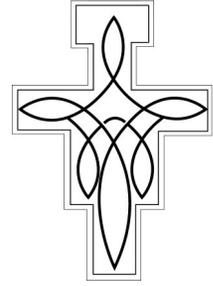


Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020, 10:00 a.m.



The Word of God

The Opening Hymn

Lamp of Our Feet, Whereby We Trace

Hymn #626, v. 1, 4, 5
Johann Cruger

Lamp of our feet, where - by we trace
Word of the ev - er - liv - ing God,
Lord, grant us all a - right to learn
our path when wont to stray;
the wis - dom glo - rious Son;
stream from the fount of heaven - ly grace,
with - out thee how could earth be trod,
and to its heaven - ly teach - ing turn,
brook by the trav - eler's way;
or heaven it - self be won?
with sim - ple, child - like hearts.

The Opening Acclamation

† Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love
you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray. O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil
and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify our-
selves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in
his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for
ever and ever. Amen

Celebrant: The Very Rev. Paula Vukmanic
Deacon/Preacher: The Rev. Jude Lyons

The First Lesson Wisdom 6:12-16
1st Reader A Reading from the Book of Wisdom.

Reader: Dick and Liz Cantine

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

The Response
Wisdom of Solomon 6:17-20

Reader: Dick and Liz Cantine

The beginning of wisdom is the most sincere desire for instruction,
and concern for instruction is love of her,
and love of her is the keeping of her laws,
and giving heed to her laws is assurance of immortality,
and immortality brings one near to God;
so the desire for wisdom leads to a kingdom.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

† Deacon 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."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, Lord Christ

† The Sermon

The Rev. Jude Lyons

There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: Dick and Liz Cantine

The People join in reading the words in bold.

We praise your abiding guidance, O God, for you sent us Jesus, our Teacher, to model for us the way of love.

O God, we pray that your universal presence helps all nations and races in the transforming work of peace. Let all cultures and religions serve you in harmony and in mutual respect. Let us pray; **heal us and help us to serve you.**

O God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices. Bless all civil and religious leaders with your Spirit of compassionate authority and grant them wisdom in the exercise of their duties. Let us pray; **help us to hear and know your voice.**

O God, encourage and protect those in our armed and foreign services, and their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Herredia, Mark Kappelmann, Maia and Tom Lainis, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve. Strengthen them to serve with honor. Let us pray; **help us to seek your strength and justice.**

O God, hear our prayers for this parish family as we appreciate our blessings, birthdays, anniversaries, and joyful events. Inspire us to be of one heart and mind. Let us pray; **unite us in our care of others and ourselves.**

O God, help us to remember those who alone and those who are broken in body or spirit. We pray for those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in desperate need, especially Andrea, Barbara, Bob and Jane Africano, Claudia, Ceri Falk, Ann Godfrey, Frances Hailwood, Ashley Hawn, Sally Hill, Gale Lovrich, the Miles family, Molly, Marjorie Morris, Karla Nicole, Lisa Rieger, Bruce Schaefer, Anne Sharp, Steve Smith, and all those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud)*. Let us pray; **help us to heal and support in your name.**

O God, we pray for those killed or injured in acts of terrorism, injustice, gun violence, abuse or prejudice of any kind, and from the consequences of diseases and natural disasters, fires and floods. We pray for the healing of those suffering from the coronavirus and those ministering to them. Let us pray, **protect us with your powerful presence and peace.**

O God, your power brings us to birth, your providence guides our lives, and by your call we enter Eternal Life. We pray for all whom we love and see no longer, especially those we name to you now... *(please add your own prayers, either silently or aloud)*. Let us pray; **bleed us with faith and hope to live for you all the days of our lives.**

Silence

Celebrant: O Gracious God, we thank you for the gifts of relationships, for the patience to allow your transforming love to change us and uplift us. As you show us the way to love, we ask for the power of healing peace that we may become reconciled to one another and to you, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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 Absolution

✠ Celebrant 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 Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem

Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound,

Virginia Harmony

*Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

*The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.*

*Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.*

*When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than them we'd first begun.*

Quartet: Jill Lynch, Kirsten Gould, Mark Bennett

The Offertory Prayers

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and wine to offer, which the earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation.

People Blessed be God forever.

Celebrant Receive, O Lord, these gifts presented by your holy people for the work of your holy Church.

People Blessed be God forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues. The People read the parts in bold.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say,

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The People join in reading the text in bold.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life.

You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves.

We would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you.

You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:

"Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you."

"Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said:

"Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

"Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your Creation this bread and this wine.

† By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring all of us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Blessed Francis and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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 Breaking of the Bread

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Invitation To Pray Together The Spiritual Communion Prayer From The National Cathedral

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

Celebrant Let us pray together

All My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

(St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)

The Blessing

Celebrant May the peace of Christ which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen

The Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymn #390, v. 1 & 4

Hymn accompaniments: Lenita Witherspoon, piano

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! O my soul praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! join the great throng, psalter-y, organ, and song. sounding in glad adoration! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for ever adore him.'

Words by Joachim Neander (1650-1680) Music: LOBE DEN HERREN Melody from Erneuerten Gesangbuch, 1665; Hymn #390, The Hymnal 1982