

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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10:00 AM Service

Holy Communion



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Services: Sunday - 8 and 10 AM • Wednesday - 10 AM • Saturday - 5 PM

Our Sunday services are livestreamed

WELCOME TO GOOD SHEPHERD

During this time of social distancing: Please sit in one of the spaces in a pew marked with a piece of white masking tape. People in the same household may sit together, but everyone else should sit 6 feet apart.

Restrooms: Handicap-accessible restrooms are located to the right as you go up the ramp through the archway across from the doors of the sanctuary.

Hymnals, Prayer Books and Bibles are in a bookcase in the back of the church. If you would like to use one, please take one and return it in the box after the service.

Humming or simply listening to hymns is appropriate.

We have gluten-free wafers available: Please tell us when you come to the altar rail.

Symbols in the Bulletin: **P** Priest **D** Deacon **L** Leader **C** Congregation **All** Everyone

Standing, sitting, and kneeling: Throughout the bulletin there are invitations to stand, sit or kneel, as you choose. You are free to be seated at any time when that is best for you.

A gentle reminder: please silence your mobile phone before the service.

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Almighty Father, Strong to Save

arr. L.R. Lamb
Bells of Hope

[Please maintain reverent silence during the prelude.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

P Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

G And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

A 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 GATHERING HYMN

Almighty Father, Strong to Save

H. 579 vs. 1,4

[Please stand when invited.]

*Almighty Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.*

*O Trinity of love and power, our people shield in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee glad praise from space, air, land and sea.*

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And also with you.

P Let us pray. . . . Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

G Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Readings: Judges 4:1-7, Psalm 123, 12, 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Matthew 25:14-30

[Please be seated.]

The First Reading:

📖 *The First Reading is taken from Judges, Chapter 4...*

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

📖 The Word of the Lord.

🙏 **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

Tune: All Praise To Their My God

[Please remain seated.]

***To you, O Lord, we lift our eyes, To you enthroned in heaven above;
As servants wait for those they serve, So we look up and wait God's love.***

***Have mercy on us now, O Lord; Contempt has been our lot too long.
Too long have we been mocked and scorned, Derided by the proud and strong.***

The Second Reading

☐ *The Second Reading is taken from 1 Thessalonians, chapter 5*

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.

☐ The Word of the Lord.

☑ **Thanks be to God.**

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celtic Alleluia

[Please stand.]



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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Gospel

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

🔊 **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

ⓓ Jesus said, “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; 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, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

[Please be seated.]

Cindy Roehl

THE 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: 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 and 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

[Please sit, stand or kneel, as you choose.]

☩ Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

ℒ Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

☩ Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith.

ℒ Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and the common good.

☩ Where there is despair, let us sow hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

ℒ Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [especially . . . read names in notebook], and those we name aloud or in our hearts [leave time . . .]. Help us to be the answers to the prayers of those who cry out to you.

☩ Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love.

ℒ Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation. We give thanks for the flowers given today to the Glory of God, and for the birthdays this coming week of Nancy Heuer, Daniel Little, Patricia Tardif, and for all the blessings of this life. Please give thanks for your blessings, silently or aloud. [Leave time.] Give us open hands and hearts.

☩ For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

ℒ We commend to your mercy all who have died, [especially . . . read names in notebook], and those we name aloud or in our hearts [leave time . . .], that your will for them may be fulfilled;

☩ **For it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Amen.**

ℒ Empower, O Lord, our Search Committee and Vestry as we pray....

☩ **Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on our Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful pastor, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION:

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

ℒ We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. [*Silence is kept.*]
Have mercy upon us,

☩ **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

ℒ Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

☩ **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

[Please stand. During this time of social distancing, a wave or bow, accompanied by a smile and "the Peace of the Lord be with you," will do nicely.]

ℒ The peace of the Lord be always with you.

☩ **And also with you.**

RECOGNITION OF VETERANS AND READING OF *In Flanders Fields*

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

- ☐ Through Christ let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

[Please be seated. The offering plates are on stands in the front and the back of the church. If you wish, you may place an offering there.]

THE OFFERTORY

Simple Gifts

A. Copland

[Please be seated.]

Julian Guini, tenor

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

- ☐ We gladly present the fruits of our lives to the God who creates us, redeems us and sustains us. May we have the grace to use them to heal God's world.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

Now Thank We All Our God

***Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

☐ The Lord be with you.

☑ **And also with you.**

☐ Lift up your hearts.

☑ **We lift them to the Lord.**

☐ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

☑ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

☐ It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

[Please stand or kneel, as you choose.]

P Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

P On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

P After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

P Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

☩ Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

P We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

P All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All

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THE LORD’S PRAYER

- P** And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
- All** **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

- P** Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
 - C** **We come with joy to meet our Lord.**
 - P** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.
- [Please be seated.]*

[PLEASE FOLLOW THESE NEW PROCEDURES: *To ensure social distancing, please go forward to receive Holy Communion one at a time, following the directions of the usher, who will let you know when it’s your turn. Two people will stand in front of the altar to distribute the consecrated wafers. Please keep your mask on, receive the wafer, and return to your seat by the side aisle. After returning to your seat, you may remove your mask to consume your wafer.*]

THE CHANT

In the Lord I’ll be ever Thankful

***In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice!
 Look to God, do not be afraid. Lift up your voices,
 the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near***

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

☞ Let us pray...

☞ **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

[Please stand.]

☞ Go out into the world in peace. Have courage! Hold fast to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering. Honor all people. Love and serve the Lord your God, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Blessing of our Triune God, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you now and forever.

☞ **Amen.**

THE SENDING HYMN

O Beautiful, for Spacious Skies

H. 719 vs. 1,2

***O 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!***

***O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.***

THE DISMISSAL

☞ Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☞ **Thanks be to God!**

THE POSTLUDE

Piece Heroique

G. Young

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Michael Durning
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Acolyte/Crucifer	Joe Nixon
Lectors	Miriam Benítez Nixon & Nancy Fisher
Prayers of the People	Miriam Benítez Nixon
Ushers	Benítez Nixon & Nancy Fisher
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates