



TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

November 8, 2020

Greeting by Fr. Tyrone

Voluntary "Jerusalem, my happy home", setting by Edwin T. Childs

Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

+ The Holy Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

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

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No!

there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Homily

Musical Interlude "Let all mortal flesh keep silence", setting by David Schack

The Prayers (For individual use or with a family)

Through baptism, God has made us the people of hope. Our hope is in God and our help comes from God. Since God promises to make all things new, let us offer our cares and concerns to God, saying: O God, who is our hope, hear our prayer.

Gracious Creator, ruler of the universe, we know neither the day nor the hour when the Lord Christ shall return to claim the faithful. Through your saving and sustaining grace, enable us to remain in readiness and to welcome his appearing. O God, who is our hope, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Creator, author of unity, bind your people together into one holy church. Remove the barriers that separate Christian from Christian, and enable all the baptized to offer common praise to you and common witness to the world. O God, who is our hope, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Creator, source of all compassion, look with pity upon our world. Help us overcome the ravages of war, disease, hunger, partisanship and injustice; give dignity and well-being to all the human family. Visit us with your love; grant us peace; point us to the way that leads to fulfillment and sufficiency for all. O God, who is our hope, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Creator, protector of all life, we plead with you to grant healing and wholeness to the sick especially, **Doris Jacobs, Rudolph McEwan, David Myher, Elayne Karickoff, Dave Bergum, Barbara O'Neal, JoAnn Roebuck, Elliot Phillips, Gary Schaffer, Arlene McCullers, Abbie Silvia, Geoff Funkhouser, Betty Jo Jacobs, Lee Witcher, Audrey Witcher, Carol Pregent, Deanna Hill, Sophia Vaughan Morning, Sarah Roholt, Marilyn Adams, Mary Mainwaring, Becca Valone, Katie Critcher, Samuel Davenport, Rachael London, Beauty Munawa, Mike Newton-Ward, Joanne Bass, Dave Bowman, Lucas Sams, Missy Sams, Justin Sams, Maggie Dusenbery,** Lay upon them your hand of mercy; renew and restore them, giving them cause to proclaim and praise your name. O God, who is our hope, **hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week: **Thomas Sayre (8th); Michael Hostetter (13th); Patrick Smith (12th); Josh Martin (15th),** O God, who is our hope, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this time in our country amid the election results. Call us into your Spirit of peace, that unrest and anxiety may cease, and that we may continue to work toward becoming a model of equality, fairness and justice for other nations. O God, who is our hope, **hear our prayer.**

Divine Creator, perfecter of all life, behold the dying, who no longer await the return of the bridegroom, but rush to meet him through their death: The 1 million global citizens who have died in these past several months from Coronavirus including the 238,000 Americans. Grant them peace at the last and welcome them into your heavenly dominion. When our last hour shall come, look not on our sins but accept us on the merits of our gracious redeemer, Jesus Christ. (*Silence*) O God, who is our hope, **hear our prayer.**

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

The Blessing

The people stand.

Life is short and there is little time to make glad the hearts of those who walk this journey of faith with us. So let us be swift to love and make haste to be kind; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Voluntary "Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates", setting by Janet Linker

Notes



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