

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost

Proper 28

November 19, 2023

The Collect of the Day

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that bringing forth in abundance the fruit of good works, they may be abundantly rewarded when our Savior Jesus Christ comes to restore all things; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Reading from Zephaniah 1:7,12-18

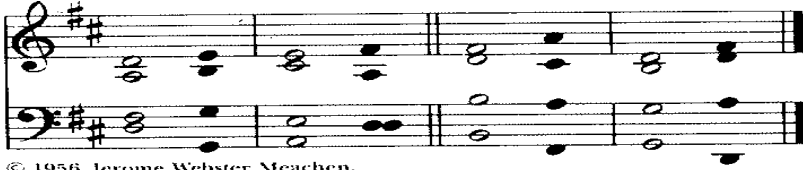
Be silent before the LORD God! For the day of the LORD is near; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice and consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the men who are complacent, those who say in their hearts, 'The LORD will not do good, nor will he do ill.' Their goods 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 mighty man cries aloud there. A day of wrath is that day, 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 distress on mankind, so 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 shall be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the LORD. In the fire of his jealousy, all the earth shall be consumed; for a full and sudden 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

The Psalm will be chanted.



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- 1 Lord, you have been our **refuge** *
from one generation to a-**nother**.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and
the world were **made**, *
you are God from everlasting, and world without **end**.
- 3 You turn man back to the **dust**; *
you say, "Return, O children of **men**."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are as **yesterday**, *
even as a day that is **past**.
- 5 You scatter them as a night-watch that comes quickly to an **end**; *
they are even as a dream and fade a-**way**.
- 6 They are like the grass, which in the morning is **green**, *
but in the evening is dried up and **withered**.
- 7 For we consume away in your dis-**pleasure** *
and are afraid at your wrathful indig-**nation**.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds be-**fore you**, *
and our secret sins in the light of your **countenance**.
- 9 For when you are angry, all our days are **gone**; *
we bring our years to an end, as a tale that is **told**.
- 10 The days of our life are seventy years, and though some be so strong
that they come to eighty **years**, *
yet is their span but labor and sorrow; so soon it passes away,
and we are **gone**.
- 11 But who regards the power of your **wrath**, *
and who considers the fierceness of your **anger**?

12 So teach us to number our **days**, *
that we may apply our hearts unto **wisdom**.

Glory be to the Father, and to the **Son**, and to the Holy **Spirit**: as it was in the beginning, is now and ever **shall be**, world without end. **A-men**.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-10

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God*

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew 25:14-30

All standing, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Holy Gospel, first saying

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to _____.

People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

"For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and

settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.' He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Proper Preface

The Lord's Day

For the Celebrant to read after the Sursum Corda.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life .