

# Holy Eucharist, Rite II, the Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 15, 2020

*Dies Irae*

*The Celebrant and LEM stand, maintaining physical distance. There is no procession.*

## Opening Rites

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

LEM: *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.*

Celebrant: 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. Amen.

Celebrant: Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,

LEM: *Have mercy upon us.*

## The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,

LEM: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

*The Celebrant says the Collect.*

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. *Amen.*

## **The Lessons<sup>1</sup>**

### **The Old Testament Lesson**

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup>Be silent before the Sovereign LORD,  
for the day of the LORD is near.

The LORD has prepared a sacrifice;  
he has consecrated those he has invited.

<sup>12</sup>At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps  
and punish those who are complacent,  
who are like wine left on its dregs,  
who think, ‘The LORD will do nothing,  
either good or bad.’

<sup>13</sup>Their wealth will be plundered,  
their houses demolished.

Though they build houses,  
they will not live in them;  
though they plant vineyards,  
they will not drink the wine.”

<sup>14</sup>The great day of the LORD is near—  
near and coming quickly.  
The cry on the day of the LORD is bitter;  
the Mighty Warrior shouts his battle cry.

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<sup>1</sup> The readings are from the Revised Common Lectionary. See: <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/>.  
The table for readings in Year A for the Season After Pentecost may be found at:  
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=A&season=Season%20after%20Pentecost>

<sup>15</sup>That day will be a day of wrath—  
a day of distress and anguish,  
a day of trouble and ruin,  
a day of darkness and gloom,  
a day of clouds and blackness—  
<sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet and battle cry  
against the fortified cities  
and against the corner towers.

<sup>17</sup>“I will bring such distress on all people  
that they will grope about like those who are blind,  
because they have sinned against the LORD.  
Their blood will be poured out like dust  
and their entrails like dung.

<sup>18</sup>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 jealousy  
the whole earth will be consumed,  
for he will make a sudden end  
of all who live on the earth.

## **The New Testament Lesson**

I Thessalonians 5:1-11

<sup>1</sup>Now, brothers and sisters, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, <sup>2</sup>for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>While people are saying, “Peace and safety,” destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

<sup>4</sup>But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. <sup>5</sup>You are all children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not be like others, who

are asleep, but let us be awake and sober. <sup>7</sup>For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet. <sup>9</sup>For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>10</sup>He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

## **The Gospel**

Matthew 25:14-30

*Then, all standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

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

LEM: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

<sup>14</sup>“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents,<sup>[1]</sup> to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

<sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>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.’ <sup>21</sup>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.’<sup>22</sup> 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.’<sup>23</sup> 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.’<sup>24</sup> 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;<sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’<sup>26</sup> 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?’<sup>27</sup> 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.<sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.<sup>29</sup> 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.<sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

LEM: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

## **The Sermon: *Dies irae***

### **Musical Offering**

*The Deacon or Priest prepares the altar and sanctuary for the Eucharist.*

*There is no passing of plates and no reception the collection or other gifts.*

*After the offering, the Celebrant continues, saying*

## **A Statement of Faith, A Song of God's Love** (1 John 4:7-11)

*The Celebrant says*

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is Love.

In this the love of God was revealed among us,  
that God sent his only Son into the world, so we might live through  
him.

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that God loved us  
and sent his Son that sins might be forgiven.

Beloved, since God loved us so much,  
we ought also to love one another.

For if we love one another, God abides in us,  
and God's love will be perfected in us.

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The LEM prays. In the silence after each bidding, the People offer their prayers without speaking.*

I ask your prayers for all God's people; for our bishops, our clergy, and 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. 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 God.

Pray that they may seek, and pray that they might find.

*Silence*

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

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for those on the prayer list of this parish, and those whose needs are known to you alone.

*Silence*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## **The Peace**

*The People stand.*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you,

LEM: *And also with you.*

*The Ministers and People greet one another in silence while keeping physical distance.*

## **The Holy Eucharist: The Great Thanksgiving**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you,



After supper he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in memory of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*LEM Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.*

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Now, as Christ taught us, we are bold to say,

*The LEM prays*

*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.*

## **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread, and then keeps a period of silence. The Celebrant continues*

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

LEM: *Therefore, let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*The people come forward to retrieve the hosts, maintaining physical distance. They consume the hosts upon returning to their seats. After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray. *The Celebrant prays*

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Blessing and Dismissal**

*The Celebrant says*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord be with you, this day and always, and give you peace.

*The LEM says*

Let us go forth, in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

*The Celebrant, the LEM, and the People depart, maintaining physical distance.*

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