
✠ TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST ✠
ORDER OF WORSHIP • NOVEMBER 10, 2024 • 9:00 AM
✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

✠ GATHERING HYMN

OH, FOR A THOUSAND
TONGUES TO SING
LBW #559

✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us.

a time of silence for reflection

WL: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

All: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We have sinned your children and against you. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

WL: Beloved in Christ, these words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad and rejoice in your salvation.

All: **Amen!**

✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

All: **Amen.**

FIRST LESSON

1 KINGS 17:8-16

R: Our first lesson on this twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost is from the seventeenth chapter of First Kings.

Then the word of the Lord came to him: "Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food." So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, "Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?" As she was going to get it, he called, "And bring me, please, a piece of bread."

"As surely as the Lord your God lives," she replied, "I don't have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die."

Elijah said to her, "Don't be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. For this is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the land.'"

She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN

WE WALK BY FAITH

The choir sings the first three stanzas. All sing stanzas 4 & 5.

*We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.*

*We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice and cry "My Lord and God!"*

*Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:*

**That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.**

**We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.**

SECOND LESSON

PSALM 146

R: The second lesson is from Psalm 146. We read responsively.

Praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in human beings, who cannot save.

**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God.

**He is the Maker of heaven and earth,
the sea, and everything in them—
he remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed
and gives food to the hungry.

**The Lord sets prisoners free,
the Lord gives sight to the blind,**

the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down,
the Lord loves the righteous.

**The Lord watches over the foreigner
and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

The Lord reigns forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the Lord.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

✠ VERSE

PRAISE GOD, FROM WHOM ALL
BLESSINGS FLOW
LBW #564

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise him, all creatures here below
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 12:38-44

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord!

As he taught, Jesus said, "Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely."

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

TODAY'S MESSAGE

✠ MESSAGE HYMN

TAKE MY LIFE, THAT I MAY BE

LBW #406

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

WL: Let us confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All: 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, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

COMMUNION HYMNS

I SURRENDER ALL
LEAD ME, LORD

**All to Jesus I surrender, All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him, In His presence daily live.**

REFRAIN: **I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Savior, I surrender all.**

**All to Jesus I surrender, Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit, Truly know that Thou art mine.**

REFRAIN

**All to Jesus I surrender, Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power, Let Thy blessing fall on me.**

REFRAIN

The cantor will sing the verses. All join on the refrain:

Lead me, Lord. I will follow.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

You have called me. I will answer.

Lead me, Lord. I will go.

✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: Amen.

✠ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

HONORING OUR VETERANS

WL: I ask you to be seated now as we honor our veterans on this Veterans Day Weekend with prayer and image and song.

VIDEO PRESENTATION “A VETERANS DAY PRAYER”

PRAYERS FOR OUR VETERANS

WL: People of God, as you send us now into a world in great need, we remember those who have served and are currently serving our nation in the armed forces. We give thanks for their willingness to lay down their lives for others. We give thanks for the love they have shown and the sacrifices they have made.

I ask them to stand as they are able, while we pray.

Gracious God, we ask for blessings on all those who have served their country in the armed forces. We ask for healing for the veterans who have been wounded, in body and soul, in conflicts around the globe. We pray for those who come home with injured bodies and traumatized spirits. Bring solace to them, O Lord; may we pray for them when they cannot pray. May we become a part of their healing. With them and with all veterans we ask for an end to wars and the dawning of a new era of peace.

Have mercy on all our veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, and other conflicts. Bring peace to their hearts and peace to the regions in which they served. Bless all those who served in non-combatative posts. May their calling to service continue to bring blessings to them and to all.

Loving God, give us all the creative vision to see a world which, grown weary with fighting, moves to affirming the life of all your creation and so moves beyond war. Hear our prayer, O Prince of Peace, Príncipe de Paz.

All: Amen.

✠ **SENDING HYMN** ETERNAL FATHER, STRONG TO SAVE

**Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the restless wave
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea!**

**Oh, Watchful Father, who dost keep eternal vigil while we sleep,
Guide those who navigate on high, who through grave unknown perils fly.
Receive our oft-repeated prayer for those in peril in the air.**

**O Trinity of love and power, our soldiers shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe, protect them whereso'er they go;
Thus evermore from all the free shall rise glad hymns of praise to thee.**

✝ BLESSING

WL: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

All: **Amen.**

✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: **Thanks be to God.**

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