



Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020 - 10am

The Gathering of the Community

The people's responses are in bold

GATHERING HYMN

God the Creator, CP 445

1 God the Creator, you in love made me
Who once was nothing,
but now have grown
I bring the best of all my life offers;
For you I share whatever I own.

2 O Christ the Saviour,
you in love called me
Who once was no one, lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
Making your will and purpose my own.

3 O God the Spirit, you in love move me
Who once was nowhere and felt
unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
All things can change
when not on my own.

4 And with the people summoned
together
To be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
And let the world know all are his own

CONFESSION

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart,
O God, you will not despise.

Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Silence is kept.

**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
neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Together we praise God.

Lord, open our lips,
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

O God, make speed to save us
O Lord, make haste to help us

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

Allelulia

The Lord is our refuge and strength
O come, let us worship.

The Proclamation of the Word of God

THE PSALM

Psalm 123

- 1 I lift up my eyes to you,
to you who sit enthroned in heaven.
- 2 As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the Lord our God,
till he shows us his mercy.
- 3 Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy on us,
for we have endured no end of contempt.
- 4 We have endured no end
of ridicule from the arrogant,
of contempt from the proud.

Together we pray...

King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name. Amen.

THE FIRST READING

Judges 4:1-7

Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the Lord, now that Ehud was dead. So the Lord sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the Lord for help.

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND READING

Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 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. But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. 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. For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. 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. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

“After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. 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.’ 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!’ 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.’ 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!’ 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. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ 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? 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.

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. 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. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

CHILDREN'S TALK

Brit, Seth, & Eve

Children's Song

This Little Light of Mine

*Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel? No!
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

THE SERMON

The Reverend Howard Thornton

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**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 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.**

OFFERTORY HYMN

Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant, CP 500

Sister, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant too.

I will hold the Christ-light for you,
In the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow travellers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray to the Lord, **Lord, have mercy.**

THE COLLECT

**Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light
and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING HYMN

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say, CP 508

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto Me, and rest;
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting-place,
And He has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water: thirsty one,
Stoop down, and drink, and live.”
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s Light;
Look unto Me, thy morn shall rise,
And all thy day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I’ll walk
Till trav’ling days are done.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us bless the lord.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

**May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness,
working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**