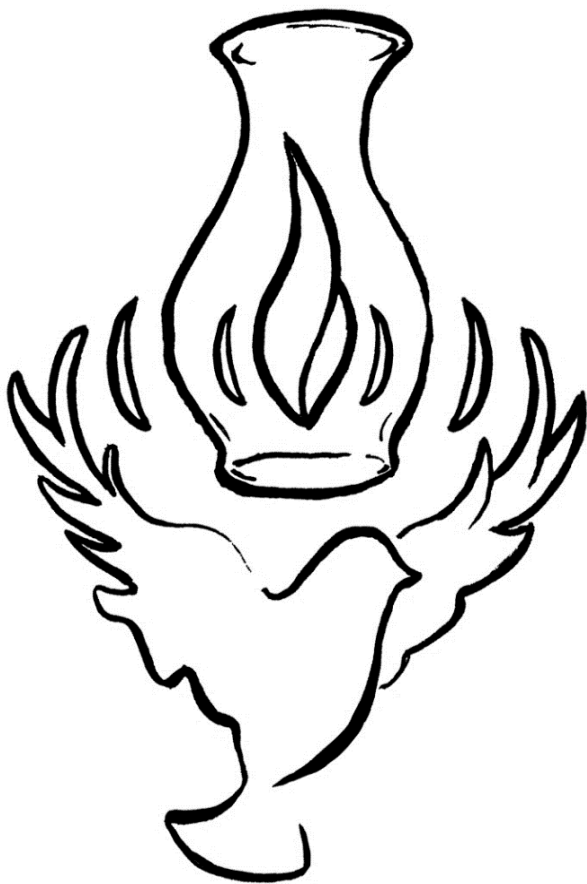


*Let the morning bring me word of
your unfailing love*



Psalm 143:8

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**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15th, 2020
Services: 7:00 A.M & 9:00 A.M.**

**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
YEAR A**

7:00 A.M. HOLY EUCHARIST

President: The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENT

**Emergency Management (COVID-19) Churches (No. 3) Directive,
2020**

The following protocols will be enforced: Temperature Checks upon arrival; Wearing of Masks, Designated Seating; the Use of an Offering Box; Physical Distancing- Three (3) feet apart; No physical exchange of the Greeting of Peace; Sanitization of Hands before entering the Cathedral and before Communion.

THE PREPARATION

ORGAN PRELUDE

Opening Hymn ~ 438 *"Soldiers of Christ, arise,"*

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

Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
and in his mighty power:
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.

Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;

and take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.

From strength to strength go on,
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the powers of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day.

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

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

THE OPENING SENTENCE "General"

I will offer in His dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the Lord. *Psalms 27:7*

WELCOME AND INVOCATION

PRESIDENT:

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.*

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

ALL:

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.**

The Collect

“Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost ~ Proper 28”

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 eternal life, which you have given us in our Saviour 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 Lesson: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Lectors: **7:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Shernelle Nelson**

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Margaret Fraser-Morrison

READER: A reading from the Word of God written in the book of Zephaniah, the first Chapter, beginning at the seventh verse.

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

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

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

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.

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

Second Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lectors: **7:00 A.M.** ~ Mr. Victor Gittens

9:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Margaret Daniel, Y.W.C.A.

READER: A reading from the Word of God, written in the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians, the fifth chapter, beginning at the first verse.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

READER: The Word of the Lord
ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual Hymn ~ 262 *“Son of God, Eternal Saviour”*

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
thou, our Head, who, throned in glory,
for thine own dost ever plead,
fill us with thy love and pity;
heal our wrongs, and help our need.

As thou, Lord, hast lived for others,
so may we for others live;
freely have thy gifts been granted,
freely may thy servants give:
thine the gold and thine the silver,
thine the wealth of land and sea,
we but stewards of thy bounty,
held in solemn trust for thee.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,
King of love, and Prince of peace;
hush the storm of strife and passion,
bid its cruel discords cease;
by thy patient years of toiling,
by thy silent hours of pain,
quench our fevered thirst of pleasure,
shame our selfish greed of gain.

Son of God, eternal Saviour,
source of life and truth and grace,
Son of Man, whose birth incarnate
hallows all our human race,
thou who prayedst, thou who willest,
that thy people should be one,
grant, O grant our hope's fruition:

here on earth thy will be done

Words: Somerset Corey Lowry (1855-1932)

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

Gospeller: ~ **The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson**

READER: The Lord be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

GOSPELLER: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew, written in the twenty-fifth chapter, beginning at the fourteenth verse.

ALL: Glory to Christ our Saviour.

'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.”

GOSPELLER: The Gospel of Christ
ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord.

