

November 15, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One,

we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

Amen.

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Righteous God, our merciful master,

you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee
~Carolyn Kibler, Organ, and Marcia Green, Piano~
To the Glory of God
and in honor of
the 250th Birth Anniversary of
Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

Arr. Bock

READING: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

PSALM: Psalm 90:1-8, 12

- ¹Lord, 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.**
- ³You turn us back to the | dust and say,
“Turn back, O child- | ren of earth.”
- ⁴**For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when | it is past
and like a watch | in the night;**
- ⁵you sweep them away | like a dream,
they fade away suddenly | like the grass:
- ⁶**in the morning it is | green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried | up and withered.**
- ⁷For we are consumed | by your anger;
we are afraid because | of your wrath.
- ⁸**Our iniquities you have | set before you,
and our secret sins in the light | of your countenance.**
- ¹²So teach us to num- | ber our days
that we may apply our | hearts to wisdom.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:14-30

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine; (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine; (3 times)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

SERMON

Pastor Chris Davis

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of Light



1 Lord of light, your name out - shin - ing all the stars and
2 By the toil of faith - ful work - ers in some far out -
3 Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, at your feet may
4 By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, nev - er si - lent



suns of space, use our tal - ents in your king - dom
ly - ing field, by the cour - age where the ra - diance
low - ly kneel; with your grace our tri - umphs hal - low,
day or night; by the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing



as the ser - vants of your grace; use us to ful -
of the cross is still re - vealed, by the vic - to -
with your char - i - ty our zeal; lift the na - tions
peace to all and heal - ing light; by the love that



fill your pur - pose in the gift of Christ your Son.
ries of meek - ness, through re - proach and suf - f'ring won:
from the shad - ows to the glad - ness of the sun:
pass - es knowl - edge, mak - ing all your chil - dren one:



Fa - ther, as in high - est heav - en, so on earth your will be done.

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Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907–1991

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.