

9-25-22

Opening Hymn *Christ whose Glory Fills the Skies*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons A reading from Amos *Amos 6:1, 4-7*

Do you rulers in Jerusalem and in the city of Samaria feel safe and at ease? Everyone bows down to you, and you think you are better than any other nation. But you are in for trouble! You lounge around on beds with ivory posts, while dining on the meat of your lambs and calves. You sing

foolish songs to the music of harps, and you make up new tunes, just as David used to do. You drink all the wine you want and wear expensive perfume, but you don't care about the ruin of your nation. So you will be the first to be dragged off as captives; your good times will end.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 146.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth,

for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth,

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!

whose hope is in the Lord their God;

God: the maker heaven and earth, the seas,

and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise for ever;

God: who gives justice to those who are oppressed,

and food to those who hunger.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind;

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous;

The Lord cares for the stranger;
**he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.**

The Lord shall reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

A reading from the First Letter to Timothy *1 Tim. 6:6-19*

Godliness is a great source of profit when it is combined with being happy with what you already have. We did not bring anything into the world and so we cannot take anything out of it: we'll be happy with food and clothing. But people who are trying to get rich fall into temptation. They are trapped by many stupid and harmful passions that plunge people into ruin and destruction. The love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Some have wandered away from the faith and have impaled themselves with a lot of pain because they made money their goal. But as for you, man of God, run away from all these things. Instead, pursue righteousness, holy living, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. Compete in the good fight of faith. Grab hold of eternal life—you were called to it, and you made a good confession of it in the presence of many

witnesses. I command you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and Christ Jesus, who made the good confession when testifying before Pontius Pilate. Obey this order without fault or failure until the appearance of our Lord Jesus Christ. The timing of this appearance is revealed by God alone, who is the blessed and only master, the King of kings and Lord of lords. He alone has immortality and lives in light that no one can come near. No human being has ever seen or is able to see him. Honor and eternal power belong to him. Amen.

Tell people who are rich at this time not to become egotistical and not to place their hope on their finances, which are uncertain. Instead, they need to hope in God, who richly provides everything for our enjoyment. Tell them to do good, to be rich in the good things they do, to be generous, and to share with others.

When they do these things, they will save a treasure for themselves that is a good foundation for the future. That way they can take hold of what is truly life.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Hymn *Jesus is Lord of All the Earth* #178

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give Praise to his Name.

Jesus is Lord of all the earth. He is the King of creation. *(refrain)*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Luke 16:19-31*

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.' But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if

someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Hymn

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Come, let us praise the living God, joyfully sing to our Savior.
(Repeat refrain)

The Prayers of the People

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to God our Creator in the name of Christ Jesus our Redeemer, making intercession for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need. *A brief silence*

Almighty God, thank you for words of warning and wisdom. Thank you for blessings without number. Increase our faith and gratitude, and give us joy amidst suffering and comfort in sadness. Give us the courage to invite friends and neighbors into a closer walk with you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your Church pastors, bishops, deacons, and theologians who adorn your Gospel with holy lives and grace-filled words. Through their wise leadership, lead many people to

deeper faith, unshakable hope, and generous charity. We pray especially for our newly consecrated Bishop, Doug Scharf. Bless him in his Episcopal ministry and bless his family. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the persecuted church, especially in Nigeria, Pakistan, and North Korea. Keep your people steadfast in faith. Turn the hearts of their tormentors and bring them to repentant faith in you. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our country, and for its elected and appointed leaders. Heal the suspicion, division, and hatred that weakens us. Bless everyone who works to restore integrity, justice, and mercy in our common life. Send your Spirit abroad in the world, so that people in every land may learn to do good, seek justice, help the oppressed; defend the orphan; plead for the widow. Bring your Spirit and peace to Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Be the strength and shield of all who risk their life in defense of others. Help them act with wisdom and integrity. When their work is done, let their homecomings be joyful, their bodies and minds be healed and refreshed, their service be honored, and their skills be used in new ways.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear and answer the prayers of all who cry out to you for help. Especially we pray for the needs of: Downs IV, Holden, Brian, Tyler, Barbara and Anne. Grant healing and recovery

for Georgianna, John, Peg and Mary Jo. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Bill, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Mary Ann. Be near to all who are in hospice care especially Beverly. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, we thank you for breathing your eternal life into all who have died trusting in you. Comfort all who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially for those we name now.

A brief silence

Give each of us the daily bread we need. Bring us into the Kingdom that you have prepared for all through the merits of your dear Son, so that in the power of the Holy Spirit, we may praise, adore and bless you forever. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

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.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Offertory Anthem *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* #686

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

Closing Hymn *Fairest Lord Jesus* 1982 Hymnal #383

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou God of man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.