

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



November 15, 2020



# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## WELCOME

## OPENING VOLUNTARY

In Thee Is Joy (*In Dir Ist Freude*) Johannes Matthias Michel, b. 1962

## OPENING HYMN

All my hope on God is founded

Hymnal 665

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew;  
me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true.

God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Mortal pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray our trust;  
though with care and toil we build them, tower and temple fall to dust.

But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness e'er endureth, deep his wisdom passing thought:  
splendor, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of nought.

Evermore from his store newborn worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth the almighty Giver bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth, pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand at his hand; joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ, his Son.

Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

## OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Officiant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

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*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

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.

*All* **Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Judges 4:1-7

*Lector* A reading from Judges.

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.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM

Psalm 123

*Lector* Psalm 123.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my eyes;  
I look to you for help.

Like servants alert to their master’s commands,  
or a maid attending her lady,

We are watching and waiting, holding our breath,  
awaiting your word of mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt;

Too much scorn from the indolent rich,  
and far too much shame from the proud.

Amen.

## SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

*Lector* A reading from First Thessalonians.

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 com 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.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 25:14-30

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

*People*     **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 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.

*People*     **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

*Officiant* As God's people, strengthened by the Word, and living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

*All* **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.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Common Worship*

*Reader* United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Bless Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Bonnie, our bishop; Emily, Anthony, and David, our priests; Chip, our deacon; and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word, we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy

*People* **Hear our prayer.**



*Reader* Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace.

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Shield the joyous, especially those who celebrate birthdays this week, including *Peter Henning, Ezra Guffey, Ed Maki-Schramm, Calebria Webb*, and those we now name.  
*(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that their sorrow may be turned to joy, and their despair, hope. We pray especially for *Marie Abdulla, Pat Ald, Sue Barber, Genet Barthwell, Tim Cook, David Dieter, Digory, Kate Latham Driscoll, Debbie Faust, Vincent Faust, Anna Herold, Hope Hoffman, Judith, Lauren Keils, Lucinda Keils, JoAnn Kelly, Matthew Klein, Doris Landrum, Kathryn Lincoln, Arnold Matthews, Jane McFeely, Jonathon Moon, Kathleen S., Marilyn Shabby, Len St. Jean, Lisa Staif, John T., Bobbie Traxler, Sue Urbanski, Mimi Van Scoter, Megan White, Bob Wright*, and those we now name.  
*(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Reader* Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom. We pray for those who have died and now feast in your eternal presence, including Roy Novak, who died last Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, and those we now name. *(People add names silently or aloud.)*

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People* **Hear our prayer.**

*Officiant* Hear our prayers, Holy God. Breathe your Spirit over us and all the earth, that barriers would crumble and divisions cease. Make us more fully your co-healers of the broken world. Unite us with all people in bonds of love, that the whole earth and all its peoples may be at peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People* **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

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*Officiant* Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

*Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:  
You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.  
We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.  
We have desired to live in freedom,  
    while building walls between ourselves and others.  
We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,  
    while making judgments of others based on the color of skin,  
    or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.  
We have tried to love our neighbors individually  
    while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.  
Forgive us, Holy God.  
Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.  
Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.  
Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,  
    even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity,  
    now and for ever.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

## PEACE

*Officiant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*The people share with one another signs of Christ's peace.*

## VESTRY GREETING

## OFFERTORY

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*Officiant* Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

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or by mailing a check to Christ Church Detroit, 960 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, 48207.*

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Canon of Grace

arr. Linda Lamb  
*The Handbell Choir*

## PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*Common Worship*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* **Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love,  
you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels,  
and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life.  
Although we cannot gather in person as a congregation  
and consume gifts of bread and wine together,  
we thank you that we do receive the sacrament of Christ's presence,  
the forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit,  
may we embody your desire and be renewed for your service,  
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

*Celebrant* As the grain once scattered in the fields  
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside  
are reunited in bread and wine,  
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together  
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.  
Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

*Celebrant* 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.**



## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus, be with us and stay with us. Assure us with the truth that in you alone, we are and always will be one body. Nourish us with solace and strength to be bread for the world, and bring us at last to that heavenly banquet, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, one God, for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## BLESSING

## Refrain

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you  
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each  
 day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

## Verses

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to  
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous - ness, Be my  
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am  
 help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the  
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting  
 blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways  
 dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.  
 let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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## DISMISSAL

Deacon  
PeopleGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **ABOUT THE ART AND MUSIC**

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