"Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
****Please stand as you are able in body or spirit***

Prelude~ *"Praise Him"*

Welcome~ Rev. Dr. Andreá Cummings-Wratee

****Opening Hymn~*** *"Lead Me, Guide Me" - #474 AAHH*

Opening Prayer

****Offering***
Doxology~ *"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"~#650 AAHH*

Prayer of Illumination: Come, Holy Spirt, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.

****The Scripture Readings***
First Reading: *Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18: 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 settle like dregs in wine, 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 a will be a day of wrath, day of distress and anguish,*

Mark your Calendar

Annual Christmas Party on December 12th at noon *at Lighthouse Restaurant & Dock Bar. Tickets are $60.*

Lessons and Carols on December 18th at 7 pm at Zion*. Join us for an evening of reflection on the coming of Christ in the world with Zion, Peter Calver, St. Cecilia, and St. Mary's Parish. There will be a reception after the service.*

Announcements? *If you have an announcement or prayer request, please email it to zionlexpk@gmail.com by Wednesday.*

Ready to Join Zion? *Please text 301-997-3328. Pastor Cummings-Wratee will reach out to you to arrange a time to discuss the membership vows and schedule a Sunday to join Zion.*

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.

The word of God for the people of God. ***Thanks be to God****.*

****Psalter****~ #809, Psalm 90: 1-12*

****Second Reading*****:** *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11: 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, brothers and sisters, 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.*

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Song of Preparation~ *"I Give Myself Away"*

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 25:14-30: "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. At once the one who had received the five talents went off 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, 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.'*

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Proclamation~ *Dr. Cummings-Wratee*

****Affirmation of Faith:*** *(881 UMH)****: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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. (*universal)***

Prayers of the People: *Lord, in your mercy****, hear our prayer.***

****Confession/Pardon/ The Peace~*** *Pg. 8*

Thanksgiving & Holy Communion~ *Pgs. 9-11*

Lord's Prayer

Post Communion Prayer*: Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

****Benediction***