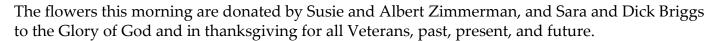
Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023, 10:00 am

Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

Please also note that our services are publicly livestreamed.

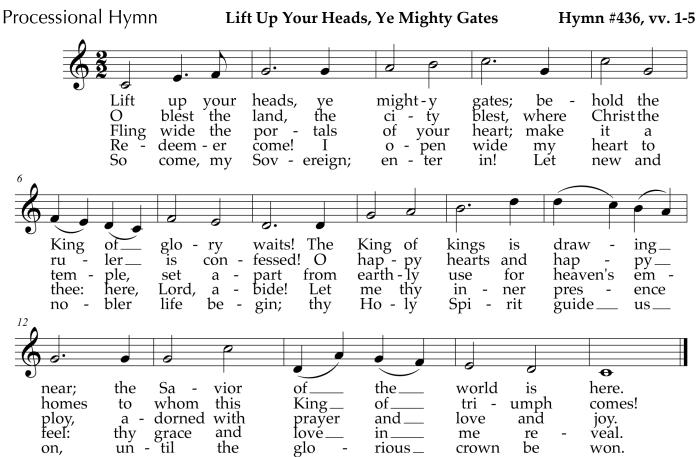


The Word of God

Prelude "Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her"

Johann Pachelbel

Please stand as able, and join in singing,



Words: Georg Weissel (1590-1635); tr. Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878). Music: "Truro," melody from "Psalmodia Evangelica, Part II," 1789; harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872), alt.

The Opening Acclamation

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,

All 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.

Please remain standing as able, and join in singing,



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The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. 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.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Lesson Amos 5:18-24

1st Reader A reading from the book of Amos.

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.

1st Reader The Word of the Lord. **People Thanks be to God.**

The Response Psalm 70 Deus, in adjutorium

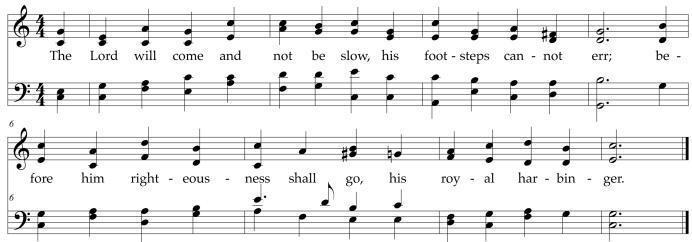
Reader Let us read from Psalm 70 responsively (the People reading the text in **bold**).

Refrain

The Lord Will Come and Be Not Slow

Hymn #462, v. 1

(Tune: "St. Anne", Hymn #680)



Words: John Milton (1608-1674), alt. Music: "St. Anne," melody attr to William Croft (1678-1727), alt.; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *

O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed

and altogether dismayed; *

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *

because they are ashamed.

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.

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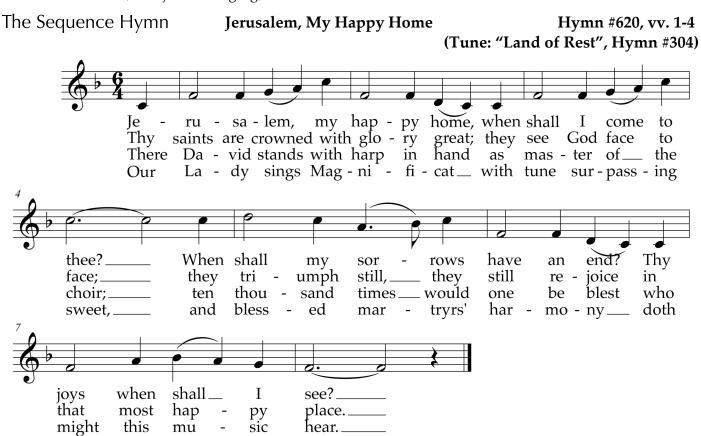
The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

2nd Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

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.

2nd Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.



Words: F. B. P. (16th cent.), alt. Music: "Land of Rest," American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan (1889-1983).

