



The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

November 8, 2020

The Word of God Opening Hymn

Holy Holy Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee
Though the sinful human eye thy glory may not see
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity

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

Collect for Purity

Presider 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

Glory to God

Glory to God, glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks
We praise you you for your glory
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world
Have mercy on us
You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer
For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the the Lord
You alone are the Most High
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father
Amen

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant 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.*

The First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

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

People Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 70

- 1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *
O LORD, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune
draw back and be disgraced.
- 3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *
because they are ashamed.
- 4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the LORD!"
- 5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O LORD, do not tarry.

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.

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

People Thanks be to God

Song in Response

My Redeemer Lives

For I know my Redeemer lives
And in the end he will stand on the earth
For I know my Redeemer lives
And in the end he will reign on the earth

Though my flesh it be destroyed
Yet with my eyes I will see God

For I know that my Redeemer lives
And I will stand with him on that day
For I know that my Redeemer lives
And I will stand with him on that day

Oh my heart it yearns within me
For the day when Jesus returns
Oh my heart it yearns within me
For the day when Jesus shall reign

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

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, "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."

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;
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

Presider 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.**

Presider 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 Lord's Prayer

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.**

Announcements

Blessing

Closing Song

Open Up the Heavens

We've waited for this day, we're gathered in your name, calling out to you
Your glory like a fire, awakening desire, will burn our hearts with truth

You're the reason we're here; you're the reason we're singing

Open up the heavens, we want to see you
Open up the floodgates, a mighty river
Flowing from your heart, filling every part of our praise

Your presence in this place, your glory on our face, we're looking to the sky
Descending like a cloud, you're standing with us now, Lord unveil our eyes

Show us, show us your glory
Show us, show us your power
Show us, show us your glory Lord

Dismissal

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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 **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.

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

**** 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
10/11/20	\$1,353	\$3,065	-\$1,712
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
YTD TOTALS	\$109,004	\$134,853	-\$25,848