

# The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## November 20, 2022

### 10:00 AM



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*A warm welcome to all who come to worship at St. John's this day. We are glad you are here! If you are visiting with us, we would like to get to know you better, so please fill out a visitor's card available from an usher or on the ushers table at the rear in the narthex.*

**The Prelude**

*If thou trust in God to guide the*

**J.S. Bach**

## The Word of God

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*If able, please stand.*

**Hymn 494 Crown him with many crowns**

**Diademata**

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Celebrant 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.

**People Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day BCP Page 234

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People** Amen.

*The people are seated.*

## **Witness in Song**

*It is well with my soul*

**Philip Bliss**

Frankie Daniels, soloist

## **The Lessons**

### **A Reading from Jeremiah 23: 1-6**

<sup>1</sup>Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. <sup>2</sup>Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. <sup>3</sup>Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. <sup>4</sup>I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD. <sup>5</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. <sup>6</sup>In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

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**People** Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 46**



<sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, \*  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, \*  
and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

<sup>3</sup>Though its waters rage and foam, \*  
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

**Antiphon**

<sup>4</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>5</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, \*  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>6</sup>God is in the midst of her;  
she shall not be overthrown; \*  
God shall help her at the break of day.

<sup>7</sup>The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; \*  
God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

**Antiphon**

<sup>8</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; \*  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

<sup>9</sup>Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, \*  
what awesome things he has done on earth.

<sup>10</sup>It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; \*  
he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear,  
and burns the shields with fire.

<sup>11</sup>“Be still, then, and know that I am God; \*  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.”

**Antiphon**

**A Reading from Colossians 1:11-20**

<sup>11</sup>May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully <sup>12</sup>giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. <sup>13</sup>He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, <sup>14</sup>in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <sup>15</sup>He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup>for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup>He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup>He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup>For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup>and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

LEM The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

**The Children’s and Young People’s Message**

*If able, please stand.*

**Hymn** *Jesus remember me*  
(sung twice)

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

The first instance of the hymn is written on two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes.

Je - sus, re - mem-ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

The second instance of the hymn is identical to the first, written on two staves (treble and bass clef) in the same key signature and time signature. It concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

## The Gospel

Celebrant     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 23:33-43

**People**       **Glory to you, Lord Jesus.**

<sup>33</sup>When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. <sup>34</sup>[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. <sup>35</sup>And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” <sup>36</sup>The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, <sup>37</sup>and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” <sup>38</sup>There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” <sup>39</sup>One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” <sup>40</sup>But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” <sup>41</sup>And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” <sup>42</sup>Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” <sup>43</sup>He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Celebrant     The Gospel of the Lord

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

**Hymn**        *Jesus remember me*  
(sung twice)

*The people are seated.*

## The Sermon

*If able, please stand.*

## The Nicene Creed BCP Page 358

**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

LEM Sisters and brothers, God has raised up for us a righteous king: Jesus our Christ. Let us lift our prayers to him, saying, "We praise you, Christ the King; you have come to your people and set us free!" King Jesus, remember your body, the Church. You have rescued us from the power of darkness and have transferred us into your kingdom. Make us strong with all the strength that comes from your glorious power. We praise you, Christ the King;

**People** **You have come to your people and set us free!**

LEM King Jesus, remember this nation. Guide our feet into the way of peace. Raise up leaders who govern their people wisely and justly. We praise you, Christ the King;

**People** **You have come to your people and set us free!**

LEM King Jesus, all things in heaven and on earth are created through you and for you. May we who care for your creation do so with all due respect. We praise you, Christ the King

**People** **You have come to your people and set us free!**

LEM King Jesus, remember this region in which we live and work and worship. Drive far from us all fear and dismay. Rescue the missing; find the lost. May all of your children live in safety. We praise you, Christ the King;

**People** **You have come to your people and set us free!**

LEM King Jesus, you know intimately the experience of pain and suffering in your own body. May all those suffering know that you are with them in their pain. We praise you, Christ the King;

