

# The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

## 10:00 AM + November 15, 2020

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Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship.  
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

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### Morning Prayer: Rite Two

**Prelude:** *Sarabande; Trumpet Fanfare; Sortie*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

### Welcome

### Opening Sentences

*Officiant:* Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. *Philippians 1:2*

Give thanks to the Lord, and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples. *Psalms 105:1*

**Hymn 680:** *O God, our help in ages past* (hymn on last page)

tune: *St. Anne*

### Confession

*The Officiant says to the people*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence may be kept*

*Officiant and People together*

**Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you**  
**in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done,**  
**and by what we have left undone.**  
**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**  
**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**  
**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**  
**have mercy on us and forgive us;**  
**that we may delight in your will,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Officiant says*

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 Invitatory**

*Officiant:* Lord, open our lips.

*People:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People:*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

**Canticle: Psalm 95:1-7** *Venite*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

## **The Lessons**

### **First Lesson: 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 90:1-12**

- 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.**

### **Second Lesson: 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.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God**

### **Canticle: A Song of the Lamb** (*Revelation 4: 11; 5:9-10, 13*)

Splendor and honor and kingly power \*  
are yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For you created everything that is, \*  
and by your will they were created and have their being;  
And yours by right, O Lamb that was slain, \*  
for with your blood you have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation, \*  
a kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne, \*  
and to Christ the Lamb,  
Be worship and praise, dominion and splendor, \*  
for ever and for evermore.

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

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30**

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.’”

*Officiant:* The Gospel of the Lord

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

## Homily

**The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet**

### **The Apostles’ Creed** (*Officiant and People together*)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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 to the dead.  
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.**

**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.**

## Announcements

## The Prayers

*Officiant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Officiant:* Let us pray.

*Officiant and People:*

**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 Prayers of the People** (congregational responses in bold)

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.

Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father enliven the church for its mission

**That we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.**

Breathe fresh life into your people.

**Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.**

We pray for the world:

Creator of all, lead us and all people into the ways of justice and peace.

**That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.**

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.

**Teach us to care creatively for its resources.**

We pray for our community:

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

**That all may act with integrity and courage.**

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

**May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.**

We pray for those in need:

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in in body, mind, or spirit.  
**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.  
**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:  
We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.  
**Father, into your hands we commend them.**

Give comfort to those who mourn.  
**Bring them peace in their time of loss.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May their example inspire and encourage us.**

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:  
**Lord you have called us to serve you.**

*Officiant says the Collect of the Day:*

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.*

*A Collect for Sundays*

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for mission*

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. *Amen.*

## **The Peace and Greetings**

*Officiant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*(Worshippers unmute themselves and exchange the Peace and greet one another).*

## **The General Thanksgiving**

Officiant and People: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. *Amen.*

*Officiant:* Let us bless the Lord. "Alleluia, alleluia"

*People:* **Thanks be to God. "Alleluia, alleluia"**

## **Dismissal**

*Officiant:* May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. (*Romans 15:13*).

*People:* **Amen.**

**Postlude:** *Voluntary XI*

G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

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## **Ministers for Today's Service**

Officiant: The Rev. Dr. Paul Kolbet

Music Minister: Dr. Carl Klein

Lay Reader: Connie Pawelczak

Lay Reader: Mike Brodeur

Litanist: Lois Freeman

Congregational respondent: Scott Bempkins

Canticles: Stacy & Lilly Herlihy

Psalms: Lynne McSheehy & Katie LaRochelle

Zoom Greeter & Usher: Rohini Pola/Laura Marshall

## **Prayers for November 15, 2020**

**PRAY FOR THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION** Pray for the Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury), The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo, The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala.



We pray for our Presiding Bishop Michael; Alan and Gayle, our Bishops, for Paul, our Interim Rector and for Valerie Cowart, Deacon.

**In our Diocese:** St. Mark's Church, Foxborough, St. John's Church, Franklin, Church of Our Saviour, Middleborough, Grace Church, North Attleborough and for Deputies to Provincial Synod.

**We also pray for the faith communities in Chelmsford,** especially for St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church.

**PRAY FOR THOSE JOINING GOD'S MISSION IN OUR PARISH** especially for all parishioners working on Lessons & Carols for the Advent season.

**PRAY FOR THOSE IN OUR PARISH IN NEED OF HEALING:**

Mia Terris	daughter of Jessica & Richard, pray for a correct diagnosis of a possible rare genetic disease
Denise Seyffert	health concerns
Mike Thompson	health issues/pending surgery
Elizabeth Sandoval	health concerns
John MacKenzie	cancer treatments at home
Molly Loder	Brain cancer
Nate Barrow	Medical concerns
Garrett Burgess	Recovery of his sight

**PRAY FOR FAMILY & FRIENDS OF OUR PARISHIONERS:**

Anna & Family	friends of the LaRochelles - being evaluated for a possible heart transplant
Dan Willman	son of Barbara Willman – diagnosed with multiple myeloma
Charles Fedolfi	brother of Laura Marshall - recovering from a stroke
Sampath S	friend and work colleague of Scott Bempkins - cancer
Hugh Fossum	friend of Katie LaRoche - Hugh is having a recurrence of myeloma, prayers for Hugh & his wife Carol as they deal with healing and treatment while also being quarantined from their children and grandchildren.
Dan	friend of Katy Belanger – stage 4 lung cancer
Chris Gobron	brother of Deb Collins – recurrence of esophageal cancer
Jennifer	Sister of Lissie Bates-Haus - Cancer
Joanna Nickerson	Deacon Bruce's wife - Parkinsons
Erismath M. Kintu	Rowena's father – health concerns

**Prayers for the Departed:** Kathy W. who passed away last week from brain cancer, Kathy was a friend of Angie Egan and prayers for Jacquelyn "Jackie" Mawhinney, Sally Warren's mother, who died peacefully of covid-19 and dementia on November 11, 2020.

