



*Our mission is to equip people to grow their faith  
by connecting to God and others  
while reaching out with love*

Proper 28  
November 15, 2020  
Liturgy of the Word

**Prelude**

*A bell will be rung three times to begin our worship*

**Opening Song**

*Kyrie*

Matt McDermott

*Kyrie*

*Christe Eleison*

**Opening Acclamation**

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

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

**Collect for Purity**

*Presider* Let us pray together.

**All** **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.**

## Song of Praise (sing each verse once)

Cantor will sing the first verse alone once. Congregation joins the second time. Third time starts the round.

1  
Come in - to God's pres - ence sing - ing, "Al - le - lu - ia,  
2  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia."

Come into God's presence singing  
Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord.

Praise the Lord together singing  
worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb, worthy the Lamb.

Praise the Lord together singing  
glory to God, glory to God, glory to God.

*Presider* May God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

## 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.**

## The Ministry of the Word

### 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-goim. 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.'"

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

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

## Psalm 123

1. To you I lift up my eyes, \* to you enthroned in the heavens.
2. **As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \* and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**
3. So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \* until he show us his mercy.
4. **Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \* for we have had more than enough of contempt,**
5. Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \* and of the derision of the proud.

## Second Reading

## 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.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.

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

## Gradual Hymn

## Stay With Me

Taize Community



Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch\_ and pray, — watch and pray.

*Presider*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.  
*People*       **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "For 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.'"

*Presider*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**     Whitney Wilson

*You are invited to join in a time of silence and reflection following the homily.*

Hymn

*This Little Light*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No!...

Won't let Satan [blow] it out!...

We've got the light of freedom, We're gonna let it shine...

**Affirmation of Faith**    *The Nicene Creed*                      *standing*

**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.**

## The Prayers of the People

*standing*

*Presider* Let us join our hearts and pray for all the world.

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

***People* That we all may be one.**

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, and all the baptized;

***People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

***People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader* We pray especially for Lindsay, Cole and Hendrix; Rob, Kathy, Meredith and Larissa; Tony, Natalie, TJ, Alicia and Kenlee; Richard and Laura; John and Pat, members of our parish family, and for this community. Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

***People* That our works may find favor in your sight.**

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble, especially those on our Parish Prayer List, and those affected by Covid-19 and the wildfires;

***People* That they may be delivered from their distress.**

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest. We pray especially for those we name now: \_\_\_ and for Tom Espinoza, Steve Green, The Rev. Dr. Richard Aurel Henshaw, Bernard Jones, Jean Leong, Robert Riddle, Norman Wheeler.

***People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

***People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Silence*

*Leader* Praying together,

***All* O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

## Confession of Sin

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

*Silence*

**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 your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## The Peace

*Presider* May the peace of Christ be always with you.

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

## The Offertory

*Presider* Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *Matthew 6:19-21*

## Offertory Music

*Breathing In, Breathing Out*

Betsy Rose and  
Thich That Hanh

Breathing in, Breathing Out  
Breathing In, Breathing Out

I am blooming like a flower  
I am fresh as the dew  
I am solid as a mountain  
I am firm as the earth

I am free, I am free, I am free

Breathing In, Breathing Out  
Breathing In, Breathing Out

I am water reflecting  
What is real, what is true  
And I feel there is space  
Deep inside of me

I am free, I am free, I am free

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## The Great Thanksgiving

standing

*Presider* All things come of you, O God,  
*People* and of your own have we given you.

*Presider* May God be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,  
always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you,  
joining our voices with Angels and Archangels  
and with all the company of heaven,  
who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Blessed is the one who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

We give thanks to you, O God,  
for the goodness and love  
which you have made known to us in creation;  
in the calling of Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate  
from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us,  
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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;  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them, and said,  
"Drink this, all of you:  
This is my Blood of the new Covenant,  
which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me."  
Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

**All**  
**We remember his death;**  
**We proclaim his resurrection;**  
**We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, O Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.  
We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts  
that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ  
and his Blood of the new Covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we may be acceptable through him,  
being sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
put all things in harmony with your Christ,  
and bring us to that heavenly country  
where, with Blessed Mary the God-Bearer,  
Blessed Joseph, and all your saints,  
we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church,  
and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

### The Lord's Prayer - *Call and Response*

*Traditional*

Our Father  
Who art in heaven  
Hallowed be Thy name  
Thy Kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On Earth  
As in Heaven

Please give to us  
All that we need  
And forgive us  
All our sins  
As we forgive  
Those who harm us  
And lead us not  
Away from You

For thine is the Kingdom and the power  
and the glory, forever

Our Mother  
Who art in heaven  
Hollowed be Thy name

The Presider breaks the Bread, and says:

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people who long to gather at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated, and, we pray, will be celebrated again soon, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to 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.

### Announcements

#### Birthdays, Anniversaries and Milestones

#### The Hands of God

To - day, to - mor-row and al - ways we re - joice in the hands of God. May God's  
pow - er - ful hands sup - port you, May God's guid - ing hands lead you, May God's  
lov - ing hands en - fold you. We re - joice in the hands of God.

### Final Blessing

*Presider* The Wisdom of God  
the Love of God  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen you  
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn**

*Go Now in Peace*

Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace, go now in peace;  
may the love of God surround you  
everywhere, everywhere you may go.

**Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

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

*A special thank you to our guest musician today, Sean Potts!*

## Prayer List

Tarah & baby	Sasha
Julie	Pat
John & family	Rick
Sandy	Bob
Betsy	Teresa
Nancy	Paula
Altrina	Jeff
Phyllis I.	Grace
Klaus	Joy
Sally & Cary	Amy
Glenn	Kathie
Jennifer M.	John
Jim	Shelly
Jake & family	Julie
Carl	Matthew
Becky	Dave
Karen	Pat
Mark	John
Kenny	Rosella
Len	John
Peggy	Kris' family
Pauline	Betty
Eloise	Bev
Katherine	Mike
Violaine	Amy
Jennifer	Meg
Pam	Rick
Mary Pat	Chaz
Chris	Marcos
Carmel	Jim
Cammy	Jordan
Robyn	Dick
Skip	
Don Steve	

### **Please Pray for those in the Armed Services**

Tristan, David, Katie, Kris, Devin, Adam, Jason, John

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