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## St. Paul's Cathedral Burlington, Vermont

### The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost ✕ November 15, 2020 ✕ Proper 28A Morning Prayer

☞ During this service the People respond using words printed in **bold face**.

☞ In this extraordinary time of pandemic, it is important to remember that scattered though we may be, we are one in our prayer.

☞ Before the service, the Officiant may make announcements.

A bell is rung, then a brief musical prelude is played:

*The Officiant begins with an Opening Sentence:*

God is Spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and in truth.

*John 4:24*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Stillness is kept.*

*Then all say together,*

**God of all mercy,**

we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves,

and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*The Officiant says,*

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

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*We sing the invitatory psalm. Please sing boldly at home.*

Antiphon - Cantor

All

Wor-ship the Lord in the beauty of ho - li-ness: Come let us a-dore him.

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
 2 Know this: The Lord him self is God;  
 3 Enter his gates with thanks giving;  
 4 For the Lord is good;

he himself has serve the Lord with gladness  
 go made us, and we are his; praise;  
 his into his courts with lasting;  
 mercy is ever

and come before his presence with a song.  
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
 and his faithfulness en dures from age to age.

Antiphon at end - All

Wor-ship the Lord in the beauty of ho - li-ness: Come let us a-dore him.

Setting Psalm 100, *Jubilate Deo* Joseph Gélineau (1920-2008)

*We chant Psalm 90:1-12, alternating between low (I) and high (II) voices:*

Antiphon - *Cantor, then all*

Teach us, O Lord, to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

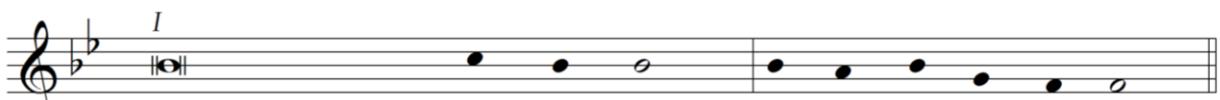
*Cantor*

*I*

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

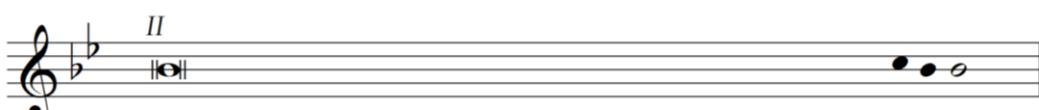
*II*

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



I

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



II

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

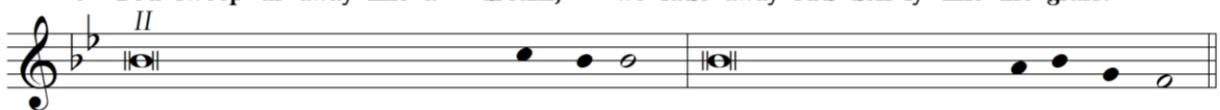


and like a watch in the night.



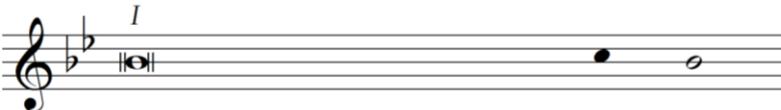
I

5 You sweep us away like a dream; \* we fade away sud-den-ly like the grass.



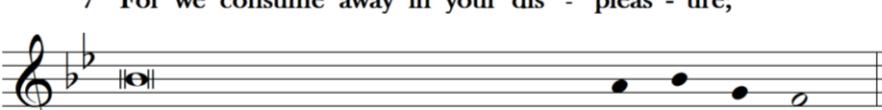
II

6 In the morning it is green and flour-ish-es; \* in the evening it is dried up and with-ered.



I

7 For we consume away in your dis - pleas - ure; \*



we are afraid because of your wrathful in - dig - na - tion.



