

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
November 8, 2020

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.  
**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.  
**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**  
**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.  
**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**  
**P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

**Introit: Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3**

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,

**at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

How lovely is your dwelling place,

**O LORD of hosts!**

Behold our shield, O God;

**look on the face of your anointed!**

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.

**No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.**

O LORD of hosts,

**blessèd is the one who trusts in you!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son**

**and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

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**at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.**

**Kyrie**

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.  
**C** **Lord, have mercy.**  
**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.  
**C** Amen.

**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

- P** The Lord be with you.  
**C** **And also with you.**  
**P** Let us pray.  
Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**C** Amen.

**Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18–24**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual: Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5**

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

**They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,  
**in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.  
**C** **Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

- C** Alleluia.  
**Lord, to whom shall we go?**  
**You have the words of eternal life.**  
Alleluia, alleluia.

### Holy Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1–13

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

### Psalm 70

<sup>1</sup>Make haste, O God, to deliver me!

**O LORD, make haste to help me!**

<sup>2</sup>Let them be put to shame and confusion  
**who seek my life!**

Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor  
**who desire my hurt!**

<sup>3</sup>Let them turn back because of their shame  
**who say, “Aha, Aha!”**

<sup>4</sup>May all who seek you  
**rejoice and be glad in you!**

May those who love your salvation  
**say evermore, “God is great!”**

<sup>5</sup>But I am poor and needy;  
**hasten to me, O God!**

You are my help and my deliverer;  
**O LORD, do not delay!**

### Sermon “Got Oil?” Matthew 25:1-13

#### Apostles’ Creed

**C** **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.**

### Prayer of the Church

**P**...Lord, in your mercy:

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

**P**...through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

### Lord’s Prayer

**P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C** **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

**P** 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.

**C** **Amen.**

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