

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

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## **ONLINE WORSHIP BULLETIN**



# GATHER

## Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

Let us pray.

**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.**

## Song of Praise *Gloria*

Jesse Manibusan



**Refrain:** Glo - ry!                      Glo - ry to God!                      Glo - ry



in the high - est!                      Glo - ry!                      Glo - ry to God!



Glo - ry to God                      Most                      High!

### *Choir:*

O God, Holy One, almighty God and Father, we worship you,  
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory! **Refrain:**

O Lord, Jesus Christ, Holy One, Redeemer,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. **Refrain:**

You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High God, with the Spirit in the glory to God! **Refrain:**

## **The Collect of the Day**

May God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **The First Reading**      *(Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25)*

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts

to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 78:1-7**

Hear my teaching, O my people; \*

**incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**

I will open my mouth in a parable; \*

**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*

**we will not hide from their children.**

We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*

**and the wonderful works he has done.**

He gave his decrees to Jacob  
and established a law for Israel, \*

**which he commanded them to teach their children;**

That the generations to come might know,  
and the children yet unborn; \*

**that they in their turn might tell it to their children;**

So that they might put their trust in God, \*

**and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;**

### **The Second Reading** *(1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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## Gospel Alleluia

Land of Rest

He - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan;  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia;

he - le - lu - yan, he - le - lu - yan: he - le, he - le - lu - yan.  
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: al - le, al - le - lu - ia.

*\* May be sung as a round.*

## The Holy Gospel *(Matthew 25:1-13)*

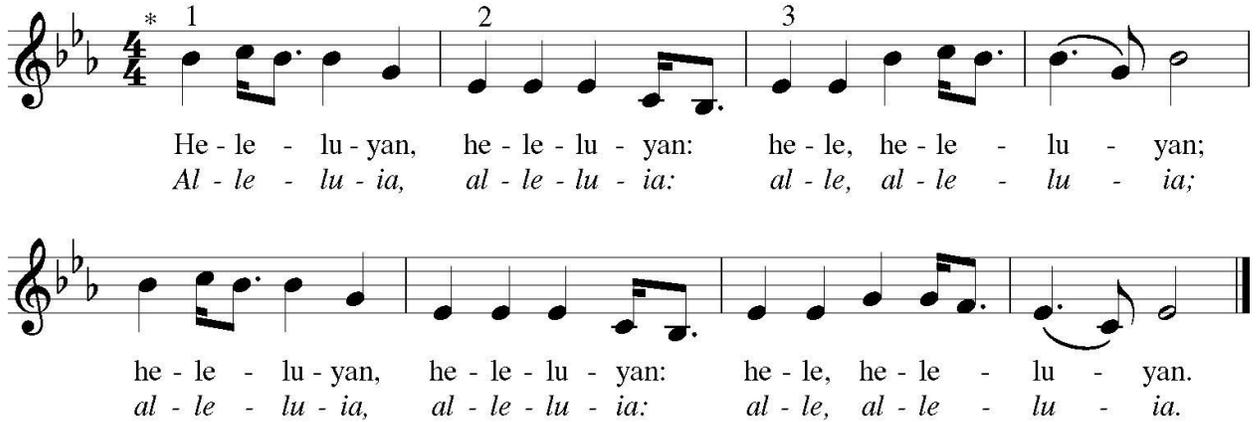
The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**



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## The Homily

*The Rev. Kristin Krantz*

### The Nicene Creed

**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,  
 was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
 and became truly human.**

**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,  
 who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
 who 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

*Book of Common Prayer, Form VI adapted*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;

**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;

**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Eugene and Robert our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

**For all who serve God's Church.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessing of this life. We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**Who put their trust in you.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*You are invited to name, silently or aloud, prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## The Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

### **The Peace**

May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Welcome & Announcements**

### **Thanksgivings of the Community**

*You are invited to come forward to offer public thanks for the movement of God's Spirit in your own life: thanks for a birthday, an anniversary, a new job, and unexpected act of compassion, or another grace-filled change in your life. We close this time with the following prayer:*

**O God, our times are in your hands: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants as they mark this day. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord, in the name of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** *This little light of mine*



1. This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. (let it shine).

**Dismissal**

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**