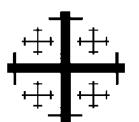
Pentecost XXV

19 November 2023 9:30 am



The Liturgy at Calvary

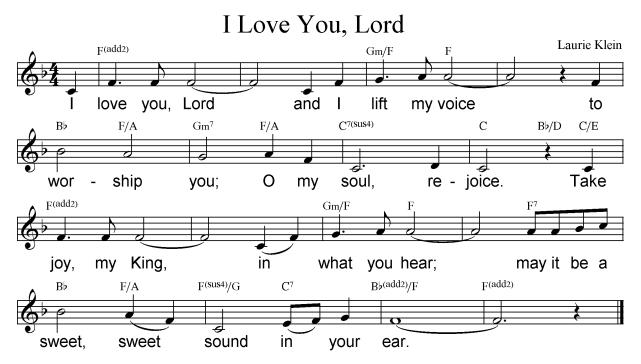


Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the LORD will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts,

while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.

Prelude This Is My Father's World Arr. Charles Callahan

Penitential Rite (W&P 67)



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L "Our iniquities you have set before you and our secret sins in the light of your face (therefore) we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath" (Psalm 90:7-8). Let us confess our secret sins that provoke the Lord to anger.

Silence is kept for confession and reflection

L O LORD,

C "You have been our refuge from one generation to another. Teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom" (Psalm 90:1, 12).

L "....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" (1 Thessalonians 5:9-11).

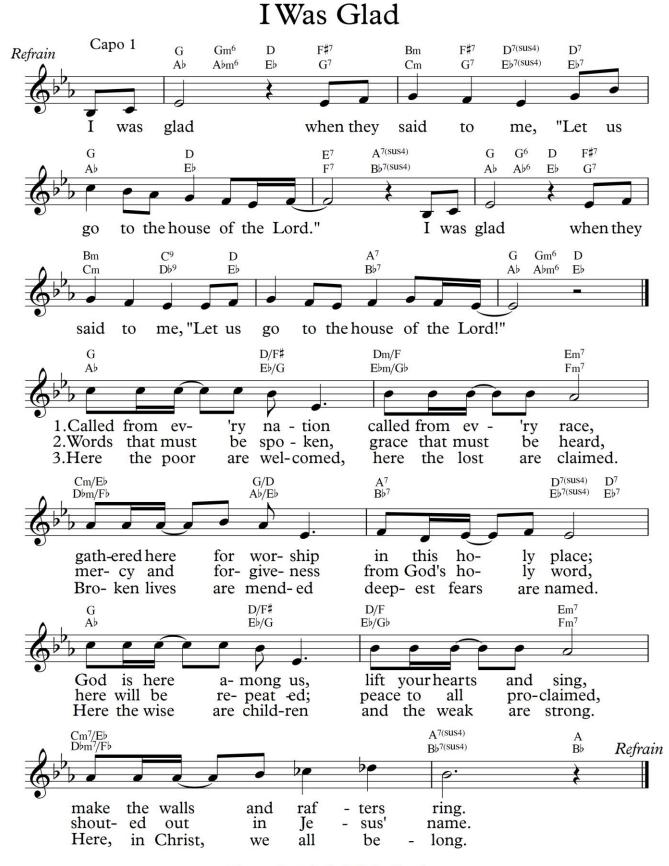
Reprise I Love You, Lord

- P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 [™] the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison [Greek, Lord, Have Mercy]



Hymn of Praise



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Prayer of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray...

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen

First Reading Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

⁷Be 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.

¹²At 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." ¹³Their 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. ¹⁴The 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. ¹⁵That 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, ¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. ¹⁷I 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. ¹⁸Neither 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.

L The Word of the Lord.

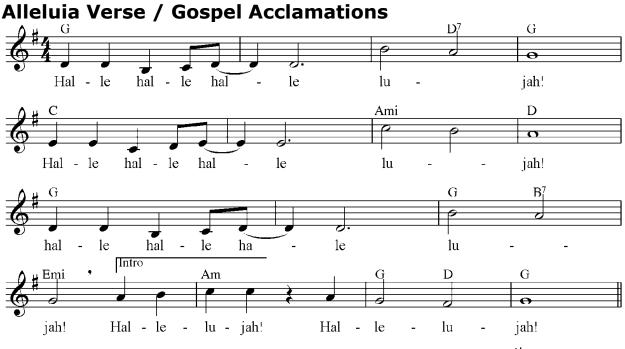
C Thanks be to God.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When 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! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

- L The Word of the Lord.
- C Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Holy Gospel.



P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter
C Glory to you, O Lord!