THE SERMON:

7:00 A.M. ~ The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is seen or 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,
one in 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 was born of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake He was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered, died and was buried.
On the third day He rose again
in fulfilment of 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.
With the Father and the Son
He is worshipped 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.*

INTERCESSION

Intercessors:

7:00 A.M. ~ Ms. Andrea White

9:00 A.M. ~ Mrs. Judy King, (L.E.M)

With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord saying,
"Lord have mercy."

LEADER

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfilment:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them: Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Silence may be kept.

ALL:

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

Form "A"

The President introduces the Act of Penitence, congregation kneels.

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

A period of silence shall be kept.

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

FORM A

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen

The Congregation stands

THE GREETING OF PEACE

FORM A

PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptised into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

The President then greets the congregation

PRESIDENT: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Welcome, Greetings & Announcements

THE EUCHARIST

The Offertory Hymn ~ 403 *“Light’s abode, celestial Salem,”*

Light’s abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

*O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally.

*Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,

ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Words: attributed to Thomas a Kempis (c1380-1471);

Translation: John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

ALL: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

THE PROPER PREFACE – Of God the Holy Spirit

For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might;
heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “A”

PRESIDENT:

All Holy and glorious Father,
our Creator God,
we give you thanks
because in your loving wisdom
you brought all things into being,
and are truly worthy of praise
from every creature you have made.

Again and again
we have turned away from you;
yet in every age your steadfast love
has called us to return,
to live in union with you:
for it is your eternal purpose
to put new life into all things
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ,
who took our human nature upon Him
you have redeemed the world
from the bondage of sin:
and by the power of your Holy Spirit

you have gathered a people to yourself,
to make known in every place
His perfect offering which He made
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed
He took bread,
and when He had given thanks to you,
He broke it and gave it to His disciples
and said: "Take this, and eat it:
This is my Body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

And 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 many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

PRESIDENT:
Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

ALL:
Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

PRESIDENT:
And so, Heavenly Father,
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;

His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice
made once for all upon the Cross;
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;
and looking for His Coming in glory;
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of
praise and thanksgiving;
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood, of your
Son, our great High Priest,
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.
Unite us with all Bishops,
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,
and with the whole people of God,
living and departed,
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,
that we may be found ready to join the company
of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Holy Apostles,
and all your saints,
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:
Forever giving you thanks and praise
through Him from whom all good things do come.
With Him and in Him and through Him,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we worship you, Father Almighty,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

ALL:

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 forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

PRESIDENT:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share
in one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

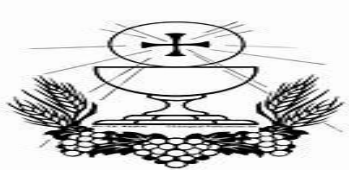
The Invitation

PRESIDENT:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL:

Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.



The Administration of Communion

Hymns: ~ 572 *“Be still, my soul! For God is near!”*

Be still, my soul! for God is near!
The great High Priest is with thee now;
the Lord of life himself is near,
before whose face the angels bow.
To make thy heart his lowly throne
thy Saviour God in love draws nigh;
he gives himself unto his own,
for whom he once came down to die.

He pleads before the mercy-seat;
he pleads with God; he pleads for thee;
he gives thee bread from heaven to eat,
his flesh and blood in mystery.

I come, O Lord! For thou dost call -
to blend my pleading prayer with thine;
to thee I give myself - my all,
and feed on thee and make thee mine.

Words: William Dalrymple MacLagan (1826-1910)

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

ALL:

Almighty Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. May we who share His Body live His risen life; we who drink His Cup bring life to others; we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world. Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

THE BLESSING

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

ALL: Amen.

The Recessional Hymn ~ 439 *“Stand up, stand up for Jesus,”*

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 he shall lead,
till every foe is vanquished,
and Christ is Lord indeed

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The solemn watchword hear;
if while ye sleep he suffers,
away with shame and fear.
Where'er ye meet with evil,
within you or without,
charge for the God of battles,

and put the foe to rout.
Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
forth to the mighty conflict
in this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
against unnumbered foes;
let courage rise with danger
and strength to strength oppose.

Stand up, stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
the arm of flesh will fail you,
ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
each piece put on with prayer;
when duty calls or danger
be never wanting there.

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 him that overcometh
a crown of life shall be;
he with the King of Glory
shall reign eternally.

Words: George Duffield, Jr. (1818-1888)

THE DISMISSAL

Organ Postlude

(Worshippers are invited to sit silently and listen to the voluntary, however, those who wish to leave at this point may do so quietly.)

WELCOME AND MAY THE LORD BLESS US ALL



**THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER
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YEAR A**

First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Comment: *“The day of the Lord”*

In this opening lesson, **the prophet proclaims the hastening approach of the day of the Lord, a day of judgement and fearful distress.** Zephaniah calls for silence as the Lord prepares what will be a sacrifice of terror. Everywhere in Judah there is corruption. People are drunk with wine and say that the Lord will do nothing, either good or bad. But they will never enjoy their wealth, nor will their silver or gold be of any use. The portrayal of the end is vivid and terrifying.

