



**Ante-Communion**  
**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Sunday, November 15, 2020**

**THE WORD OF GOD**

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

**People:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**Officiant:** 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.*

**Gloria**

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.*

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**COLLECT FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Officiant:** 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 LESSONS

### **The First Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

**Reader:** 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.

**Reader:** The Word of the Lord.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### **The Psalm for Today: Psalm 90:1-12**

**Reader:** Lord, you have been our refuge \*

*People:* from one generation to another.

**Reader:** Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the land and the earth were born, \*

*People:* from age to age you are God.

**Reader:** You turn us back to the dust and say, \*

*People:* "Go back, O child of earth."

**Reader:** For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past \*

*People:* and like a watch in the night.

**Reader:** You sweep us away like a dream; \*

*People:* we fade away suddenly like the grass.

**Reader:** In the morning it is green and flourishes; \*

*People:* in the evening it is dried up and withered.

**Reader:** For we consume away in your displeasure; \*

*People:* we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

**Reader:** Our iniquities you have set before you, \*

*People:* and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

**Reader:** When you are angry, all our days are gone; \*

*People:* we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**Reader:** The span of our life is seventy years,  
perhaps in strength even eighty; \*

**People:** yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,  
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

**Reader:** Who regards the power of your wrath? \*

**People:** who rightly fears your indignation?

**Reader:** So teach us to number our days \*

**People:** that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

### **The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

**Reader:** 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:** The Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

**Officiant:** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

**Officiant:** 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.”

**Officiant:** The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON: “To hear, read, mark, and inwardly digest”**

**Reverend Georgia DuBose**

### NICENE CREED

**Officiant and People:** 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 GREAT LITANY

**Officiant:** O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

**People:** Have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**People:** Have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** O God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**People:** Have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**People:** Have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

**People:** Spare us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** By the mystery of thy holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by thy Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**People:** Good Lord, deliver us.

**Officiant:** We sinners do beseech thee to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please thee to rule and govern thy holy Church Universal in the right way,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to bless and keep all thy people,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to send forth laborers into thy harvest, and to draw all mankind into thy kingdom,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee so to rule the hearts of thy servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to show thy pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That It may please thee to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which thou givest us to do with singleness of heart as thy servants, and for the common good,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with thy presence those who are failing and infirm,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to have mercy upon all mankind,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

**People:** We beseech thee to hear us, good Lord.

**Officiant:** Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

**People:** Son of God, we beseech thee to hear us.

**Officiant:** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People:** Have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People:** Have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,

**People:** Grant us thy peace.

**Officiant:** O Christ, hear us.

**People:** O Christ, hear us.

**Officiant:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

**People:** Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

### The Lord's Prayer

**Officiant and People:** 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.*

**Officiant:** O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

**People:** As we do put our trust in thee.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**Officiant:** Almighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in thy Son's Name: We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ear to us who have now made our prayers and supplications unto thee; and grant that those things which we have asked faithfully according to thy will, may be obtained effectually, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Officiant:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

## THE SUPPLICATION

**Officiant:** O Lord, arise, help us;

**People:** And deliver us for thy Name's sake.

**Officiant:** O God, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works that thou didst in their days, and in the old time before them.

**People:** O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

**Officiant:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. *Amen.*

**People:** O Lord, arise, help us; and deliver us for thy Name's sake.

**Officiant:** From our enemies defend us, O Christ;

**People:** Graciously behold our afflictions.

**Officiant:** With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;

**People:** Mercifully forgive the sins of thy people.

**Officiant:** Favorably with mercy hear our prayers;

**People:** O Son of David, have mercy upon us.

**Officiant:** Both now and ever vouchsafe to hear us, O Christ;

**People:** Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us, O Lord Christ.

**Officiant:** Creator God, we offer heartfelt prayers for the parts of your great creation that are suffering now: the lands ravaged by fire on the west coast of our country; the Gulf of Mexico, assaulted by multiple hurricanes; the starving children of Yemen and other war-torn parts of the world; the animals who are vanishing because of loss of habitat; and those whose sufferings we may not know, but which are known to your love. We pray for healing, and offer our love, for a world in need. We pray in the name of your Son, Jesus, the shepherd who was also the King of Love. *Amen.*

