



Order of Service for Sunday November 19, 2023
INGATHERING
10 am Liturgy of the Word
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Prelude (*Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.*)

Opening Hymn #290 *Come ye Thankful People Come*

Greeting

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People *The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

Acclamation (*please say together*)

**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.**

Gloria (*let us say together*) - (Red prayer book BCP, P. 356)

**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.**

Collect for today - *let us say together:*

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 everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Lesson is a reading from The Psalms of David Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 *Domine, refugium*

¹ 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.

⁹ When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

¹⁰ The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

¹¹ Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

¹² So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Hear what the spirit is saying to God's People

- ***Thanks be to God***

Psalm 123 (*let us say together*)

¹ ***To you I lift up my eyes, ****
to you enthroned in the heavens.

² ***As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, ****
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

³ ***So our eyes look to the LORD our God, ****
until he show us his mercy.

⁴ ***Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, ****
for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵ ***Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, ****
and of the derision of the proud.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end, Amen.

The Second Lesson is a reading from the first letter of Paul to the people of Thessalonica 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, beloved, 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 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.

Hear what the Spirit is Saying to God's People

Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn #561 *Stand up for Jesus*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew 25:14-30

- ***Glory to you Lord Christ***

Jesus said, "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.'"

- This is the Gospel of the Lord
- ***Praise to you, Lord Christ***

Sermon

S. Kay Young

Let us say the Original Creed: ***Jesus Christ is Lord.***

Prayers of the People -

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

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For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Diana our Bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. silently or aloud

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Peace *(please stay in your pew)*

- The Peace of the Lord be always with you.
- **And also with you.**

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

The Lord's Prayer *(let us say together)*

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,

for ever and ever. Amen.

In-Gathering Moment

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves,
Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves.*

Birthdays & Anniversaries & Travelling Mercies *front cover of BCP (Red Prayer Book)*

Announcements

Prayer for St. Martin's *(let us pray together)*

God of Love, open our eyes and ears to perceive you at work in creation, the church, and our parish. Fill our hearts with your love that we may reach out in love to others. Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit that we may find new ways to live into life with you. Give us a vision of your mission that we may share your love and your spirit in all the places where we work and play and worship you. In Jesus' holy name, Amen.

Seasonal Blessing Benediction

Closing Hymn # WLP 780 *Lord you give the great commission (verses 1-4)*

Dismissal [BCP p. 366]

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *(Without music, use this time for quiet meditation.)*