Psalm 90:1-8, 12

The psalmist reflects on the passing character of human life in the face of the Lord’s wrath, and ask the everlasting God for wisdom to make use of the time.

Second Reading (**The Epistle**): 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Comment: *“Be alert for the day of the Lord”*

In this reading, **Paul counsels the new disciples to be alert as in the daylight, for the day of the Lord will come swiftly and unexpectedly, although at a time unknown to mortals.** Many early Christians believed that the course of world history would soon come to an end. Paul urges the Thessalonians not to live like people of the night, but soberly and expectantly. Whether they first die or remain alive they may look forward, not to God’s wrath, but to a salvation that has been gained through Jesus. Paul’s central point remains valid for us: we do not know when the consummation of history will take place, but are to live always prepared for judgement.

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

Comment: *“Slaves entrusted with talents”*

Our Gospel is the parable of the servants who made different uses of the money entrusted to them. The evangelist intends the story to be instructive to Christian disciples. The master Jesus is now away. When he returns, he will expect his followers to have made diligent use of the faith he has left in their charge. If it has not grown, then it has been without value and will be taken away. One also recognizes how immense are the sums left with the servants. The parable warns against the false security of only guarding the traditions and not investing them in life and in others.

CATHEDRAL NEWS



Plans for Confirmation classes have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Nevertheless, registration remains open. Anyone who is desirous of being confirmed is asked to sign up as soon as possible.



Household Worship: Members are encouraged to pray the office of Morning Prayer daily. The Daily Office can also serve as a personal or family discipline. The Daily Lectionary for the week of Pentecost begins on Page 776, in the Book of Common Prayer. Note further that this year is Year 2, and the readings for Monday, Proper 28, November 16th, 2020 are Habakkuk 2:1-4, 9-20, Psalm 89:1-18, and Luke 16:19-31.

Stewardship of Treasure: During the period of lockdown, members were unable to make their regular financial contributions

to the church in the usual manner. However, several persons made use of the options which were provided, and we are grateful for their contributions. For the convenience of all, online payments may be made to the St. Michael's Cathedral, CIBC First Caribbean International Bank, Bridgetown Branch, Account # 27193-02; Transit # 09606.

Gift Sunday: The Cathedral has been unable to host the annual fundraising events this year, due to the restrictions of COVID-19. Consequently, there has been a shortfall in the anticipated revenue, and at this juncture, some financial obligations remain outstanding. The Fund-Raising Committee has arranged for members to contribute, according to their means, a gift of BDS



\$50.00 or in multiples of \$50's towards this cause. Next Sunday, November 22, 2020 has been designated Gift Sunday and the gifts will be received at each service. Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you as together, we continue His work.

“Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:7)

Flowers: This week's flowers were donated on the behalf of Mrs. Valarie Reid who is celebrating her birthday.



THEME FOR THE WEEK

“All Christian life takes its meaning from our awareness of the coming of the Lord and our accountability to him.”



Congratulations to all celebrating birthdays this week

November 15th to 21st, 2020

Ms. Olga Holder ~ 15th

Ms. Dorothy E. Morris ~ 15th

Mr. Graham Russell ~ 15th

Mrs. Valarie Reid ~ 15th

Mrs. Sharron S. C. A. Lucas-Blackman ~ 16th

Mrs. Cecile L. Aimey-Clarke ~ 17th

Ms. Margaret R. Aimey ~ 17th

Ms. Miriam I. Barrow ~ 17th

Mr. Jared Nurse ~ 17th

Ms. Pamela A. Clarke ~ 18th

Mr. Richard A. Lewis ~ 18th

Mrs. Joan St.E. Yvette Norville-Arthur ~ 21st



May God bless and strengthen you.

CATHEDRAL MINISTRIES

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: Year A

Today, Sunday, November 15th, 2020

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist

Preacher: The Rev'd Dr. Marcus Lashley

Wednesday, November 18th, 2020

10:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

Preacher:

The Very Rev'd Dr. Jeffrey D. Gibson

**Next Sunday, November 22nd, 2020
The Last Sunday after Pentecost**

Gift Sunday

7:00 A.M. ~ Holy Eucharist

9:00 A.M. ~ Sung Eucharist



Looking Ahead!

Sunday, November 29, 2020

6:00 P.M. ~ An Advent Carol Service

No Admission charges

An offering will be taken

Please bring a candle or torchlight



Thursday, December 17th, 2020

8:00 P.M. ~ A Service of Nine Lessons and Carols

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