

# *St. Hubert's Episcopal Church*

*in the Village of Kirtland Hills*

## **Morning Prayer**

**Ordinary Time, Proper 28**

Sunday, November 15, 2020

### **Opening Hymn**

*Blessèd Jesus, at thy word*

Hymnal 440

The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him. *Habakkuk 2:20*

### **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.

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.*

### **Invitatory and Psalter**

*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.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

### **Psalm 100**

*Jubilate*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
    serve the Lord with gladness  
    and come before his presence with a song.  
Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
    he himself has made us, and we are his;  
    we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
    give thanks to him and call upon his Name.  
For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
    and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **Psalm 123**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
    to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
    and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
    until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
    for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
    and of the derision of the proud.

## Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

A Lesson from Paul's First letter to the Church in Thessalonika.

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.

## Sequence Hymn

*O Master, let me walk with thee*

Hymnal 660

## Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:14-30

A Reading from Matthew.

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when 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.’”

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

## **Reflection**

The Rev. Daniel H. Schoonmaker

## **Musical Reflection**

*When We Face an Unknown Future*

## **Apostles’ Creed**

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**

## **Prayers**

*Officiant*            The Lord be with you.

*People*                And also with you.

*Officiant*            Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

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.

## **Suffrages A.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.  
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;

R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

*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.*

*Prayer For Heroic Service, BCP p. 839*

O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in the day of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy. Grant that we may not rest until all the people of this land share the benefits of true freedom and gladly accept its disciplines. This we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*Prayer for Faith and Service*

Heavenly Father, we bow our heads and thank You for your love. Accept our thanks for the peace that yields this day and the shared faith that makes its continuance likely. Make us strong to do Your work, willing to heed and hear Your will, and write on our hearts these words: "Use your power to help people." For we are given power not to advance our own purposes, nor to make a great show in the world, nor a name. There is but one use of power, and it is to serve people. Help us to remember it, Lord. *Amen.*

An excerpt of inauguration prayer written by George H.W. Bush

*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*

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

**Intercessions**

*Authorized intercessions and thanksgivings may follow.*

*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.

Let us bless the Lord.

*Thanks be to God.*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14*

### **Closing Hymn**

*O praise ye the Lord*

Hymnal 432

*A donation has been made to the Altar Flower Fund by Suzanne and Jim McElroy to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for "Family, friends, more smiles, less worry, more compassion, less judgement, more love and less hate in our world."*

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Readers: Doris and Harvey Webster

Organist: Jim Robinson

Soloists: Liz Huff, , Scott Posey

### **A Note on Today's Readings**

*Proper 28: Sunday closest to November 16—Year A*

Welcome. Our attention today is again turned toward the subject of Christ's return and the Day of Judgment. In the parable of the talents (a monetary unit worth fifteen years' wages in the first century), we are taught that what God has given us is to be used productively and ultimately returned to God enhanced by our use of those gifts.

Today we conclude reading through 1 Thessalonians. In his final words to this early congregation, confused because the Lord has not yet returned, Paul tells them that Jesus' return cannot be predicted. In addition, he tells them, and us, to live in preparation all the time with the confident certainty of those who live in the light of

God's self-revelation in Jesus Christ.

In historical periods of social confusion (such as our own time), popular religion often focuses on the most negative and pessimistic aspects of the biblical message of judgment. The central message of Holy Scripture, however, is not God's wrath but God's love and the promise made to us of salvation. As we gather in the Eucharist, we again hear that message of the loving God and are equipped to go forth to proclaim it to the world.

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