

**HOLY TRINITY
ANGLICAN PARISH
LUCAN, ON.
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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Morning Prayer



I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit.

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Processional Music

Morning Prayer- Penitential Rite.

Officiant: Seek the Lord while he wills to be found, call upon him when he draws near; let the wicked forsake their ways, and the evil ones their thoughts; and let them return to the Lord, and he will have compassion, and to our God, for he will richly pardon. **Amen.**

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy:

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Officiant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Officiant: Lord, open our lips,

All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Officiant: O God make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us. 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.

Officiant: The Lord is our refuge and strength; O come, let us worship by reciting the Jubilate:

All: 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- read responsively

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.

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.

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5

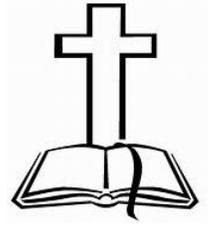
A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians

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. The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Music

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25



Officiant: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Officiant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

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.'"

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon. Rev. Matt Martin

Musical offering

Affirmation of Faith- The 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.

Intercessory prayers: *please stand, sit or kneel as you are able.*

In confidence that our prayers will be heard and answered, let us address God with boldness and in trust, praying that God's will may be done here and throughout the world, saying: In your mercy, O God, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church throughout the world, that it may fulfill its holy task of drawing all people into the family of the redeemed and showing the world the way to peace and justice. In your mercy, O God, **All: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of all the nations of the world, that they may renounce war and all which makes for war, giving priority to peace and to that which makes for peace. In your mercy, O God, **All: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the hungry, the homeless, those who are denied dignity and inclusion, and those who have no hope, that human compassion will improve their condition and that national compassion will remove the causes of their suffering. In your mercy, O God **All: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the hospitalized, for those in childbirth, for those in long term care, for all who suffer in mind and body, that they may be granted wholeness and health. In your mercy, O God, **All: hear our prayer.**

We pray for the dying, that peace and loving care may surround them as they prepare for their final journey home. In your mercy, O God. **All: Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

Offertory Music

Prayer over the gifts: Holy God, in this liturgy 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.**

Officiant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

All: 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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing and The Dismissal

Recessional Music.

Announcements

Thank you for silencing your cell phones during the service.

Upcoming Services:

Sunday, Nov. 15, 10:30am- 24th after Pentecost

Sunday, Nov. 22, 10:30am- Last Sunday after Pentecost

Please call Beth Smith if you wish to attend services in person @ 519-227-4905

If interested in Reading or Solo singing, please call Jackie 519-227-1721

First Bible Study will meet Wed. November 16th at 6pm in the church. Contact Rev Matt if interested in joining in.

Please consider supporting the PWRDF fund which funds many worthwhile projects for those in need both near and abroad. The website is: www.pwrdf.org if you can help out with an online donation. There is also a jar at the back of the church if you wish to donate cash or cheques which will be used to supply something from the World of Gifts catalogue.

Please inform Beth Smith with your preference of attending the Christmas service, either Tuesday, Dec 22nd at 7pm or Thursday, Dec. 24th at 3pm.

Questions for Reflection

If we believe in the kingdom to come, we need not fear, in life or in death. How does that change the way we live?

Household Prayer: Morning

Good morning, Lord. I welcome the new day, for it is a gift from you. My petty fears are nothing in the face of your love; in the warmth of your wisdom my anxieties melt away. Make me more faithful than I could be on my own, and use me to reflect your light, for there are so many who need to know of your grace.

Walk with me, and show me your way, for I would follow you. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Good evening, Lord. Thank you for bringing me through this day, its trials and its joys. You surprise me with wonder and overwhelm me with love. Keep me in your embrace tonight; inhabit my dreams. If you choose to grant me another day of life, awaken me as one who is eager to serve you well. Amen.

Pandemic Prayer: God of hope and love, as our world seems more and more chaotic in this time of pandemic, help us open our hearts and minds to your peace. Sometimes, Lord Jesus, when we are alone, bombarded by news and statistics, we may feel lonely, scared, apprehensive and afraid that nothing will ever be the same again. In those moments, be with us so that we feel your love surrounding us and help us to remember that you will never leave us. Give us the strength to reach out to other people to share our feelings and fears and to listen to theirs so that together we may find calm in knowing that we are your people and you gift us with all we need, moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day. In all things and no matter how we feel, give us the knowledge and wisdom to always give thanks to you that the gift of gratitude may help us return to you and overcome the fear that threatens us. Bless us God, who is Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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