

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 19, 2023
MORNING PRAYER 8:00AM**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

P God loves you all the time.
C **All the time God loves you.**

Please stand as you are able.

P God has given us the ministry of reconciliation.
Therefore, let us be reconciled to God and to one another.
Silence for reflection and self examination.

P Gracious God,
C **have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us
by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of
life, to the honor and glory of your holy name; through
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

P The almighty and merciful † Lord grant us pardon, forgiveness,
and remission of all our sins.
C **Amen**

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Musical score for the hymn "Christ Be Our Light" (ELW 715). The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of five systems of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for 3 Long-ing for food, man-y are hun-gry. Long-ing for 4 Long-ing for shel-ter, man-y are home-less. Long-ing for 5 Man-y the gifts, man-y the peo-ple, man-y the truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, hope, man-y de-spair. Your word a-lone wa-ter, man-y still thirst. Make us your bread, warmth, man-y are cold. Make us your build-ing, hearts that yearn to be-long. Let us be ser-vants your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice. bro-ken for oth-ers, shared un-til all are fed. shel-ter-ing oth-ers, walls made of liv-ing stone. to one an-oth-er, signs of your king-dom come.

Refrain

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark-ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day.

Musical score for the hymn "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (ELW 632). The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 1 O God, our help in a-ges past, our hope for years to come, 2 Un-der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se-cure; 3 Be-fore the hills in or-der stood or earth re-ceived its frame, 4 A thou-sand a-ges in your sight are like an eve-ning gone, our shel-ter from the storm-y blast, and our e-ter-nal home: suf-fi-cient is your arm a-lone, and our de-fense is sure. from ev-er-last-ing you are God, to end-less years the same. short as the watch that ends the night be-fore the ris-ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our years away;
we fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
still be our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home!

P Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

HOLY COMMUNION

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 for the remembrance of me.

P Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C **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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

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

C **Amen.**

P O God, for our redemption you gave your only Son to suffer death on the
cross, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power
of death. Make us die every day to sin so that we may rise to live with
Christ forever; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Almighty God bless us, ☩ and direct our days and our deeds in peace.

C **Amen.**

OPENING DIALOG

P You are the treasured people of the LORD,
C **a people holy to the LORD our God.**
P Keep the words of the LORD in your heart; teach them to your children.
C **Talk about them when you are at home and when you are away,
when you lie down and when you rise.**
P One does not live by bread alone,
C **but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.**

Please be seated.

READINGS

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have
anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will
come like a thief in the night. ³When 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! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a
thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober;
⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining sal-
vation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or
asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.

P The Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Matthew 25:14-30

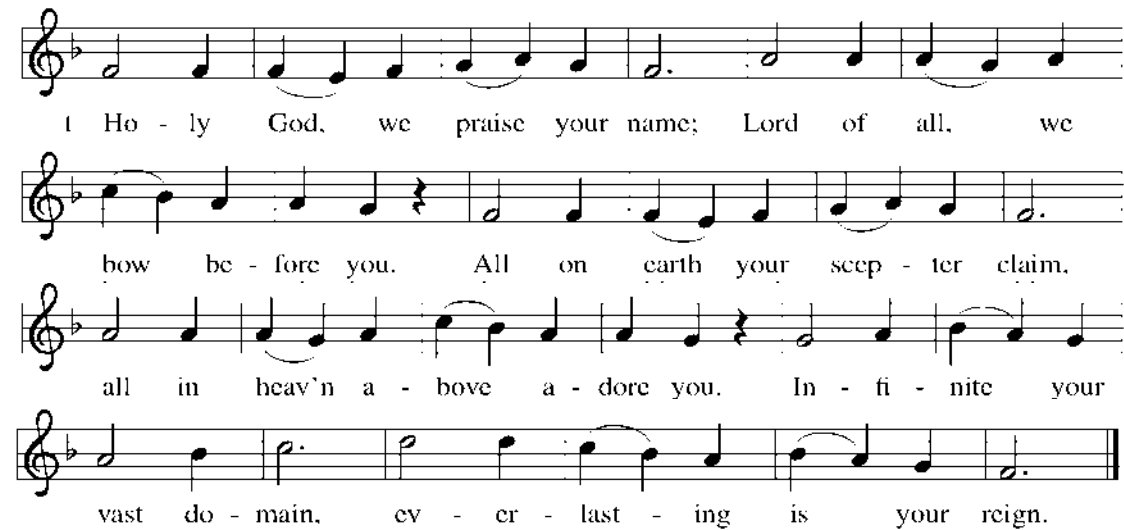
[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves
and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another
one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the
five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the
same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had
received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.
¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then

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.’ ²¹His 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.’ ²²And 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.’ ²³His 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.’ ²⁴Then 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; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

P The Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

GOSPEL CANTICLE RESPONSE TO THE WORD



I Ho - ly God, we praise your name; Lord of all, we
bow be - fore you. All on earth your scep - ter claim,
all in heav'n a - bove a - dore you. In - fi - nite your
vast do - main, ev - er - last - ing is your reign.

THE PRAYERS

P Show us your mercy, O Lord,
C **and grant us your salvation.**
P Clothe your ministers with righteousness.
C **Let your people sing with joy.**
P Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
C **for only in you can we live in safety.**
P Lord, keep this nation under your care,
C **and guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
P Let your way be known upon earth;
C **your saving health among all nations.**
P Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten,
C **nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
P Create in us clean hearts, O God,
C **and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

P Lord, we pray for those who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit,
C **Give them the healing, wholeness, and comfort of your presence.**
P We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm. We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil, that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds we may serve and please you. Into your hands we commend our bodies and souls and all that is ours. Let your holy angels have charge of us, that the wicked one have no power over us.
C **Amen**

P The Lord be with you
C **And also with you**
P Lift up your heart
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.**