II

8 Our iniquities you have set be - fore you, \*

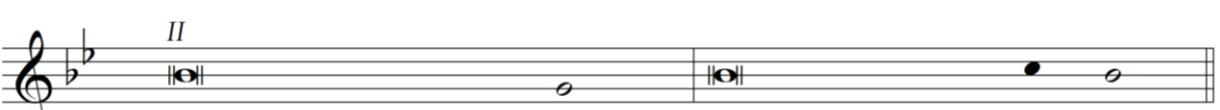


and our secret sins in the light of your coun - ten - ance.



I

9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; \* we bring our years to anend like a sigh.



II

10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eigh - ty; \*



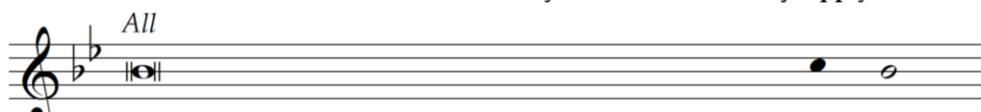
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.



11 Who regards the power of your wrath? \* who rightly fears your in-dig-na-tion?



12 So teach us to number our days \* that we may apply our hearts to wis-dom.



Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spi - rit: \*



as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ev - er. A - men.



Antiphon - All  
Teach us, O Lord, to num-ber our days, that we may ap-ly our hearts to wis-dom.

Setting Plainsong, tone 8

**We hear a reading from early Christian literature:**

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

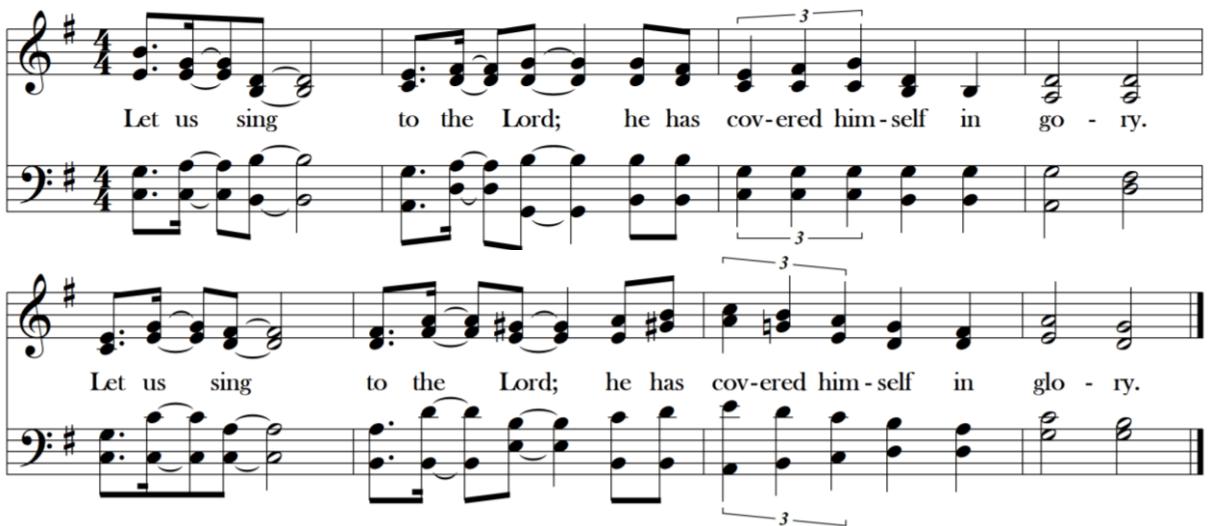
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as 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.

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Here ends the reading.

*We sing a setting of Canticle 8, The Song of Moses, *Cantemus Domino*. The cantor sings the verses, and the congregation sings the refrain as indicated.*

**Refrain**



I will sing to the Lord; glorious his triumph! Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea!

The Lord is my strength, my song, my salvation.

This is my God and I extol him, my father's God, and I give him praise.

*Refrain*

The Lord is a warrior! The Lord is his name. The chariot of Pharaoh he hurled into the sea, the flower of his army is drowned in the sea.

