

THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Nov. 15, 2020

The Processional

Ye holy angels bright

Hymnal 625

✠ The Opening Acclamation

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

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

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 Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

✠ **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.

✠ **Amen.**

The First Reading

Judges 4:1-7

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.**

✠ The 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 Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

The Rev. David S. Sugeno

✠ **The Prayers of the People**

Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

✠ **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For Donald, our President; Greg, our Governor; John, our Mayor; and Mike, our City Manager, for this community, the nation, and the world;

✠ **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

✠ **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

We pray for those who are sick with Coronavirus and their loved ones, physicians and healthcare professionals who are tending to them, all who are working to combat this virus, and those whose lives and livelihoods have been affected by this pandemic.

✠ **For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

✠ **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the truth.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Andrew, Jeff, Hector, and Kai, our Bishops; Dave and Nan, our Priests, Christine and Ryan, our Seminarians, and for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

✠ **For all who serve God in his Church.**

We commend to God's gracious care and keeping all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad, all first responders, and all who labor for justice and peace in the world.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

✠ **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

We will exalt you, O God our King;

✠ **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

For those in need of Healing _____

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays: _____

We pray for all who have died, (especially,) _____

that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

✠ **Who put their trust in you.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept

The Confession of Sin

✠ **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Absolution

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

✠ **And also with you.**

The Celebration of the Holy Eucharist

The Offertory

Keep Me Every Day

Parish Ensemble

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharist Prayer C

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 God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

✘ **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

✘ **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason and skill. You made us the rulers of creation . But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

✘ **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

✘ **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

✘ **The Sanctus**

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

✠ We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah, Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

✠ Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

✠ AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

- ✠ **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

- ✠ **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Invitation

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.

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion. Those worshiping virtually are invited to say the following prayer while communion is being distributed to the in-person gathering:

- ✠ **Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar, and we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim your resurrection. Loving you above all things, we long to be united to you in love. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

(Adapted from St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

✠ **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing *Immortal, invisible, God only wise* *Hymnal 423*

The Recessional

The Dismissal

The Priest announces the dismissal, after which the congregation responds.

✠ **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude

LIFE AT TRINITY



Highland Lakes Christmas is For Kids, Inc., are gearing up for their 30th Annual Toy Drive. This is a tax-exempt organization receiving no government funds, and for 29 years with generous community support has provided gifts for thousands of children in Marble Falls and the surrounding areas who otherwise would have little or no Christmas. The yearly average is about 300 families and 6-700 children. With this year's unique challenges these numbers may be more. As in past years the only administrative expense this organization has had are the post office box and cost to mail out an annual letter. All other funds are used to provide gifts in answering children's specific requests (many requesting coats/ clothing/ shoes). This organization is a work of love for many volunteers. **Please look for the poster in the Trinity Narthex Sunday, Nov.8th thru 20th with envelopes to allow for your donations (your Ministry & Outreach Commission will collect & mail) or consider sending your check directly to:**

Highland Lakes Christmas is For Kids, Inc.
P. O. Box 1750
Marble Falls, TX 78654

Please make your check to **Highland Lakes Christmas is For Kids, Inc.** This is a tax-deductible donation – see their tax exempt status by visiting www.irs.gov/charities and following the search instructions. Their number is 74-2800158.

Tamales for Christmas!

Order homemade chicken or pork tamales by December 2, and pick them up from the Highland Lakes Crisis Network office, 1007 Broadway on December 11, from 12-3PM. A donation of at least \$15 per dozen is suggested. [Here is the link for Tamale Orders](#)

Elves for the Elderly

Older Adult Rural Services are collecting socks, toothpaste, and lap blankets to distribute to seniors in our area. Please put your items in the large labeled box in the Narthex by December 6. If you have old music CD's that you would like to donate, those would also be appreciated.

Nativity Scene Showcase

November 20 & 21, 11AM- 5PM

Start your Christmas Season by viewing beautiful & unique nativities and learning about their stories at Marta Stafford's Art Gallery, 200 Main Street, Marble Falls. [Here is a link to more info about the Nativity Event.](#) The Highland Lakes Crisis Network is a network of local churches meeting the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of our neighbors in times of crisis and disaster.