

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Holy Communion: Rite One



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

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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.

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 **A** 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

Elegy

H. Drake

[During the Prelude, please prepare for worship by observing attentive silence.]

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MISSION MOMENT

[Please remain seated.]

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

[Please stand.]

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

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Al Almighty God, unto 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 thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

G Christ, have mercy upon us.

P Lord, have mercy upon us.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

G And with thy Spirit.

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

L *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.'"

L The Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

- ℣ *We will read responsively Psalm 123...*
- ℣ To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
- ☩ **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
- ℣ So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
- ☩ **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
- ℣ Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

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

[Please stand.]

- ℣ The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
- ☩ **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**
- ℣ 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 be to thee, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Cindy Roehl

[Please be seated.]

THE NICENE CREED

[Please stand.]

☑ **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 prefer.]*

☐ Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

☒ Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all humanity. Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. God of Peace,

☑ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, especially to Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Barry and Michael, our Assisting Bishops; Michael, our Priest in Charge; and Cindy, our Deacon; to our companion diocese of the Dominican Republic; to these Episcopal Churches in our Diocese; Church of the Redeemer, Sarasota; St. David's, Englewood; and St. Vincent's, St. Petersburg, and the Clearwater Deanery Collaboration Partners; and to all priests, deacons, and the laity in their ministry; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments. God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially the President Trump, and the President Elect Biden, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray that all God's children might live in the hope of the world peace for which we are created. God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor [*add handwritten names from notebook*] and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those listed in the weekly news who have asked for our prayers, and those we now name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty. 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, God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, [*especially... add names from notebook*] and those we name, aloud or in our hearts. [*Leave time...*] We beseech thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. God of Peace,

☩ **Hear our prayer.**

℣ 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**

℣ Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

☩ **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

[Please kneel or stand.]

- Ⓓ Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God. [*Silence is kept.*] Most merciful God, . . .
- Ⓐ **We confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.**
- Ⓓ Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- Ⓒ **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.*]

- Ⓓ The peace of the Lord be always with you.
- Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**

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 to do good and to distribute, forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

[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.*]

OFFERTORY

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

[Please stand when invited by the Deacon.]

- Ⓓ As we receive these gifts, we acknowledge
- Ⓒ **All things come from thee, O Lord, and of thine own have we given thee.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: Eucharistic Prayer II

- Ⓓ The Lord be with you.
- Ⓒ **And with thy spirit.**
- Ⓓ Lift up your hearts.
- Ⓒ **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
- Ⓓ Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
- Ⓒ **It is meet and right so to do.**
- Ⓓ It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Creator of the light and source

of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

☩ Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

- P** All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.
- P** For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."
- P** Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."
- P** Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory. And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.
- ☩ And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;**
- P** By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end.
- ☩ AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- P** And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
- ☩ 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** God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

☩ Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

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 PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

[Please kneel or stand, as you choose.]

P Let us pray.

☩ Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

[Please stand.]

P 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.

☩ Amen.

D Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

☩ Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Piece Heroique

G. Young

SERVING US TODAY

Celebrant	Michael Durning
Deacon & Preacher	Cindy Roehl
Organist	Robert Moncrief
Chalicer/Acolyte	Brett Dickie
Lector	Butch Niford
Prayers of the People	Diane Niford
Ushers	Butch & Diane Niford
Building & Grounds	Pat Cates