

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

BCP Page 355

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

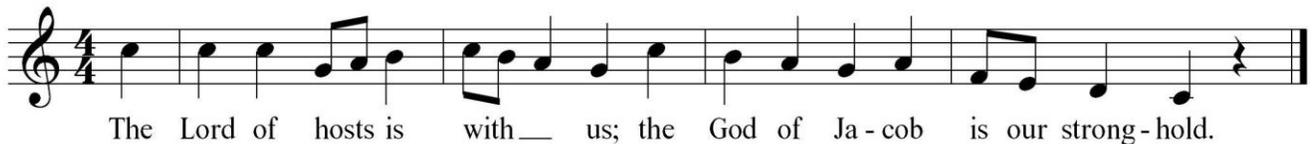
A Reading from Jeremiah 23: 1-6

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore 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. ³Then 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. ⁴I 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. ⁵The 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. ⁶In 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."

LEM The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46



¹God is our refuge and strength, *
a very present help in trouble.

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

³Though its waters rage and foam, *
and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

Antiphon

⁴The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

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

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

Antiphon

⁸The LORD of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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

¹⁰It 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.

¹¹“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

¹¹May 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 ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for 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. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He 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. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and 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.

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The Gospel

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

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

³³When 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. ³⁴[[Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”]] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And 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!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?” ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He 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

BCP Prayer A Page 361

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

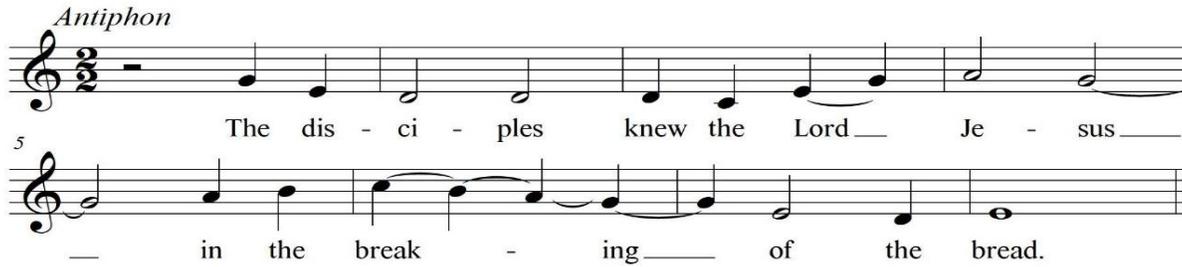
Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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