



# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

November 15, 2020

## The Word of God

**Celebrant** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**People** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

**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.*

## Song of Praise

*Be Thou My Vision*

## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.  
**People** And also with you.

**Celebrant** 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. *Amen.*

## The First Reading

*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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People**      **Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12*

- 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.

## The Second Reading

*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.

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People** Thanks be to God

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 25:14-30*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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.'"

*After the Gospel, the Priest says*  
The Gospel of the Lord.

**People**      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

### The Nicene Creed

**All**      **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 worshipped 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 VI

*After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.*

**Leader** In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

**Leader** For all people in their daily life and work;

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

**Leader** For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

**Leader** For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

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

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

**Leader** For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

**Leader** For our Presiding Bishop and all bishops and other ministers;

**All** **For all who serve God in his Church.**

**Leader** For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence*

**Leader** Hear us, Lord;

**All** **For your mercy is great.**

**Leader** We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

*Silence*

**Leader** We will exalt you, O God our King;

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

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

*Silence*

**Leader** Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

**All** **Who put their trust in you.**

*Adapted from the BCP*

## Confession and Absolution

**Celebrant** We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All** **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Celebrant** 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. *Amen.*

## The Peace

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All** **And also with you**

## The Holy Communion

### The Great Thanksgiving

### Eucharistic Prayer B

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Lift up your hearts.

**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**Celebrant** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People** **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant** It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All** **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Celebrant** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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 for the remembrance of me."

**All** Therefore, according to his command, O Father,  
**We remember his death.  
We proclaim his resurrection.  
We await his coming in glory.**

**Celebrant** And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Celebrant** As our savior Christ taught us, we now pray  
**All** **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 Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

**Celebrant** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**People** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please know that there is real wine in the cup; you do not have to receive both bread and wine in order to participate in communion. If you would like to talk about baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Mtr. Tracey. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.*

## Post Communion Prayer

**Celebrant** Let us pray  
**All** **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**

**Closing Song**  
*Never Walk Alone*

**Dismissal**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

November 3 - Ron Buckner  
 November 3 - Jennifer Randell  
 November 4 - Mona Clower  
 November 8 - Francis Rauch  
 November 13 - Owen Glave  
 November 16 - Charlyne White  
 November 17 - Paul Duesterhoft  
 November 22 - Ruth Wagner  
 November 24 - Susan Frier Brown  
 November 28 - Michael Clower  
 November 28 - Teresa Read

### Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

### Stewardship

Please make sure you turn in your pledge card. Pledge cards are due on or before **NEXT Sunday, November 22**. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, they are located in the narthex.

### Forward Day by Day

The latest Forward Day by Day devotion booklet for November, December, and January is now available in the entryway.

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, the flower dedication forms are in the entryway.

## This Sunday's Servers

**Danny's Team:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Greeter:** Amy Brown  
**Lector:** Melinda Smith  
**Ushers:** David Brown  
**Vestry People:** Laura Buckner, Samantha Rauch  
**Worship Tech:** Laura Brown

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Jim
- Aaron & Family
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering. Or, send an email with your request to: [prayer@smaalongview.org](mailto:prayer@smaalongview.org)

**\*\* Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. \*\***

## Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
10/18/20	\$2,831	\$3,065	-\$234
10/25/20	\$1,991	\$3,065	-\$1,074
11/01/2020	\$2,193	\$3,065	-\$872
11/08/2020	\$1,096	\$3,065	-\$1,969
YTD TOTALS	\$110,100	\$137,917	-\$27,817

## Next Sunday's Servers (11/22)

**Danny's Team:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Greeter:** Amy Brown  
**Lector:** Helen Daniel  
**Ushers:** David Brown  
**Vestry People:** Roxanne Brink, Samantha Rauch  
**Worship Tech:** Laura Brown

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