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.' ²¹His 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.' ²²And 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.' ²³His 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.' ²⁴Then 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 vou did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

- P The Gospel of Our Lord
- C Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon Pr Kyle



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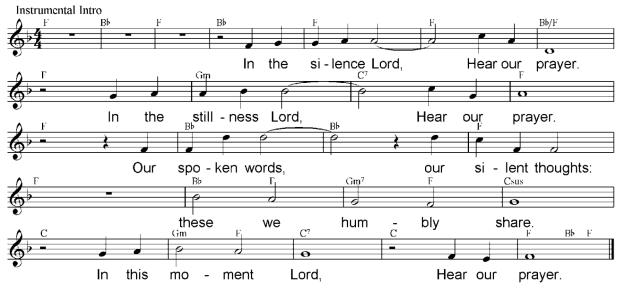
Presentation

Promise

- P People of God, do you promise to support Daniel and pray for their new life in Christ?
- C We do.

Prayers of the Faithful

A Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.



After each petition

A Lord in your mercy,

C Hear our prayer.

Concluding with

- P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord
- C Amen.

Thanksgiving over Water

- P The Lord be with you.
- C And also with you.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Renunciation of Evil

Profession of Faith

- P Do you believe in God the Father?
- C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
- P Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
- C I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
- P Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
- C I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Baptism, Anointing with Oil & Signing with the Cross of Christ

Blessing

Presentation of Baptismal Candle

Prayer

Proclamation

- Ρ Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear his creative and redeeming Word to all the world.
- We welcome you into the Lord's family. We С receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

The Peace

- The peace of the Lord be with you always. Ρ
- And also with you. С

Offertory

God Be In My Head from Book of Hours (1514) Robert Hobby (b. 1962) Sanctuary Choir

God be in my head and in my understanding God be in my eyes and in my looking God be in my mouth and in my speaking God be in my heart and in my thinking God be at my end and at my departing. Amen



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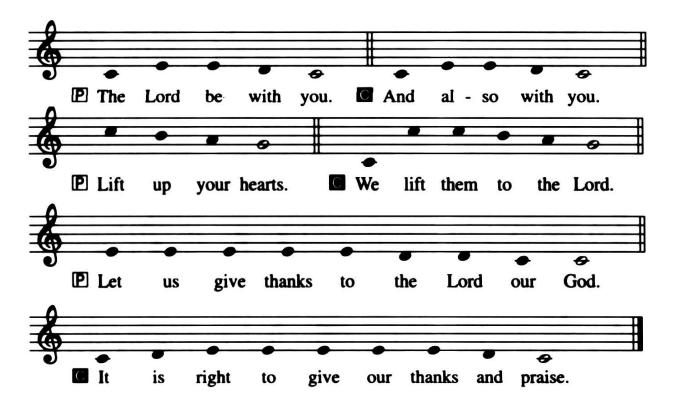


Please stand as our gifts are offered, singing:



- A Let us pray. Merciful Father,
- C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



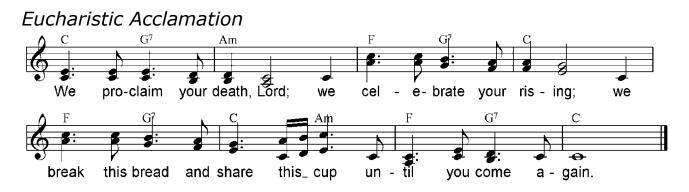
P It is indeed right and good that we should everywhere and always offer thanks and praise to you, Holy God mighty and immortal through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Who on this day broke the bonds of death opening to us the way of everlasting life and giving us a foretaste of the feast that is to come.

And so with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

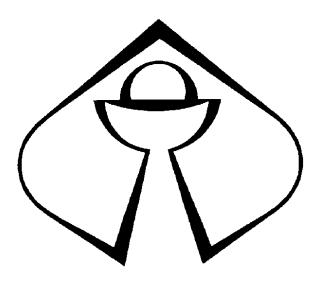


Eucharistic Prayer



- P Remember us in your kingdom, O Lord, and teach us to pray.
- All 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, forever and ever. Amen





Holy Communion

In-Person: We commune at the Altar. Ushers will guide.

Online at Home: If you have elements at home, commune with those in attendance at the same time. We encourage you to communion each other and bless children who have not received First Communion. Consider giving this blessing: "Know that the promises of Jesus's love are for you."