**People** **You have come to your people and set us free!**

LEM King Jesus, accept those who have died into your kingdom. Give all the departed peace through the blood of your cross and, in the fullness of time, raise them to newness of life. We praise you, Christ the King;

We **You have come to your people and set us free!**

LEM God of unity, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love. Today we pray for the State LARCUM Lutheran/Anglican/Roman Catholic/United Methodist) of Virginia Committee as it fosters church unity in our state, especially through a yearly conference that brings both the laity and clergy together for worship, learning, dialogue and opportunities for community networking. We praise you, Christ the King;

People **You have come to your people and set us free!**

LEM Please offer your prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Celebrant Lord, hear the prayers of thy people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People** **Amen.**

## Confession of Sin and Absolution BCP Page 360

*If able, please kneel or stand.*

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**People** **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.**

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

*If able, please stand.*

### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
People **And also with you.**  
*The people are seated.*

### Announcements

## The Holy Communion

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*When the elements are brought forward, if able, please stand. After they are on the altar, please be seated.*

### Offertory

*The offering is brought forward.*  
*If able, please stand.*

### Response to Stewardship

1. We give Thee but Thine own, what - 'er the gifts may be; All  
5 2. May we Thy bount - ies thus, as stew - ards true re - ceive, And  
that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord from Thee.  
glad - ly, as Thou bless - est us, To Thee our first fruits give.

### The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. In fulfillment of his true promise, the Holy Spirit came down from heaven, lighting upon disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations. 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.

People and Celebrant

*If able, please kneel or stand.*

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. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Celebrant** Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**People** **Christ has died.**  
**Christ is risen.**  
**Christ will come again.**

**Celebrant** We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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.

**People** **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** BCP Page 364

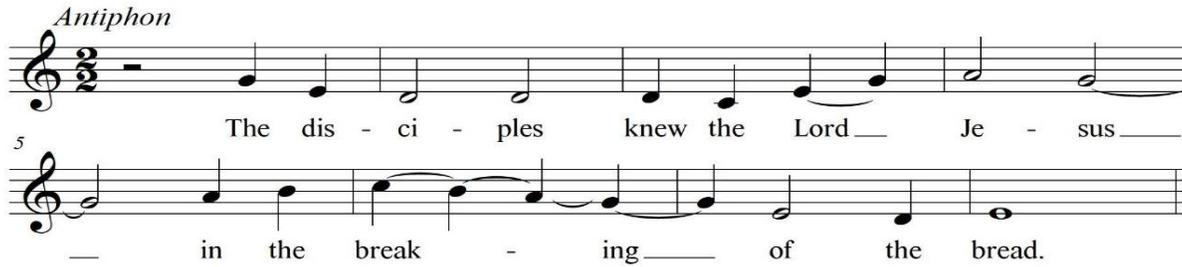
**Celebrant** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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, forever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem

*The people sing the antiphon after each verse sung by the Cantor.*

*Antiphon*



The dis - ci - ples knew the Lord Je - sus  
in the break - ing of the bread.

Verses:

1. The bread which we break, Alleluia, is the communion of the Body of Christ.
2. One body are we, Alleluia, for through many we share one bread.

## The Communion

*The people are seated.*

*We offer Communion to all who are baptized regardless of church tradition. We have wafers for those allergic to gluten, wheat, dairy and corn. Simply ask the celebrant who gives the bread. Those who wish to have their wafer dipped in the wine, please ask the celebrant. Those not receiving Communion are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing; please cross your chest with your arms.*

## Post-Communion Prayer BCP Page 365/366

*If able, please kneel or stand.*

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

**People** **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living member of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

*If able, please stand.*

## The Blessing

**Hymn 544 *Jesus shall reign***

**Duke Street**

## The Dismissal

**Celebrant** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## The Postlude