

Noon Day Prayer in the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost

By Zoom – 15 November 2023

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom.

A hymn

For the gift of his Spirit:
blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:
blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:
blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:
blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:
blessed be Christ.

For the lives of his saints:
blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:
blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:
blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the ages:
blessed be Christ.

From the Litany of Resurrection

Psalm 24 1-6

Officiant The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
People **the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.**

For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦
**who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,
 nor sworn an oath to a lie;**

'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Psalm Prayer

All **O Lord of hosts,
 purify our hearts
 that the King of glory may come in,
 your Son, Jesus our redeemer. Amen.**

A Reading from the Gospel

Jesus said, "For 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.'" *Matthew 25.14-30*

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A period of silence may follow.

Intercessions *The intercessor invites the people to prayer in these or similar words,*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God saying, "_____"

Collect

Officiant Almighty Father,
 whose will is to restore all things
 in your beloved Son, the King of all:
 govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
 and bring the families of the nations,
 divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,
 to be subject to his just and gentle rule;
 who is alive and reigns with you,
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant May God give us grace to follow the saints in glory.
People **Amen.**