How Great Thou Art Soloist David Johnson

The following hymns may be sung during distribution of the Sacrament:

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

Bernadette Farrell

(ELW 715)

Verses 1. Long-ing for light, ___ we wait in dark - ness. Long-ing for 2. Long-ing for peace, _ Long-ing our world is trou - bled. for 3. Long-ing for food, ___ man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for 4. Long-ing for shel-ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for 5. Man - y the gifts, ___ man - y the peo - ple, man - y the truth, _ we turn to you. Make us your 1. own, _ 2. hope, _ de spair. Your word a man - y lone _ still thirst. Make us your bread, ____ 3. wa - ter, man - y 4. warmth, _ man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing, 5. hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants the world 1. your ho - ly light for peo-ple, to see. 2. has pow'r to Make save us. us your liv ing voice. 3. bro - ken for oth-ers, shared un - til all are fed. 4. shel - ter - ing walls made of oth-ers, liv - ing stone. 5. to one an - oth-er, mak - ing your king - dom come. Refrain Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness. be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to-day. Christ,

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He Comes to Us as One Unknown



- P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
- C Amen



Post Communion Canticle

A Let us pray...

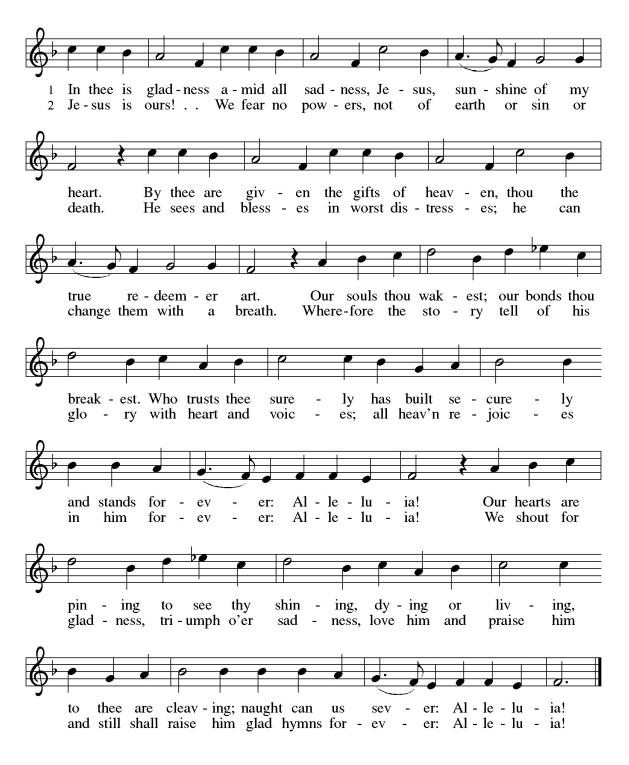
Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. **C Amen**

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and
 ■ give you

 peace.
 C Amen

Recessional (ELW 867)

In Thee Is Gladness



Text: Johann Lindemann, 1549–1631; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt. Music: IN DIR IST FREUDE, Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi, 1556–1622

A Go in Peace. Serve the Lord. C Thanks be to God!

Postlude Voluntary Charles Quarles

Upcoming Commemorations

Clement, Bishop of Rome, died around 100 Thursday, November 23, 2023

Clement was the third bishop of Rome. He is best remembered for a letter he wrote to the congregation in Corinth, still struggling with the same problems that led to Paul's letters to them. As did Paul, he focused on the need for love among Christians.

Miguel Agustín Pro, martyr, died 1927 Thursday, November 23, 2023

Pro grew up in a time when the Mexican revolutionaries accused the church of siding with the wealthy. He became a Jesuit priest, and worked on behalf of the poor and homeless. Falsely accused of throwing a bomb at a government official, he was executed, but not before crying out "Long live Christ the King!"

Justus Falckner, died 1723; Jehu Jones, died 1852; William Passavant, died 1894; pastors in North America Friday, November 24, 2023

Not only was Falckner the first Lutheran ordained in North America, but he published a catechism which was the first Lutheran book published on the continent. Jones was the Lutheran church's first African American pastor and carried out missionary work in Philadelphia which led to the formation there of the first African American Lutheran congregation (St. Paul's). William Passavant helped to establish hospitals and orphanages in a number of cities and was the first to introduce deaconesses to the work of hospitals in the United States.

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, died 1748 Saturday, November 25, 2023

Thought by many to be the greatest hymnwriter in the English language, Watts as a youth was critical of the quality of the metrical psalter of the time. He wrote about 600 hymns—many based on the psalms, but others that are not.

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Toni Tharp, <i>flute & vocals</i>	Christy Gibson, Pete Moxley, vocals
Karen Moxley, <i>violin, vocals</i>	Janet Thorp, <i>guitar, vocals</i>
Jacob Groening, trumpet, vocals	Dale Taylor, <i>guitar</i>
Brian Haywood, <i>sax, vocals</i>	Robert Morris, Paul Slezak, trombone
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