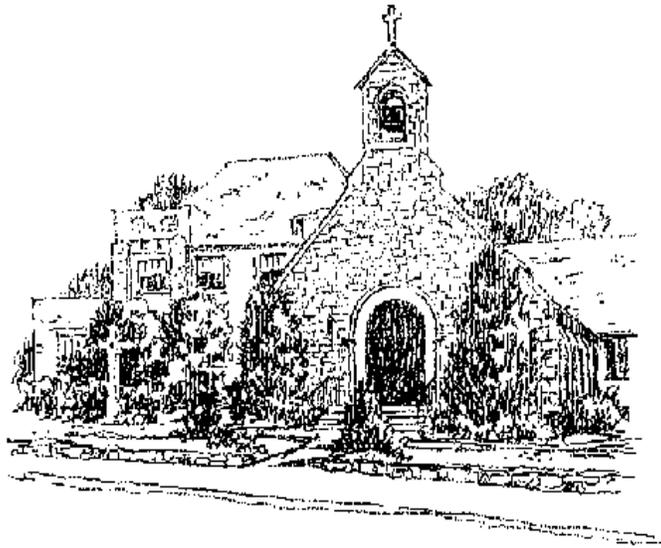


LITURGY OF THE WORD  
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
NOVEMBER 15, 2020



St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
Louisville, Kentucky

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) Liturgy of the Word, Rite II

*The Voluntary is time for Quiet Meditation and Prayer.*

Organ Voluntary: Chorale Prelude on 'Blessed Jesu, We Are Here'

J.S. Bach

THE ENTRANCE RITE

Opening Hymn 680

O God, Our Help, In Ages Past

St. Anne

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;

1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.

Salutation and Collect for Purity

BCP 355

*Officiant:* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*People:* **And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*Officiant:* Almighty God, 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis (BCP 356)

Musical Setting: Malcolm Archer

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Glo ry to God in the high est, and peace to his peo ple on  
earth. Lord God, heaven ly King, al migh ty God and  
Fath er, we wor ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo ry.  
Lord Je sus Christ, on ly Son of the Fath er, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a way the sin of the world: have mer cy on us; you are  
seat ed at the right hand of the Fath er: re ceive our  
prayer. For you a lone are the Ho ly One,  
you a lone are the Lord, you a lone are the Most High,  
Je sus Christ, with the Ho ly Spi rit, in the glo ry of God the  
Fath er. A men, A men.

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### **The Old Testament: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**

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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 90:1-12 (*Said by all*)

- 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.
  - 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.
- 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.

**The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 490 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

Houston

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God.  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com-ing of Christ.

I want to fol-low Je-sus.  
 I want to look at Je-sus.  
 I want to be with Je-sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

star of my life is Je-sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa-ther.  
 shall know the joy of Je-sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God. *rit.*

*a tempo*

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

### The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

*Gospeler:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People:* **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

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.’”

*Gospeler:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Homily:**

The Reverend Candyce Loescher

**The Nicene Creed** (*Said by all standing*)

BCP 358

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 man.  
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 and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He 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.

### The Prayers of the People, Form II

BCP 385

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Terry, our Bishop; and Candyce our Rector; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed [especially \_\_\_\_\_]. Pray for those who have died.

*Members of the congregation may ask the prayers or the thanksgivings of those present.*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially St. Mark and all the Saints whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Confession of Sin & Absolution**

BCP 360

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

*People:* **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 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

### **Anthem at the Offertory:**      *Christ Hath a Garden*      arr. Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around, a Paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.  
Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.  
Awake, O wind of Heav'n and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:  
That he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

*Text: Isaac Watts*  
*Soloist: Emma Stivers*

### **A Prayer in the Absence of the Great Thanksgiving**

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

Lord, you have taught us to seek you and to find you in the bread and the wine of your table; season after season we have returned to you there. But now we are living in a season of isolation: from one another, from the lives we have known, and even from the community of your table. And so, we lament:

*People:* **Turn to me and have mercy, for I am lonely and oppressed. Hear my prayer and my cry; be not silent at my tears.**

*Officiant:* For surely, Lord, we are not alone. Formed in your image, you met us through your Christ—in the womb of Mary, beside the sea, at Golgotha and in every tomb. Through the mystery of his death and resurrection, we are now one with you. In our days, as with a mother's milk, you have been forming our bodies to become your body, through the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Our flesh is now yours, shaped for these days in which we are living.

*People:* **Nourished by Christ, teach us also to be broken with Christ and shared with this hungry world.**

*Officiant:* Soften our hearts and strengthen our resolve. Meet us on the road and open our eyes to see afresh the abundance of your grace, alive and at hand throughout your sacred and hurting world, through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*People:* **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.**

**Blessing**

Closing Hymn 9

Awake, Awake to Love and Work!

Morning Song



4 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the  
 5 Come, let thy voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of  
 6 to give and give, and give a - gain, what God hath giv - en



4 sky, the fields are wet with dia - mond dew, the  
 5 praise; see how the gi - ant sun soars up, great  
 6 thee; to spend thy - self nor count the cost; to



4 worlds a - wake to cry their bles - sings on the  
 5 lord of years and days! So let the love of  
 6 serve right glo - rious - ly the God who gave all



4 Lord of life, as he goes meek - ly by.  
 5 Je - sus come and set thy soul a - blaze,  
 6 worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Dismissal

Officiant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

Toccata in F

Dietrich Buxtehude

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