

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020



MATTH. XXI.

*Parabola qui referunt, herus his nova munera donat,
Qui sulis effossa e serobe, perdit opes.
Gratia subtrahitur, quam non inpendit in usum.
Perdere apud iustum est, non meruisse, Deum.*

*Der Herr schenkt denen neu, die Ihm den Acker bringen.
Führt den, des Gut vergrub, als einen Pfluger, an
Die Gnade fällt, wann wir Sie nicht stet höher schwingen.
Wer nicht bey Gott gewirbt, Der hat sein Gut verthan.*

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Welcome to all who are watching online services. The Episcopal Church of the Annunciation is here "to bear witness to God's love and invite, encourage, and prepare God's people to share that grace with others". You may notice rubrics in place throughout the service for kneeling or standing, as well as singing along to hymns.
You are invited to participate however you wish.

Daily Morning Prayer/Communion: Rite Two

Prelude

Processional Hymn 551 (vs. 1&3)

1 Rise up, ye saints of God!
Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength
to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God!

3 Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power,
rise up, ye saints of God!

The Opening Acclamation

BCP 78

Presider † Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

BCP 79

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Presider and People together

Most merciful God, we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

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

The Invitatory and Psalter

BCP 80

Presider Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Presider and People

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Presider Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Presider and People

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, 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, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people 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. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

Lector **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God**

The Response

Domine, refugium

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

1 Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like
yesterday when it is past and like a watch in
the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful
indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your
countenance.

12 So teach us to number our days
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

The Second Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 561 (Vs. 1&4)

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

1 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus,
ye soldiers of the cross; lift high his royal
banner, it must not suffer loss: from victory
unto victory his army shall be lead,
till every foe is vanquished and Christ is Lord
indeed.

4 Stand up, stand up, for Jesus: the strife will
not be long: this day, the noise of battle; the
next, the victor's song. To valiant hearts
triumphant, a crown of life shall be;
they with the King of glory shall reign
eternally.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Priest † 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 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.’”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Homily

Rev. Paul McCabe

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

The Prayers

Suffrage B

BCP 96

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.

V. Day by day we bless you;

R. We praise your name for ever.

V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;

R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.

V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;

R. For we put our trust in you.

V. In you, Lord, is our hope;

R. And we shall never hope in vain.

Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The Collect of the Day

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.*

Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Collect for Mission

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Administration of the Holy Communion

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 96

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

People and Presider

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.*

Celebrant 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.

Communion is given to the communicants with these words:

The Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. [*Amen.*]

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Gracious Father, we give you praise and thanks for this Holy Communion of the Body and Blood of your beloved Son Jesus Christ, the pledge of our redemption; and we pray that it may bring us forgiveness of our sins, strength in our weakness, and everlasting salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

BCP 101

Presider and People

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. *Amen.*

Recessional Hymn 548 (v. 1,3&5)

Soldiers of Christ, arise

1 Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armor on,
strong in the strength which
God supplies through his
eternal Son;

3 Stand then in his great
might, with all his strength
endued, and take, to arm you
for the fight, the panoply of
God.

5 That, having all things
done, and all your conflicts
past, ye may o'ercome,
through Christ alone,
and stand complete at last.

The Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; And the blessing of God Almighty, † the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

BCP 102

Priest Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit

People **Thanks be to God.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** -- Ephesians 3:20, 21

Postlude

The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God by James & Lindsay Stinchcomb with Thanksgiving for their Anniversary.

The Flowers on the Altar are Given to the Glory of God by Kay and Bud Thompson with Thanksgiving for our active duty Military and Veterans.

Prayer List

Susan, John, Elizabeth, Tom, Milton, Lauren, Liz, Foster, Kevin, Jennifer, Ed, Sherrie, Connie, Irene, Tom, Dick, Nick, Chris & AJ, Lynda, Elizabeth, Christine, Jess, Joan, Scott, Pam, Bill, Dianne, Todd, Michael, Nick Ramsey, Lethia, Paula, Sarah, Noel, Jessie, John, Dolly, Craig, Jackie, Parker, Mark & Chrissie, Bill, Sadie David & Elizabeth Still, Greg, the Halls, the Stinchcombs; The Meeks Family, and Gabriella; For all those affected by COVID-19, For our country and the division, for our Vestry; for those in the armed forces especially: Donnie, Geoff, Bob, Lawrence, Matt, Tod, Nathan, Ryan, Mark, and Daniel, and for any unspoken prayers.

Birthdays

Jamie Guardado 11/17

Desi Doucet 11/19

Elizabeth Still 11/19

Anniversaries

Larry & Paulette Haines 11/20

Jane & Donald Gray 11/21

Christian Formation Class Today at 9:40 am Virtually

Adult CF is scheduled for 9:40 am via Zoom. Contact Ron Allen at ronallenga@yahoo.com or contact Fr. Paul for Zoom meeting information. Current topics have been about how to adjust to the current COVID-19 climate as a faithful Christian in a divided community.

