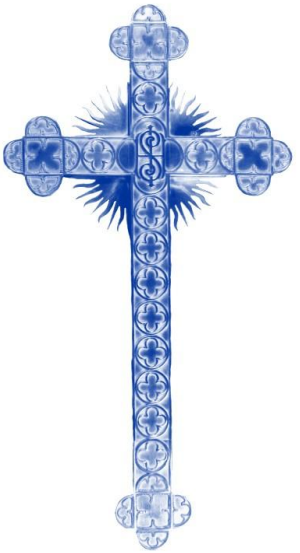
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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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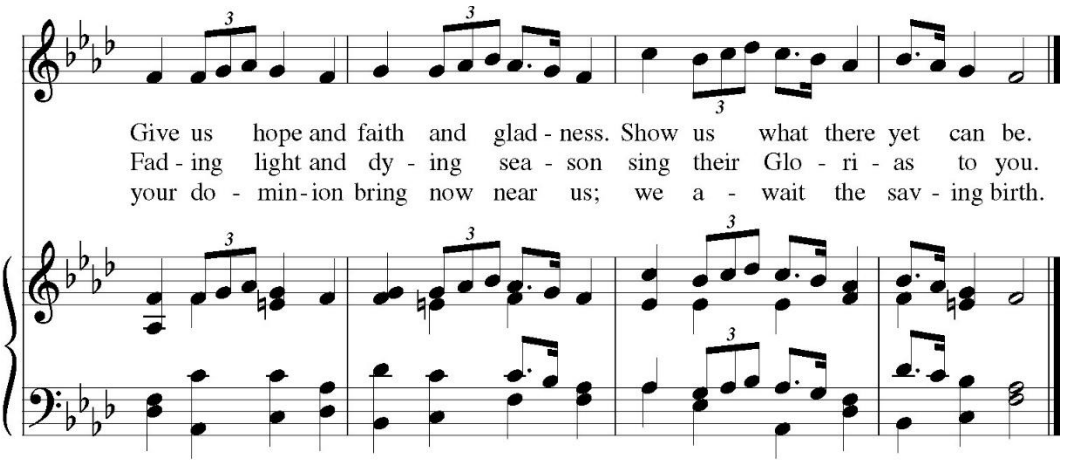


The Word of God

Voluntary

Hymn Signs of endings all around us





Opening Acclamation BCP, p. 355

S-280* Glory to God Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:

Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?

It is darkness, not light;
as if someone fled from a lion,
and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,
and was bitten by a snake.

Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;

and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm **Psalm 70**

Deus, in adjutorium

Jerome Webster Meachen
(b. 1930)



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1 Be pleased, O God, to de**liver me;** *
O Lord, make haste to **help me.**

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dis**mayed**; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be dis**graced**.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn **back**, *
because they are a**shamed**.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be **glad in you**; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the **Lord**!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and **needy**; *
come to me speedily, O **God.**

6 You are my helper and my **deliverer;** *
O Lord, do not **tarry**.

The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
People: **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn # 481 (vv. 1-3) Rejoice, the Lord is King! *Gopsal*

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Preacher: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Preacher: The Gospel of the Lord
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Hymn # 481 (v.4) Rejoice, the Lord is King! *Gopsal*

The Sermon — The Rev. Shirley Smith Graham

The Nicene Creed — p. 358

The Prayers of the People (Congregational response: *"Hear our prayer."*)

Confession & Absolution — p. 360

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The Holy Communion

The Offertory

Hymn # 574 — Before thy throne, O God, we kneel — *St. Petersburg*

The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer B) — p. 367

S-125* — Holy, holy, holy Lord — Richard Proulx

The Lord's Prayer — p. 364

S-155* — Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover — Gerald R. Near

The Invitation — p. 364

The Communion of the People

All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Baptized Christians are invited to receive bread and wine; all others are encouraged to come forward for a blessing.

Kneel or stand as able.

Following the direction of the ushers, please come to the rail with pulpit side (right) filling rail from right to center, and lectern side (left) filling rail from center to left. As the clergy distributes the bread, hold both hands out and up.

If you need communion brought to you, please alert an usher.

To receive the wine:

- *<u>To sip from the chalice:</u> Gently take the base of the chalice and guide the chalice to your mouth. Do not grab the main part of the chalice.*
- *<u>To intinct:</u> Hold your wafer up to indicate intinction to the chalicer. The chalicer will take the wafer from you, dip the edge into the wine and return it to your hand.*

Those who wish to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest.

During Communion

Hymn # 324 — Let all mortal flesh keep silence — *Picardy*

Post Communion Prayer — p. 365

Hymn # 68 — Rejoice, rejoice, believers — *Llangloffan*

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Celebrant: We send to those who cannot be with us the Sacrament of Christ's loving presence.
People: May the prayers of all of us go with you as you share in the communion.

** "S" Hymns are found in the front section of the hymnal.*

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