

# Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023, 10:00 am

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## Morning Prayer

Prelude

"Peaceful Meditation"

Paul Fey

Please stand as able, and join in singing,

### Processional Hymn

God Is Love, Let Heaven Adore Him

Hymn #379, vv. 1-3

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God is Love, let heaven a - dore him; God is Love, let earth re - joice;  
God is Love; and love en - folds us, all the world in one em - brace:  
God is Love; and though with blind-ness sin af - flicts all hu - man life,  
let cre - a - tion sing be - fore him and ex - alt him with one voice.  
with un - fail - ing grasp God holds us, ev - ery child of ev - ery race.  
God's e - ter - nal lov - ing - kind - ness guides us through our earth - ly strife.  
God who laid the earth's foun - da - tion, God who spread the heavens a - bove,  
And when hu - man hearts are break - ing un - der sor - row's i - ron rod,  
Sin and death and hell shall nev - er o'er us fi - nal tri - umph gain;  
God who breathes through all cre - a - tion: God is Love, e - ter - nal Love.  
then we find that self - same ach - ing deep with - in the heart of God.  
God is Love, so Love for ev - er o'er the u - ni - verse must reign.

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Officiant: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Officiant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

Officiant and People together, (*all kneeling as able*):

Officiant: The Rev. Celeste Stump

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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our 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.

Officiant: Lord, Open our lips,  
People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise

Officiant & People: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in  
the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him.

Venite

Officiant & People:

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Please be seated for the readings.*

## The First Lesson      Zephaniah 1: 7, 12-18

1<sup>st</sup> Reader      A reading from the book of Zephaniah.

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 rest complacently on their dregs,  
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 will be a day of wrath,  
a day of distress and anguish,

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.

1<sup>st</sup> Reader      The Word of the Lord.

**People      Thanks be to God.**

## The Response      Psalm 90: 1-12      *Domine, refugium*

Reader      Let us read from Psalm 90 responsively (*the People reading the text in bold*).

**Refrain**      **In Ev'ry Age, O Lord**      **Ps. 90, Michael Guimont**



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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.** *Refrain*
- 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** *Refrain*

## The Second Lesson 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader A Reading from Paul's letter to the Thessalonians.

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 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.

2<sup>nd</sup> Reader The Word of the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as able, and join in singing,*

# The Sequence Hymn

## Rise Up, Ye Saints of God

Hymn #551, vv. 1-3

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er  
 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries  
 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have

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 things, give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
 long; Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
 trod; and quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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*Please remain standing, as able, for*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25: 14-30

Deacon A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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.'"

Deacon The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

*Please be seated for,*

## The Sermon

The Rev. Celeste Stump

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please stand as able, and join in saying,*

## The Apostles' Creed

*Officiant and People together*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living 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.**

*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:*

**All** 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.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Officiant* Let us pray.

**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.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;

R. **And grant us your salvation.**

V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

R. **Let your people sing with joy.**

V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

V. Let your way be known upon earth;

R. **Your saving health among all nations.**

V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;

R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

## A Collect for Sundays

Officiant: O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Officiant: O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The General Thanksgiving

Officiant and People

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**


*Please stand, as able, and join in singing,*



# The Closing Hymn

## O Day of Peace that Dimly Shines

Hymn #597, vv. 1-2



O day of peace that dim-ly shines through all our  
Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the  
hopes and prayers and dreams, guide us to jus - tice, truth, and  
fierce de - vour the small; as beasts and cat - tle calm - ly  
love, de - liv-ered from our self - ish schemes. May swords of  
graze, a lit - tle child shall lead them all. Then en - e -  
hate fall from our hands, our hearts from en - vy find re-lease, till by God's  
mies shall learn to love, all crea-tures find their true ac-cord; the hope of  
grace our war-ring world shall see Christ's prom-ised reign of peace.  
peace shall be ful-filled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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Postlude:

*"All Things Bright and Beautiful"*

*John Rutter*

# 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!

### **"Come See" Concert & Variety Show — December 2nd, 5pm (Doors open at 4:30pm)**

Come support our first ever Concert & Variety Show! We'll have an assortment of talent joining us and showing off their skills, from silly pet tricks, to musical performances! Have a talent & wish to join? Talk to Ed Hinz 310-418-8138

### **Art Under the Arches — December 2nd-3rd, 10am**

Help fundraise for Harbor Interfaith through art!

### **Advent Sunday Breakfast & Wreath Making — December 3rd, 11:15am**

All families and parishioners are invited to our annual Advent Sunday Breakfast and Wreath Making Event happening Nov 3rd, in the Parish Hall. Bring in your old metal, or foam wreaths and gently used candles to create your arrangement this year! If you don't have any, we will have plenty of supplies for you to use.

### **St. Anne's Christmas Auction — Nov 6th, 6pm**

Join us for our St. Anne's annual Christmas Auction for some food, fun, and fellowship!

### **Christmas Eve Services — Dec 24th, 10am, 4pm, and 9pm**

Christmas is almost here! Join us to celebrate Christmas Eve our 10am service, the Children's Pageant/Story Service at 4pm, and the traditional Christmas Eve service at 9pm.

### **Christmas Day — Dec 25th, 9am**

Celebrate the birth of Jesus with us on this holy day!

## Ongoing

**Bible Study on Zoom**—Contacts: Jack Hailwood, [john.w.hailwood@outlook.com](mailto:john.w.hailwood@outlook.com) or Suellen Eslinger, [suellenesl@verizon.net](mailto: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—[jillfenskelynych@gmail.com](mailto:jillfenskelynych@gmail.com)

**Meditation**—Thursdays 9:30-10:30am—in the Nason Chapel. Contact: Susie Zimmerman  
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**AA**—Thursdays & Sundays 7:30 pm, **Al-Anon**—Thursdays 7:00pm

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