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE AT HOME, IN NURSING HOMES, OR LIVING WITH CHRONIC ILLNESSES:** Terry Hunter, Brian Hunter's brother, Chaz Freeman, Lois Freeman's son, Vinnie and Jeanette Freeman, Janet Laughlin at Newbury Court, Concord, Larry Van Walters, Ken Lager, twin brother of Kate Friesner, Katherine Luetters, Garrett Burgess, Ginny Wright, D'Youville, Lowell

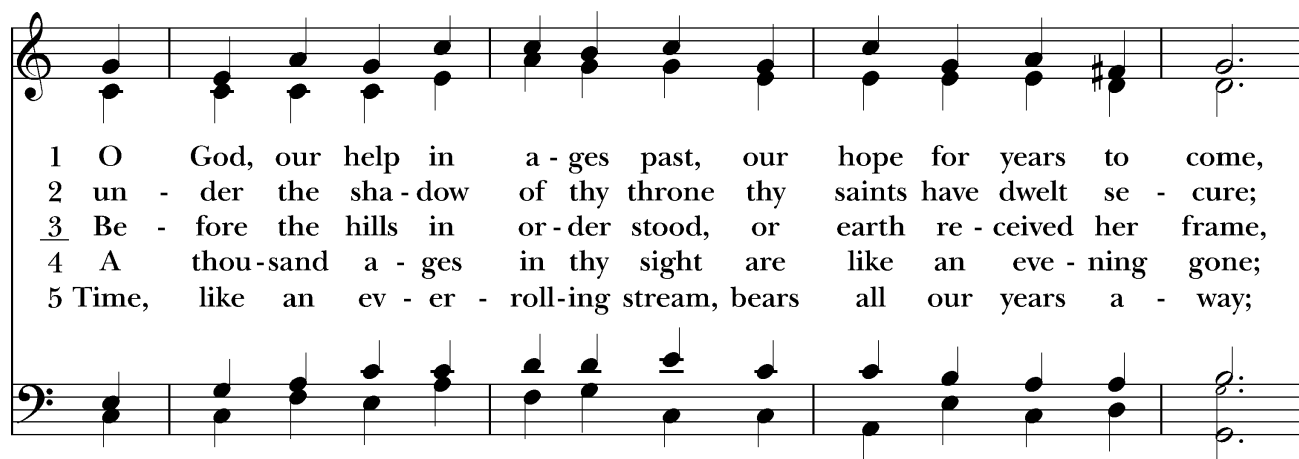
**PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES AND THEIR FAMILIES:** Especially for those who have been deployed overseas, and for all others serving our country.

**PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS AND FAMILY WHO ARE HEALTH CARE WORKERS:**

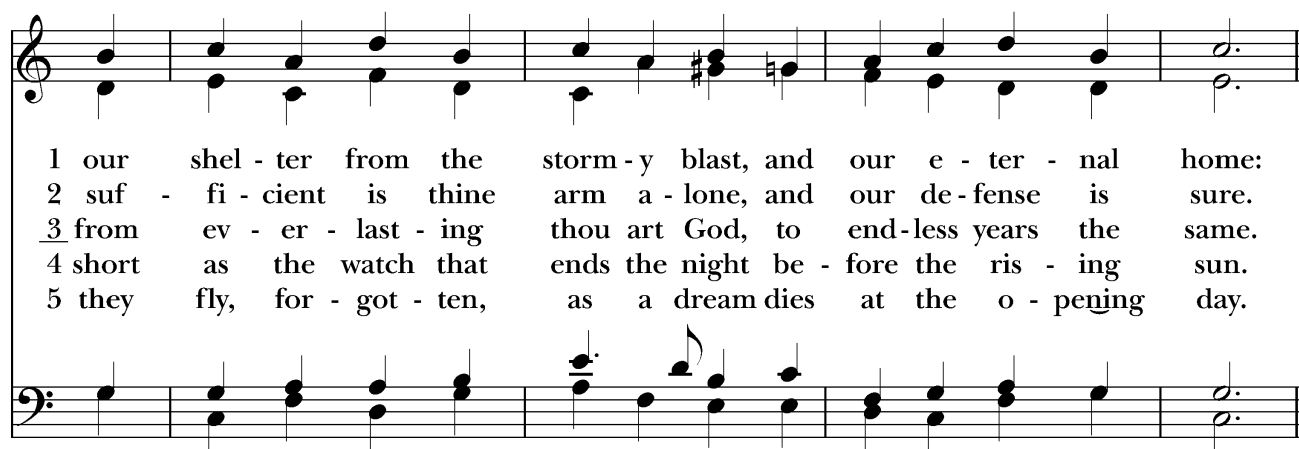
Theresa Camacho, Chris Pyne, Linda Cahill, Pam Meinhardt, Larisa Ducharme, Lois Freeman, Nancy St. Onge, Kiyomi Hammoumi, Gail Carmichel, sister of Linda Coles, Leigh Lovely, sister of Lynn Gresock, Kathryn Harrington, Ben, Dave, & Marlene Hillman, Michelle & Dave Colton, Dr. Amanda Kowalski, daughter-in-law of Karen Kowalskim Cherie & Scott Hamelin, Christy Brodeur, Jessica McSheehy Del Llano, Sean Olbert, Laura Andrews.

Hymn 680: *O God, our help in ages past*

*St. Anne*



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;  
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,  
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;  
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.  
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pen - ing day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,

be thou our guide while life shall last,  
and our eternal home.