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The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon The Holy Gospel ♥ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Please be seated for,

The Sermon The Rev. Jason Shelby
There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.
Please stand as able, and join in saying,

The Nicene Creed

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 human.

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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

Please remain standing, as able, for

The Prayers of the People (the People read the responses in **bold**) Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest.

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Celebrant:

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Please kneel, as able,

The Confession of Sin

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

All

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.

The Absolution

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. Amen.

Please stand, as able,

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Ministers and People exchange signs of peace in the name of the Lord.

Please be seated.

Welcome, Announcements

Anyone who has a birthday or anniversary in the next week is invited to come forward for a blessing:

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may the peace which passes all understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

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"Mercy"

Craig Courtney

I dare not lift my guilty eyes. I hide my lips in trembling shame.

And in the darkness of my soul, I shrink from Your rekindling flame.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In mercy cover me with grace and blot out my iniquity.

Renew my heart and wash me clean; grant with Your pardon purity.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

In equal measure of Your love, You promise mercy,

Tender compassion to the one, who seeks your face.

A broken heart, a fainting soul,

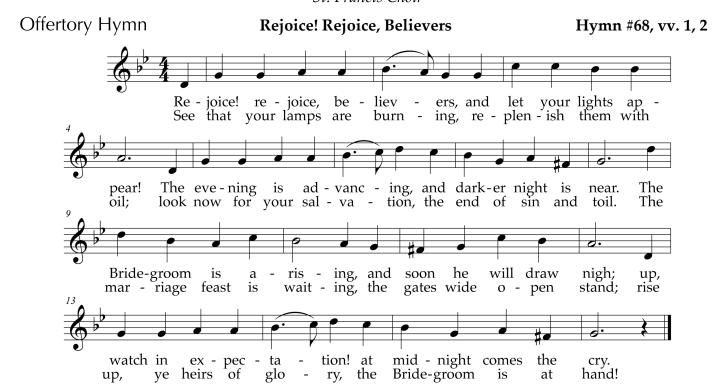
A contrite spirit, together cry for Your forgiveness and Your grace.

Against You only have I sinned. My deeds are evil in your sight.

Of Your forgiveness let me sing, and in my singing take delight.

Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, have mercy.

St. Francis Choir



Please stand, as able, for,

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you. **People** And also with you.

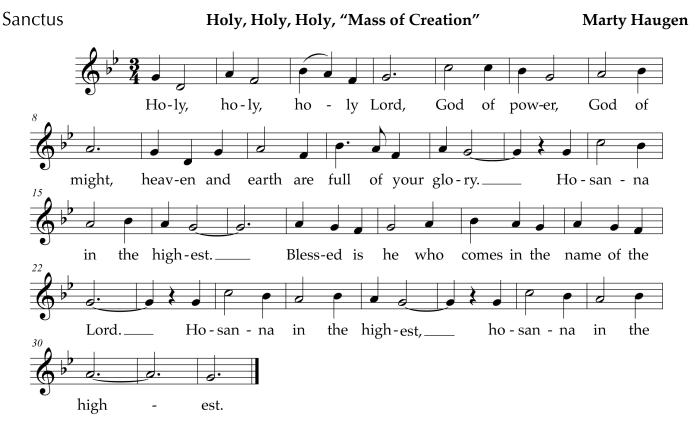
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

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.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Please join in singing,



Music: "Mass of Creation; Marty Haugen (b. 1950) © 1984, GIA Publications, Inc.

Please kneel or stand, as able, as the Celebrant continues.

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:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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. **Amen**.

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

All 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,

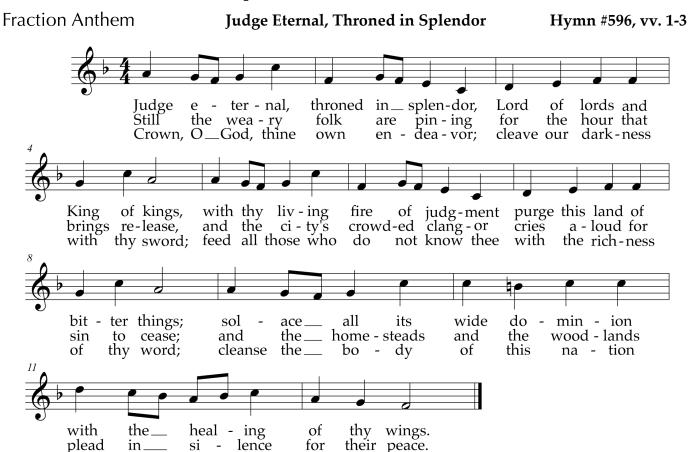
forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.



