

# Morning Prayer – Rite II

## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

**Prelude:** Adagio from “Nimrod” Edward Elgar (1857-1934) *arr. Alan Ridout*

*(stand as you are able)*

**Processional Hymn:** “O Jesus, I have promised” **Hymn #655**

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| 1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;<br>be thou for ever near me, my Master and my friend;<br>I shall not fear the battle, if thou art by my side,<br>nor wander from the pathway, if thou wilt be my<br>guide. | 3. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,<br>that where thou art in glory, there shall thy servant<br>be; and, Jesus I have promised to serve thee to the<br>end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my<br>friend. |
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### Welcome and Announcements:

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

*Officiant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept*

**Officiant and People** *(all kneeling)*

**M**ost 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

*Officiant:* 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

*Officiant:* Lord open our lips.

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

**Officiant 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 forever. Amen. Alleluia**

*Officiant:* The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

## Jubilate Psalm 100

**B**e joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord himself is God;  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise;  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting;  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

*Officiant:* The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come, let us adore him.

## The Lessons

### A Reading from the Book of Zephaniah (Reader 1)

*Zephaniah 1:7,12-18*

**B**e 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**

## 10 The Second Song of Isaiah (Reader 1)

**S**eek the Lord while he wills to be found; \*  
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways \*  
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, \*  
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, \*  
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, \*  
so are my ways higher than your ways,  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens \*  
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, \*  
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; \*  
it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, \*  
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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.**

### **Canticle #13 S-236**

“A Song of Praise” ‘Glory to You’

*John Rutter (b. 1945)*

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| 1. Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;<br>you are worthy of praise; glory to you.            | 2. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;<br>we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. |
| 3. Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;<br>on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. | 4. Glory to you, seated between the cherubim;<br>we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.       |
| 5. Glory to you, beholding the depths;<br>in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.            | 6. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;<br>we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.      |

## A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians (Reader 2)

*1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

**N**ow 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**

## A Reading from Matthew 25:14-30 (Officiant)

**J**esus 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.’”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Douglas Rogers, Deacon

## Organ Voluntary:

Adagio from 'Een vaste Burgt'

*Cor Kee (1900 - 1997)*

## The Apostles' Creed

**Officiant and People** (*stand as you are able*)

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 (*stand or kneel*)

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

*Officiant:* Let us pray

**O**ur 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

**Suffrages B:** *(two readers alternate with V & R)*

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 upon 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.**

**The Collect of the Day:** *(Officiant)*

**B**lessed 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.**

**A Collect for Guidance** *(Officiant)*

**H**eavenly 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.**

**A Prayer for Spiritual Communion** *(Officiant)*

**I**n union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

Today we especially remember those celebrating birthdays; **John Kanthak (11/16); Tammy Lewis (11/20)** and those celebrating anniversaries. For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; especially Children & Families of Emmanuel, Dale, Ellen, Kevin, Larry, Mary, Maryanne, Nick, Patrick, Rich, Sam, Sean, and for our families, friends, and neighbors. For all who have died, especially John, Toshie *Toe-shee-aa (long a sound)*.

# The General Thanksgiving

## Officiant and People

**A**lmighty 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 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 ourselves to your service,  
and 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

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord

**People:** Thanks be to God

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** *Romans 15:13*

## Recessional Hymn

“Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding”

**Hymn #59**

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| 1 Hark! a thrilling voice is sounding “Christ is nigh,” it seems to say;<br>“Cast away the works of darkness, O ye children of the day.” | 2 Wakened by the solemn warning, from earth’s bondage let us rise;<br>Christ, our sun, all sloth dispelling, shines upon the morning skies. |
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5 Honor, glory, might, and blessing to the Father and the Son,  
with the everlasting Spirit while unending ages run.

## Postlude:

“Jig Fugue”

*Dieterich Buxtehude (1637 - 1707)*

## Altar Flowers

**A**ltar flower contributions are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Adela and Henry Dammann and Margaret and Ward Schori by Jack and Mary Dammann.

## Announcements

**The church remains closed for worship during mitigation. The office is open.**

**Aspire Presents:** Join us on **Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 P.M.** for the fourth program in the series of “Not Your Ordinary Saints.” The program will be available via *Zoom (no masks or social distancing required)*. This is the fourth of the series that will highlight – C.S. Lewis and will be presented by Cheryl Rogers & Ginny Hatwich. Go to EmmanuelRockford.org or follow our Facebook page for future dates and details.

**Stewardship:** Just a friendly reminder, please make sure that you send in your pledge card.

**Jubilee Christmas Gift Card Collection:** This year we are continuing our tradition of collecting monies for gift cards for Jubilee members. If you would like to donate, please send a check by Monday, November 30. Please note in the memo line Jubilee Christmas Gift.

**Calling all Crafters:** We are asking that those of you who knit, crochet, weave, work with fleece, etc., consider making a commitment to create an extra scarf or two this fall to donate to our cause. We would like to make These scarves available to Jubilee Center clients on Sunday, December 6. Donations should be completed by the Monday after Thanksgiving; November 30.

**Vacation:** Diane is on vacation from **Monday, November 9 - Monday, November 16**. If you require pastoral assistance, please call Doug Rogers.

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Jennifer Smith, Kathryn Torrence, Jacob Hardesty, Stacey  
LaRosa, Susan Schmitz, Peter Gottlick, Mathew Oakes.

## Assisting in the Liturgy

**10:30 a.m.**   **Reader #1:**   Susan Rubendall  
                  **Reader #2:**   Jody Nerhood Edwards  
                  **Vocalists:**   Rachel Schmitt and Jennifer Smith

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