

The First Lesson

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth 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 warrior cries aloud there.

That day will be a day of wrath, 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 such distress upon people 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 will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Psalm

Psalm 90:1-12

Domine, refugium

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, "Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past and like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

- 8 Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Said together:

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.

Second Lesson

Thessalonians 5:1-11

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.

Hymn

Rise up, ye saints of God!

H 551

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if 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 not, 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.'"

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory *God so loved the world* Stainer

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To thee, great One in Three,
The highest praises be, Hence evermore;
thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.*

From Hymn 365 vs. 4

Eucharistic Prayer "B"

<i>Sanctus</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	BCP 367 H-S129
<i>Memorial Acclamation</i>	Words in BCP, Musical Setting	H-S138
<i>The Lord's Prayer</i>	Traditional version, found on	BCP 364
<i>Fraction Anthem</i>		H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

<i>Bread of heaven, on thee we feed</i>	H 323
<i>Strengthen for service, Lord</i>	H 312
<i>Lord Christ, when first thou cam'st to earth</i>	H 598
<u>Our Prayer after Communion</u>	BCP 365

Hymn *Stand up, stand up for Jesus* **H 561**

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Following our service will be Coffee Hour,
hosted today by Jim and Susanne Pulse.
This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

The Altar Flowers are given today by
Dr. Teresa Paine in memory of her loved ones.

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	John Allen	Macon Clement
<u>Chalicer</u>	Don Williams	Teresa Paine
<u>Lector</u>	Bernadette Dragotto	Don Williams
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Mimi Merritt	Linda Linda
		Ammar Thomas

Attendance Last Sunday

55

Birthdays This Week:

Jaret Taylor Linda Ammar Patrick Paine

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes - Wanda Myers - Tom Blevins - Bonnie Taylor - Joe Sanders - Edi - Marlene - Lee Puckett, Sr. - Sierra - Linda - Valerie Mahood - Thomas Jaworski - Mary Hawthorne - Hal Gusler - Roy Abel - Alex B. - Toni R - Brian - Phyllis & Nelson Walker - Linda Sydeski

Calendar of Events

Saturday-December 2	Godly Play Training
Sunday-December 3	Annual Meeting
Sunday-December 10	Canterbury Club at the Beckett's 6pm
Tuesday-December 12	Taize Service 6pm
Tuesday-December 21	DoK Meeting 10:30am
Sunday-December 24	Morning Prayer 10am HE at St. Mary's 6pm HE at CEC 11pm

Announcements:

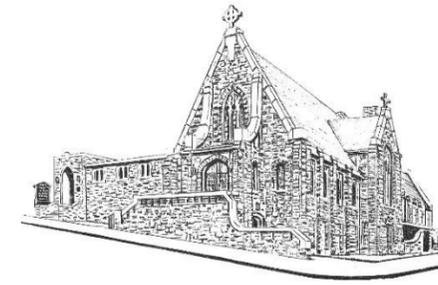
Food Pantry: We will be collecting blankets, hats, gloves, and scarves in December. Thank you for your donations.

Godly Play Training: Through the generosity of the Diocese, Christ Church will host training for the Montessori based Sunday School curriculum Godly Play. This training will be on Saturday, December 2nd with an Open House following church on Sunday, December 3rd. If you are interested in attending training, please see Fr. Chad.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one, there will be a sign-up sheet at the usher's station beginning next Sunday. Poinsettias are \$15 each.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Mr. David Hardin	Senior Warden
Mrs. Dee Puckett	Junior Warden



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The Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Being the Sunday of Proper XXVIII of the Church Year

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

Hymn *O God, our help in ages past* **H 680**

The Service Begins BCP 355
Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP

The Collect *Our collective prayer for 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.*