Words: Henry Scott Holland (1847-1918), alt. Music: "Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens," melody from "Neu-vermehrtes und zu Ubung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningisches Gesangbuch," 1693.

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The Invitation

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Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God, Holy gifts, for Holy people.

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For our online community—an invitation to pray together the spiritual communion prayer from the National Cathedral. A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Communion of the People

All are invited to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the ushers. If you do not wish to receive, we encourage you to come forward to receive a blessing. Simply fold your hands across your chest when you come forward. The clergy will carry Communion to anyone in the congregation who is unable to come forward. Please notify an usher if you wish Communion to be brought to you. Gluten-free Communion wafers are available. If you require one of these, simply ask.

If you have come with a particular prayer concern today, after receiving Communion you may come to the Nason Prayer Chapel to the right of the altar rail where someone will also be available to pray with you, or you may just choose to light a candle.



Words: St. 1, Matthew 6:33; adapt. Karen Lafferty (20th cent.). St. 2 Matthew 7:7. Music: "Seek Ye First," Karen Lafferty (20th cent.).

Please kneel or stand, as able for,

The Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members 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.

The Blessing

Celebrant Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage, Hold fast to that which is good. Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted, support the weak, help the afflicted. Honor all persons.

Love and serve the lord, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And, the blessing of God Almighty, The ▼ Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit be with you always.

All Amen.

The Sending Forth

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Please stand, as able, and join in singing,



Words: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1722-1796), alt. Music: "Cwm Rhondda," John Hughes (1873-1932).

Postlude:

"Prelude and Fugue in C major" (BWV 553)

J.S. Bach

Welcome!!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception. Whoever you are, and whatever the status of your relationship with God, you will find fellow travelers here.

Please join us for coffee fellowship after the service.

The Ushers will direct you.

Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Thomas, Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, Joseph Leahy, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Barry Witt, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Christa, Jean Dicus, Daniel Drayling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, John Ferme, Colette Furbush,, Chris Goldsmith, Sally Hill, Loren, Mick Mohuchy, Bruce Schaefer, Roxanne Wall, and for the people of the middle east, and victims of violence everywhere.

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

What's Happening!

Packing Boxes for our Troops — Nov 12th

Join us Sunday, November 12th, from 2-4pm as we pack boxes to send to our troops over-seas. Everyone age 5 and older are welcome (with parent supervision) to help! If you can't make it no worries you can still help: donate items listed on the flier, or donate \$22 to help pay for shipping. Any questions? Reach out to Susie Zimmerman 310-316-5941.

Thanksgiving Outreach with Harbor Interfaith — Nov 15th

Harbor Interfaith Services, Inc. (HIS) plan to deliver over 350 complete holiday meals for Thanksgiving. They are asking for donations of frozen turkeys, canned vegetables, mashed potatoes, stuffing or dressing mix, canned yams, or sweet potatoes, cake mix, or grocery gift cards to help make it a brighter day for the families served. Bring any donations to church on Sunday or during office hours through Wednesday Nov 15th.

Ongoing

Bible Study on Zoom—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, *john.w.hailwood@outlook.com* or Suellen Eslinger, *suellenesl@verizon.net*

Yoga

Mondays from 11:30am –1:00pm - All Levels Hatha Yoga for Strength and Mobility. Wednesdays 9:00-10:30am All Levels Gentle Yoga for Vital Mobility and Balance. (free-will offering).

Contact: Jill Lynch—jillfenskelynch@gmail.com

Meditation—Thursdays 9:30-10:30am—in the Nason Chapel. Contact: Susie Zimmerman *susiehzimmerman@gmail.com*;

AA—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, Al-Anon—Thursdays 7:00pm

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