

The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost, Cycle A – Proper 33 (Green)

Sunday November 15, 2020

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Readings

JUDGES 4:1-7; PSALM 123; 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11; MATTHEW 25:14-30

Music for the day:

Hymns from *Common Praise* (1998) or the local parish booklet *Open Wide the Church's Door*

Opening	Open Wide 5	Amazement and Delight (<i>verses 1,2</i>)
Reflective	Open Wide 6	Bathe Me In Your Light (<i>verses 1,2</i>)
Gospel	Open Wide 14	Take My Gifts (<i>solo: verses 1,2 ~ Allison Poole</i>)
Offertory	Open Wide 14	Take My Gifts (<i>group: verses 2 & 3</i>)
Closing	Open Wide 15	This Thread I Weave

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The Collect – the Prayer of the Day:

**God of the Covenant,
Awaken us to the power and the gifts
you have given us, for the good of all creation.
May we be trustworthy in all things,
working with purpose, to increase your realm;
through Jesus Christ, our Teacher and our Lord. Amen.**

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God,
in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant.
Help us, through our offering this day,
to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A First Reading: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES

Reader: Under the palm tree ~ a place for decisive action. A reading from the Book of Judges.

The Israelites cried out to the Holy One for help; for their enemy Sisera, the Canaanite, had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was serving as a judge in 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 judgement.

She sent and summoned Barak, son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Holy One, 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.'"

Holy word, holy wisdom ~ hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches

JUDGES 4:2-7 ~ NRSV, alt. A. Twiddy

The Psalm

VERSE OF THE DAY: Our eyes look to you, Holy One; show us your compassion

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 you, our God, the Holy One,
 until you show us your compassion.
4. Show compassion to us, show compassion, *
 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.

PSALM 123

(NRSV, alt A. Twiddy)

A Second Reading: FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE CHRISTIANS IN THESSALONICA

Reader: “Walk in the daylight, with your eyes wide open!” A reading from Paul’s letter to the Christian community in Thessalonica (...pause)

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It’s going to come as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.

⁴⁻⁸ But friends, you’re not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? You’re children of Light, friends of the Day!

We live under wide open skies and know where we stand. So let’s not sleepwalk through life, like some people do, as if they were drunk. Let’s keep our eyes open and be smart.

Since we’re creatures of Day, let’s act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation.

⁹⁻¹¹ God didn’t set us up for an angry rejection, but for salvation by our Master, Jesus, the Anointed One. Jesus died for us. It was a death that triggered life.

So whether we’re awake with the living, or asleep with the dead, we’re *alive* with Jesus! So speak encouraging words to one another.

Build up hope, so you’ll all be together in this: no one left out, no one left behind.

(...pause)

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The Gospel Reading:

Reader: What would the government look like, if it were God's government, instead of ours? The holy gospel, according to Matthew.

(All: Glory to you, Jesus, the Anointed One)

Jesus said, "The realm of God looks like this: it is as if an owner, going on a journey, summoned the slaves and entrusted property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to their ability.

Then the owner 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.”

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom: The Gospel of Christ.

(... All: Praise to you, Jesus the Anointed One)

Matthew 25:14-30 NRSV, alt. A. Twiddy

An Invitation to Weekly & Daily Prayer

*in our cycle of prayer this day and throughout this week, we give thanks and we pray together
for the well-being of the world, the church, and those in special need*

We give thank and we pray for peace, justice, and well-being throughout the world:

- giving thanks for all whose lives of service promote the common good
- honouring First Nations on whose traditional territories we live and work
- asking that we may grow in our resolve and our action to respond to climate crisis, and to care for our planet
- seeking a spirit of reconciliation & collaboration among nations, faiths, & cultures
- and remembering our governmental leaders and elected representatives,
in the municipal, provincial, federal, and international work they undertake

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our wider family in faith:

- for ecumenical and interspiritual co-operation, and for all our neighbouring churches
- for our partnership in the Anglican communion throughout the world:
for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; for Linda our Primate; for Melissa our Metropolitan;
and for all with whom they work and serve
- for Mark our National Aboriginal Archbishop, for our journey in faith and solidarity with the
Council of the North, and for the work of all our Indigenous Anglican communities

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for the mission and ministry of our own parish and diocesan family, remembering especially:

- all our members, associates, and friends who share in our ministry
- for the ministry of all our parish groups, networks, partners & organizations
- for all parishes of our diocese, especially remembering ...
- for Anna our Bishop-elect, for Ansley our diocesan administrator, for our priests Andrew & Christine, in
ministry among & beyond us;

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

We give thanks and we pray for those who express care and compassion,

- for those working on the frontlines of care and service in a time of global pandemic, for leaders in public
health care, and for research workers and those who work behind the scenes to bring relief, hope, and healing
- for the work of the Primate's World Relief & Development Fund and its global partners, for the Canadian
Food Grains Bank and those responding to global hunger, drought, floods, fires, migration, and displacement
- remembering those who reach out to the needy and to vulnerable populations in our local community, & those
who nurture all the circles of our citizenship, both nationally and around the world
- for the work of OHEARTS and other local agencies in serving and advocating for those on the margins, and
for those who face issues of homelessness, addiction, and mental health

God of love and compassion hear our prayer

As we stand in solidarity alongside all those in need, we pray:

- for those in trouble, sorrow, conflict, sickness, or any other adversity ...
- and in silence or aloud, we remember the special needs of those requesting our prayers ...

God of love and compassion hear our prayer



The Simplicity Prayer

*The Prayer Jesus Gave Us,
in the tradition and simplicity of Clare and Francis of Assisi*

~ A Franciscan Lord's Prayer ~

Our Beloved,

Your energy is compassionate and unique.

We want everyone to be aware of this.

We want everything to share in this.

Restore all things,

to be in harmony, on the outside, and on the inside.

Give us what we really need now,

for today, and for each day.

Free us from the harm we have done,

and help us, in our journey of recovery,

to release those who have harmed us.

Keep us safe during our times of distress,

and release us from oppression.

For your purpose, your strength, and your glory,

is to bring together everyone and everything.

We are depending on this. We are committed to this.

Comparative information from the official readings listed on Anglican.ca

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Collect

Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

OR:

God of the Covenant, even when we fall into sin, you remember that you have chosen us to be your servant people. Awaken us to the power and gifts you have bestowed upon us for the good of creation. May we be trustworthy in all things, working with purpose to increase your realm; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
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First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JUDGES

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 Haroshethhagoiim. 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 judgement. 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.'"

JUDGES 4:1-7

Psalm

REFRAIN Our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.

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. R

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. R

PSALM 123

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS

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 labour 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.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

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to renounce all things that draw us from your love.
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Prayer After Communion

Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.

From the Message: (1 Thess 5)

¹⁻³ I don't think, friends, that I need to deal with the question of when all this is going to happen. You know as well as I that the day of the Master's coming can't be posted on our calendars. He won't call ahead and make an appointment any more than a burglar would. About the time everybody's walking around complacently, congratulating each other—"We've sure got it made! Now we can take it easy!"—suddenly everything will fall apart. It's going to come as suddenly and inescapably as birth pangs to a pregnant woman.

⁴⁻⁸ But friends, you're not in the dark, so how could you be taken off guard by any of this? You're sons of Light, daughters of Day. We live under wide open skies and know where we stand. So let's not sleepwalk through life like those others. Let's keep our eyes open and be smart. People sleep at night and get drunk at night. But not us! Since we're creatures of Day, let's act like it. Walk out into the daylight sober, dressed up in faith, love, and the hope of salvation.

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From the Message (adjusted): (1 Thess 5)

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