

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist Rite II  
November 15, 2020 - 10:30 am

# The Word of God

Prelude-*Allein Gott in der Hoeh'sie Ehr- F.W. Zachau*

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

Opening Hymn- *Rise up ye saints of God*

Hymnal 551

1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and

heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Rise up ye saints of God'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

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

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*People* ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.***

*Celebrant* 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.***

**Gloria**

Hymnal S280 - BCP p. 356

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
King, al - mighty - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

The image shows a musical score for the Gloria. It consists of three lines of music. Each line has a treble clef staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The music is written in a key with one flat (B-flat) and a 4/4 time signature.

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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## The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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.**

*All are seated.*

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Lesson**

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Judges (4:1-7)

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           *Thanks be to God.*

### **The Psalm Appointed**

*Reader* The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 123 on page 780 in the BCP. Let us read in unison.

*To you I lift up my eyes, \**  
*to you enthroned in the heavens.*

*As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \**  
*and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,*

*So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \**  
*until he show us his mercy.*

*Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \**  
*for we have had more than enough of contempt.*

*Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \**  
*and of the derision of the proud.*

### **The Epistle**

*Reader* A reading from Paul’s First letter to the 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.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** *My faith looks up to thee (v. 1)*

Hymnal 691

1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,  
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,  
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my  
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my  
 be thou my guide; bid dark-ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.  
 love to thee pure, warm, and change-less be, a liv - ing fire.  
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

*All stand*

**The Gospel**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (25:14-30).

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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, 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.'"

*Celebrant*            The Gospel of the Lord.

***People***            ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Sermon**

Fr. Stephen Shortess

**Nicene Creed**

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*All stand.*

***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 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.*

*After the Creed: You may sit, kneel, or remain standing for the Prayers.*

### **The Prayers of the People: Form III**

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*Reader* Father, we pray for the members of Christ Church, San Antonio; for our Vestry and staff; and for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* ***That we all may be one.***

*Reader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* ***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

*Reader* We pray for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and his wife Caroline; for Michael our Presiding Bishop and his wife, Sharon; for David our bishop and his wife, Patti; for Stephen our rector and his wife, Jennifer; for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* ***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

*Reader* We pray for Donald our President, Greg our Governor, Don our Mayor, for the Congress and Supreme Court of this nation, for all legislators and jurists in our state, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* ***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

*Reader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* ***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

*Reader* Have compassion on Russel Gustafson, Ann Benham, Carolyn Lehman, Amy Bethel, Elizabeth Walker, Audrey Herron, Ralph Boehnke, Mozzelle Dempster, Susan Neuman, Ardith Perry, Penny Sengler, Theresa Zapata, Jean Norris, and all those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

***People*** ***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

*Reader* Preserve those who travel, surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger;

***People*** ***and bring them in safety to their journey's end.***

*Reader* Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit,

***People*** ***That by their ministries, the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified;***

*Reader* Give to the departed eternal rest;

***People*** ***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

*Reader* We praise you for Blessed Andrew and all your saints who have entered into joy;

***People*** ***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

*Reader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

For those who give their time to help with Habitat for Humanity in Seguin.

For the families forced to evacuate their homes by forest fires.

For all healthcare professionals and their families.

For our armed forces and their families at home and abroad.

For all who suffer from the effects of the novel coronavirus.

For our friends and family who are homebound or residing in care and recovery facilities, especially: Betty Rainey, Judy McClendon, Patsy Creager, Ruth Burges, and Rose Foegelle.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## **Confession of Sin**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People*

***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.*

*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.**

## **Peace**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## **Announcements**

### **Birthdays Prayer**

*Celebrant and People*

***O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servants Kyra Casey, Diane Beeman, Cassie Huck, Ernestine Nelson, Janice Pruitt, Thomas Cortes, Frank Galaway, Jim Swope, and Mickie Teagarden as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## **Holy Communion**

**Offertory Anthem-*Walking in the Shadow*- Tom Townley** Bill Gibbons & Gil Merkle- Guitar

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

**Eucharistic Prayer A**

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### **Sursum Corda-**

*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 him thanks and praise.*

*Celebrant* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Celebrant* 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 we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and

Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

Hymnal S 129

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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***After the Sanctus: You may kneel or remain standing for the rest of the Eucharistic Prayer.***

*Celebrant* Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*Celebrant* On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

*Celebrant* After supper he 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 shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People* ***Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.***



1 A - maz - ing grace! how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his  
 4 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 \*5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

1 saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but  
 2 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 3 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 4 have al - rea - dy come; 'tis grace that brought me  
 5 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

1 now am found, was blind but now I see.  
 2 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 3 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 4 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 5 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

