

**THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST—PROPER 27**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2020**

11 A.M. ANTE COMMUNION RITE II

Opening Acclamation		351 (prayer book)
Opening Hymn	<i>Thy Strong word didst cleave the darkness</i>	381 (hymnal)
Confession		352 (prayer book)
Gloria		S280 (hymnal)
Collect of the Day		236 (prayer book)
I reading—Amos 5: 18-24		

Reader: A reading from Amos

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Psalm 70

682 (prayer book)

Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; \*

O LORD, make haste to help me.

Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; \*

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, \*

because they are ashamed.

Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; \*  
let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the LORD!"  
But as for me, I am poor and needy; \*  
come to me speedily, O God.  
You are my helper and my deliverer; \*  
O LORD, do not tarry.

II reading— 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

Reader: A reading from First Thessalonians

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

Gospel—Matthew 25: 1-13

Gospeller: 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."

Gospeller: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Homily

The Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People - Form II

Anthem

The Lord's Prayer

The Rev. Catherine Carpenter

358 (prayer book)

385 (prayer book)

Wachet Auf

364 (prayer book)

*Sleepers Wake A Voice Astounds Us*

The Peace		360 (prayer book)
The Blessing		
Closing Hymn	<i>Rejoice Rejoice believers</i>	68 (hymnal)
Dismissal		366 (prayer book)

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE— FORM II

Intercessor: Let us pray for Christ's church and the world.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; For our Presiding Bishop Michael, our Bishop DeDe for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. In our parish for Tom & Jeannie LaMere and Bill & Maggie Mercer. For parishes in our diocese, especially St.. John's Episcopal Church in Oneida and The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection in Oswego.

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people.

Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Gordon Tall, John Rogers, Dottie Divers, Garth Foster, Agnes Morgan, Fern Butler, Dottie Carrie, Garth Foster, Rahel Reger, Donny Witkowski, Tom Mangan, Jason, Bill, Steven, Merle, Sharon, Linda, Linda W., Becky, Alice, Debbie, James, Rosalee, Dawn, Lila, Missy, Bill, Erin, Penny, Ann, Sue, Mary Ann, Barb, Anna, Jerry, Isabella and those we now name, silently or aloud.

*Silence*

the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God. Pray that they may find and be found by God.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed especially Elaina Renfrew and those we now name, silently or aloud,

*Silence*

Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

*The officiant adds a concluding collect*



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