*Refrain*

The deeps hide them; they sank like a stone. Your right hand, Lord, glorious in its power, your right hand, Lord, has shattered the enemy.

*Refrain*

The people you have redeemed pass by; you will lead them and plant them on your mountain, the place, O Lord, where you have made your home, the sanctuary, Lord, which your hands have made. The Lord will reign for ever and ever!

*Refrain*

*Words Exodus 15:1-6, 17-18 • Music Norah Duncan IV (b. 1952)*

*We hear a reading from the Gospels.*

A reading from Matthew.

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.'"

*Matthew 25:14-30*

Here ends the reading.

*We sing Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah:*

Blessed are you, Lord, the God of | Israel, \*  
you have come to your people and set them | free.  
You have raised up for us a mighty | Savior, \*  
born of the house of your servant | David.

Through your holy prophets you promised of old to save us from our | enemies, \*  
from the hands of all who | hate us,  
To show mercy to our | forebears, \*  
and to remember your holy | covenant.

This was the oath you swore to our father | Abraham, \*  
to set us free from the hands of our | enemies,  
Free to worship you without | fear, \*  
holy and righteous before you, all the days of our | life.

And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most | High, \*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare the | way,  
To give God's people knowledge of sal | vation \*  
by the forgiveness of their | sins.

In the tender compassion of our | God \*  
the dawn from on high shall break up | on us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of | death, \*  
and to guide our feet into the way of | peace.

*Repeat second half of chant*

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.

*Words Luke 1:68-79, Enriching Our Worship version • Chant Mark Howe, 2014*

*We affirm our faith. Please join in at home.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## The Prayers

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,  
**hallowed be your Name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,**  
**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**Let your people sing with joy.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care;

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known upon earth;

**Your saving health among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

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.**

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross  
 that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace:  
 So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love,  
 may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you;  
 for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

*We sing hymn 669 from The Hymnal 1982. Please sing boldly at home.*

1 Com - mit thou all that grieves thee and fills thy heart with  
 2 O trust the Lord then whol - ly, if thou wouldst be se -  
 3 Thy last - ing truth and mer - cy, O Fa - ther, see a -  
 4 Hope on, then, bro - ken spi - rit; hope on, be not a -

care to him whose faith - ful mer - cy the  
 cure; his work must thou con - sider for  
 right the needs of all thy chil - dren, their  
 afraid: fear not the griefs that plague thee and

skies a - bove de - clare, who gives the winds their  
 thy work to en - dure. What prof - it doth it  
 an - guish or de - light: what lov - ing wis - dom  
 keep thy heart dis - mayed: thy God, in his great

cours - es, who points the clouds their way; 'tis  
 bring thee to pine in grief and care? God  
 choos - eth, re - deem - ing might will do, and  
 mer - cy, will save thee, hold thee fast, and

he will guide thy foot - steps and be thy staff and stay.  
 ev - er sends his bless - ing in an - swer to thy prayer.  
 bring to sure ful - fill - ment thy coun - sel good and true.  
 in his own time grant thee the sun of joy at last.

Words Paulus Gerhardt (1607-1676); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and C. W. Douglas (1867-1944), alt.

Music HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN [PASSION CHORALE], Hans Leo Hassler (1564-1612); adapt. and harm. J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Homily** *The Preacher breaks open the Word of God.*

*The Officiant invites the People into a time of stillness for free prayer. Prayers may be offered silently, aloud at home, or using Zoom's chat feature.*

*The prayers conclude with A Prayer of Thanksgiving. Please join in at home.*

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.**

We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,  
 for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,  
 and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts,  
 and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures  
 that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;  
 for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;  
 for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;  
 for his dying, through which he overcame death;  
 and for his rising to life again,  
 in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,  
 that we may know him and make him known;  
 and through him, at all times and in all places, may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*A brief closing voluntary is played. Coffee hour follows immediately.*

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 Readers Kenzo An, Betsy Beaulieu

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