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life." The first staff begins with a square symbol. The lyrics are aligned with the notes on the staves.



Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence, Lord,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, Holy Father, through Christ our Lord; 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 the Church on earth, and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy holy are you, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are filled with your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in your name. Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution

P: 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 as often as you drink it, for the remembrance of me.

Lord's Prayer

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

C: 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.

Communion is distributed *(Nicole will play music during distribution)*

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

A: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor + and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

Closing Music

“Sing to the Lord/Cantad al Señor”

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Oh, Sing to the Lord
Cantad al Señor

1 Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
2 For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
3 So dance for our God, and blow all the trum - pets.
4 Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.
For God is the Lord, and God has done won - ders.
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So dance for our God, and blow all the trum - pets.
Oh, shout to our God, who gave us the Spir - it.
For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia!

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
and sing to our God, and sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.
Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

- 1 Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
Cantad al Señor un cántico nuevo.
¡cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 2 Porque el Señor ha hecho prodigios.
Porque el Señor ha hecho prodigios,
Porque el Señor ha hecho prodigios,
¡cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 3 Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa.
Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa,
Cantad al Señor, alabadle con arpa,
¡cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 4 Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo.
Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo,
Es él que nos da el Espíritu Santo,
¡cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*
- 5 ¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡Jesus es Señor! ¡Amén, aleluya!
¡cantad al Señor, cantad al Señor!*

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Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.