**Postcommunion Prayer**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

***Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage***

*to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

**Blessing**

**Postcommunion Hymn- Stand up, stand up, for Jesus (1&4)**

Hymnal 561



1 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus, ye sold - iers of the cross;  
2 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; the trum - pet call o - bey;  
3 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus; stand in this strength a - lone;  
4 Stand up, stand up, for Je - sus: the strife will not be long;



lift high his roy - al ban - ner, it must not suf - fer loss:  
forth to the might - y con - flict in this his glo - rious day:  
the arm of flesh will fail you, ye dare not trust your own:  
this day, the noise of bat - tle; the next, the vic - tor's song.



from vic - tory un - to vic - tory his ar - my shall he lead,  
ye that are his now serve him a - gainst un - num - bered foes;  
put on the Gos - pel ar - mor, and watch - ing un - to prayer,  
To val - iant hearts tri - um - phant, a crown of life shall be;



till ev - ery foe is van - quished and Christ is Lord in - deed.  
let cour - age rise with dan - ger, and strength to strength op - pose.  
when du - ty calls, or dan - ger, be nev - er want - ing there.  
they with the King of glo - ry shall reign e - ter - nal - ly.



*Celebrant* Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.  
*People* ***Thanks be to God. Alleluia.***

**Postlude-** *Verso in G Minor- D. Zipoli*

Wendi Gustafson- Organ

***Altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Roger and Renee Cutcher in celebration of Veteran's Day and in loving memory of her father Roger Herron on his Nov. 11th birthday; also by Chuck Ingersoll in thanksgiving for Melinda's birthday.***

**Ministers in the Lord's Service**

Celebrant- Fr. Stephen Shortess

Lay Reader- Mark Keddal

Altar Guild- Lynnette Jackson, Kelly Olson, George Ann Fuqua, Theresa Casey

Ushers- Paul & Claudia Gaytan

Offertory Tellers- Al & Janice Pruitt

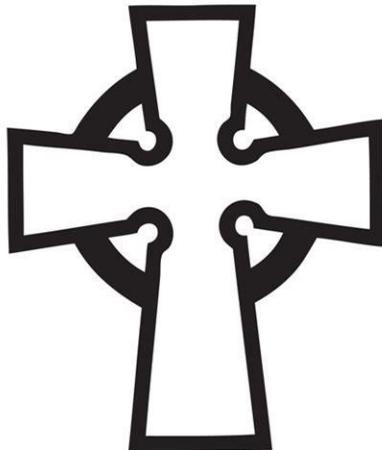
Musicians- Leo Garcia- Choir Director/Cantor

Wendi Gustafson- Music Director/Organ

Bill Gibbons- Guitar, Gil Merkle- Guitar

Cameramen/Technicians- Aaryn Perry, Gil Merkle, Jack Merrell, Betty Anderson,  
Warren Wundt

Sound- Jim Anderson



## Announcements

**Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells!** It's time to sign up for bell ringing at Walmart for the Salvation Army! St. Andrew's has been assigned to the Home & Pharmacy doors on **Saturday, November 28th** (the Saturday after Thanksgiving) **from 9am-9pm**. We need 24 volunteers to cover the 12 shifts (2 volunteers for each 1-hour shift). **For your safety and the safety of others standing plexiglass, cleaning products, and gloves will be provided.** If you are interested in volunteering, call **Charlene at the church office to sign up at 830-372-4330.**

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the first ever Honduras Night Under the Stars **December 10<sup>th</sup>** at the **Stars & Stripes drive-in** starting at **5 pm!** There will be 3 raffle prizes, live music, a private screening of *A Christmas Story*, and Christmas cheer. All proceeds go to the Manos Scholarship Program to pay for the education of 70 underprivileged students in Danli, Honduras. Contact Henry Moore for raffle tickets or you can purchase them at the event.

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the church office will be **closed from noon on Wednesday, November 25th through Friday November 27th**. We will reopen Monday, November 29th at 9 am. We hope you have a wonderfully filling holiday! A special Thanksgiving service will be held on **Tuesday, November 24th at 7 pm in the chapel.**

**St. Andrew's Day is November 29th-** It will be a bit different from years past, but nothing is going to stop us from celebrating St. Andrew's Day! The day will start at 9 am in the prayer garden for our outdoor family service. We will then have an outdoor breakfast of breakfast tacos, coffee, and OJ. Then, Bishop Gary Lillibridge will join us at the 10:30 service and receive 5 new members into the Episcopal Church! Be sure to bring a chair and join us in the prayer garden for the start of the celebration! See you there!

**The Angel Tree will start, Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!**