2021 Pledge Campaign “Faith filled Generosity” Numbers to Date

During these unusual times, collecting our pledges has been a little more sporadic than what we are use to. We appreciate those who have been able to turn in their pledges this year. As of the printing of the bulletin we have 53 pledges for \$136,254. We had 90 pledges last year, so we have a little ways to go. We understand the difficult times we are in and ask that you prayerfully consider how you can support ECA’s ministry moving forward for 2021. There are multiple ways to send in your pledge, you can mail the envelope we sent back to ECA, you can email us at ecaparish@gmail.com or Fr. Paul if you wish, you can leave in the secure mailbox down at the street, or leave with us when you attend a service at ECA. We are deeply grateful for all who continue to support ECA and our ministry and worship together and we hope to be back together soon.

ECA Reach Poinsettia Fundraiser 2020

ECA is holding its annual Reach Poinsettia Fundraiser again! Attached is the order form. It can easily be emailed and shared with family and friends. Please complete the order and return it to ECA with your payment (mail to: 1673 Jamerson Road Marietta, GA 30066) Deadline for orders and payment is Sunday, November 15th, 2020. They will be delivered to the church between December 1 and December 8th. Thank you for your continued support! Click here for the [ORDER FORM](#)

Advent Wreath Workshop, Saturday, Nov. 28 At 10:00 Am- Outside

Christmas is coming! All are welcome to join us Nov. 28 at 10:00am for our annual Advent Wreath Workshop. Bring clippers and greenery that you've cut from your yard or ECA's, everything else will be provided. Cost is \$15 for supplies. Please email Brenda Pinkston at bpinkston57@gmail.com or Bliss Peterson at blisspeterson@gmail.com if you plan to attend so that we can purchase enough forms and candles for everyone who wants to participate. Protocols for C19 and social distancing will be implemented as per the Dioceses and CDC.

Open Hearts Thanksgiving Dinner for Families in our Community

ECA Reach is providing Thanksgiving Dinner to the families of Open Heart Kids this year. If you would like to provide a dinner (or portion of a dinner), please mail a donation to the ECA Office at 1673 Jamerson Road Marietta, GA 30066. Mark your donation with: "Thanksgiving Dinners". A Dinner is \$65 per family. Thank you to all who continue to give so generously!

It's Time for Pecans! ECW Selling Pecans, available this Sunday.

Fresh Georgia Pecans available for purchase! They will be at church this Sunday, if you would like to pick them up please Contact Penny Capawana: pcapawana@gmail.com to order. One pound bags of shelled pecan halves from this year's crop cost \$10.00. Pecans sales are to raise funds for ECW. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

Vestry Nominations Open for 2021

Those interested in serving on Vestry at ECA please contact Wanda Ziembinski, Chris Renaud or Fr. Paul. Vestry is a 3-year commitment and meets once a month with a retreat in January. Vestry members serve in a leadership role with a ministry within the parish. Vestry qualifications are: any confirmed communicant in good standing of the parish not less than 18yrs of age, a regular attendant of church services the preceding year before election, and known by the treasurer to have made and fulfilled a stated financial commitment for church support throughout preceding year before election.

Volunteers being Sought for Sunday Service including Readers!

While we are still not allowed to meet in our worship space, we continue to stream a Sunday service to our parish and cyber community. If you are interested with helping during the service, please contact Fr. Paul at pcm09@bellsouth.net. There are several minor tasks we need help with in order to make sure we are able to live stream and record for parish members. I look forward to hearing from those who may be interested. *Volunteers needed to read the Sunday lessons.

Sign up for the ECA Newsletter

If you do not already receive the ECA weekly newsletter, you may sign up to have it delivered to your email in box weekly by [clicking here](#). Additionally, you may go to our web-page and sign up (simply scroll down and click on the sign up button).

New COVID-19 Guidelines for Limited In-person Worship & Group Gatherings

While we are still not allowed to gather for large crowds for in person worship, providing opportunities for small gatherings will be allowed. The most important take away from the new guidelines is the opportunity to visit the sanctuary for sacred time. All in-person activity and group meetings at ECA must go through Fr. Paul to ensure accountability measures. Here is the latest information we have. Click on the links below to review:

- Gathering Guidelines for Phase I limited outside Sunday Service as of 9/10: [Click Here](#)
- Click here for [Guidelines for Activities at ECA during COVID -19](#)
- Latest bishop's directive as of August 19, 2020. Please click on the link [HERE](#)

Stewardship Prayer: O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom; We know that all we have is received from your hand. Gracious and loving God, you call us to be stewards of your Abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

ECA Finances to Date

<u>(YTD) Through Sept. 2020</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>+/-</u>
<u>Revenues</u>	\$161,818	\$176,631	(\$14,844)
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>\$153,979</u>	<u>\$175,813</u>	<u>\$21,833</u>
<u>Net Year to date</u>	\$7,839	\$818	\$7,021

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