

Divine Service Twenty-fourth Sunday

after Pentecost

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“Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe...” (Heb. 12:28)

Opening Hymn: 338 ss. 1-2

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel’s strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of ev’ry nation,
Joy of every longing heart.
2. Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Invocation

PASTOR: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

Call to Confession

PASTOR: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

CONG..... But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Confession

PASTOR: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

CONG..... Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

PASTOR: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

CONG..... Amen.

The Introit of the Day

Ps. 143:1,2,5,6,10,11

Hear my prayer, O Lord;

give ear to my pleas for mercy!

In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

Enter not into judgment with your servant,

for no one living is righteous before you.

I remember the days of old;

I meditate on all that you have done;

I ponder the work of your hands.

I stretch out my hands to you;

my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

Teach me to do your will,

for you are my God!

Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life!
In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!
Glory be 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.
Hear my prayer, O Lord;
give ear to my pleas for mercy!
In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!

The Kyrie

PASTOR: In peace let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: For the peace from above and for our salvation
let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-
being of the Church of God, and for the unity
of all let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: For this holy house and for all who offer here
their worship and praise let us pray to the LORD.
CONG..... *LORD, have mercy.*
PASTOR: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious
LORD.
CONG..... *Amen.*

Choir: "Wake, Awake the Night is Flying"
"Wake, awake, for night is flying,"
the watchmen on the heights are crying;
"Awake, Jerusalem, arise!"
Midnight hears the welcome voices
and at the thrilling cry rejoices:
"Where are the virgins pure and wise?"
The Bridegroom comes: Awake!
Your lamps with gladness take!
Alleluia!
With bridal care Yourselves prepare

to meet the Bridegroom, who is near."

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
and all her heart with joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom.
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.
Her star is ris'n, her light is come!
Now come, Thou Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Hail! Hosanna!
We enter all the wedding hall
To eat the Supper at Thy call.

Now let all the heav'ns adore Thee,
Let saints and angels sing before Thee
with harp and cymbals' clearest tone.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, joining with the choir immortal,
We gather round Thy radiant throne.
No eye has seen the light,
No ear has heard the might
of Thy glory;
Therefore will we Eternally
Sing hymns of praise and joy to Thee!

PASTOR: **Collect of the Day.**

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly
great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel
from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light
of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found
wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and
forever. Amen.

The Old Testament Reading: ZEPHANIAH 1:14-17

14 The great day of the Lord is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.

15 A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

17 I will bring distress on mankind,
so that they shall walk like the blind,
because they have sinned against the Lord;
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

Gradual: REV. 7:14b; PS. 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white in the
blood of the Lamb.
Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

The Epistle: I THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you
have no need to have anything written to you.
2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord
will come like a thief in the night.
3 While people are saying, "There is peace and security,"
then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains
come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
4 But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to
surprise you like a thief.
5 For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are
not of the night or of the darkness.

6 So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake
and be sober.

7 For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get
drunk, are drunk at night.

8 But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put
on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the
hope of salvation.

9 For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain
salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ,

10 who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep
we might live with him.

11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another
up, just as you are doing.

Verse: MATTHEW 25:29a

Alleluia. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he
will have an abundance. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: ST. MATTHEW 25:14-30

14 "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called
his servants and entrusted to them his property.
15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one,
to each according to his ability. Then he went away.
16 He who had received the five talents went at once and
traded with them, and he made five talents more.
17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more.
18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in
the ground and hid his master's money.
19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came
and settled accounts with them.
20 And he who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to
me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.'
21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful
servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over
much. Enter into the joy of your master.'
22 And he also who had the two talents came forward,
saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have

made two talents more.'

23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.'

26 But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed?

27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest.

28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents.

29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away.

30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

The Sermon Hymn: 783 ss. 1-6

1. Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in endless praise.
2. Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice and let me sing,
Always, only for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee.

4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will and make it Thine,
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love, my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee.

Sermon: "What Kind of a Servant Are You?" MATT. 25:14-30

The Post-Sermon Hymn: 851 ss. 1-4

1. Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice;
And with that have freely given
Blessings countless as the sand
To the unthankful and the evil
With your own unsparing hand.
2. Grant us hearts, dear Lord, to give you
Gladly, freely of your own.
With the sunshine of Your goodness
Melt our thankless hearts of stone
Till our cold and selfish natures,
Warmed by you, at length believe
That more happy and more blessed
'Tis to give than to receive.
3. Wondrous honor you have given
To our humblest charity

In your own mysterious sentence,
"You have done it all to Me."
Can it be, O gracious Master,
That you deign for alms to sue,
Saying by your poor and needy,
"Give as I have giv'n to you"?

4. Lord of glory, you have bought us
With your lifeblood as the price,
Never grudging for the lost ones
That tremendous sacrifice.
Give us faith to trust you boldly,
Hope, to stay our souls on you;
But, oh, best of all your graces,
With your love our love renew.

The Apostles' Creed (We Confess Together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers and The LORD's Prayer

The Collect for the Word

PASTOR: Blessed Lord, who hast caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of Your holy Word 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, ever one God, world without end.

CONG: Amen.

The Benediction

PASTOR: The LORD bless you and keep you. The LORD make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The LORD look upon you with favor and † give you peace.

CONG: Amen.

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