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

**Officiant:** We humbly beseech thee, O Father, mercifully to look upon our infirmities; and, for the glory of thy Name, turn from us all those evils that we most justly have deserved; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy, and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living, to thy honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## THE PRAYERS

**Officiant:** The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

**Officiant:** Let us pray.

### Collect for the Mission of the Church

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to reconcile the world to yourself: We praise and bless you for those whom you have sent in the power of the Spirit to preach the Gospel to all nations. We thank you that in all parts of the earth a community of love has been gathered together by their prayers and labors, and that in every place your servants call upon your Name; for the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours for ever. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for Heroic Service**

**Officiant and People:** O Judge of nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the people of this country and other countries who, in this time of crisis, venture much to preserve the blessings we now enjoy. We ask that all who work while many shelter from the illness the corona virus causes, may be sustained in health and safety, and know the respect and gratitude of their fellow citizens. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Conservation of Resources**

**Officiant and People:** Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Harvest of Land and Waters**

**Officiant and People:** O gracious Father, *who openest thine* hand and *fillest* all things living with plenteousness: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let *thy* Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show *thy* loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what *thou givest*, that men and women everywhere may give *thee* thanks; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Future of the Human Race**

**Officiant and People:** O God our heavenly Father, you have blessed us and given us dominion over all the earth: Increase our reverence before the mystery of life; and give us new insight into your purposes for the human race, and new wisdom and determination in making provision for its future in accordance with your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### **A Prayer for the Church of Our Redeemer**

**Officiant and People:** Lord Jesus, we pray that you will give us ears to hear, hearts to love, and wills devoted to serve; that in the days to come this congregation may be known, not for our glory, but for yours alone - a congregation of people who know the Lord; that this place may be an oasis, a place where people come to find out about you, where lives are straightened out and made whole, where people find the peace that passes understanding. Give us, we pray, a heart to desire these things above all else. We pray through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

### **Prayers for Others**

**(Moment of Silence)**

### **Prayers for Those on Our Prayer List**

## **THE BLESSING**

**Officiant:** May the blessing of God Almighty Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

**People:** *Amen.*

## **DISMISSAL**

**Officiant:** Alleluia! Let us bless the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## LET US PRAY

If you have a Prayer Request, please email your request to our Prayer Chair, Bonnie Flippo at [msflip925@aol.com](mailto:msflip925@aol.com). You may also contact the office by email [redemeraldie@gmail.com](mailto:redemeraldie@gmail.com) or phone (703) 327-4060. Prayer Requests will be given to the Prayer Team so that they may pray for those in need. If you would like to include their name on our public prayer list, please let us know – only the name will appear on the public prayer list. If your request requires a more private nature, please contact Mother Georgia by email [gdubose@gmail.com](mailto:gdubose@gmail.com) or phone (304) 839-1124.

### “For those whose concerns are known only to God”

Don & Chris  
Bob Stewart  
Alan White  
The Kwelberg Family  
The McKim Family  
The White House Staff Affected by the Virus  
Fred & Ginny Warren  
Mary Murray  
TJ Hill  
Russell & Lula  
John Henry Dale & Patricia Engel  
Bishop Susan Goff  
Dennis Gunther  
Bob Sabath  
The Mikoly Family  
Eunice Spence  
Tom Motheral

Frank Archibald  
Kathy  
Candi & Taylor  
The Fairweather Family  
Chris  
Mike  
Tyler Gore  
Gwenivere Black  
Kevin Gile  
Barbara Pavone  
Nettie Stevens  
Evan Hansen  
The Rollins Family  
Liam Ferguson  
The Pisciotta Family  
Church of Our Redeemer  
Church of Our Redeemer Vestry Members

#### Serving Our Country

Amity Hess  
All First Responders  
All Front Line Workers  
All Hospitals and Emergency Rooms Workers

#### Our Children, Our Schools, Our Neighbors, The Unemployed

O Lord, we come to you on behalf of those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work.  
Help us use our public and private wealth that they may find employment  
and receive just payment for their labor; this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. *Amen.*