



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC
November 14, 2021 – 10:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

Opening Sentences

Lord, you have been our refuge
from one generation to another.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born,
from age to age you are God.
You turn us back to the dust and say,
"Go back, O child of earth."
For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.

**You sweep us away like a dream;
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
In the morning it is green and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

For we consume away in your displeasure;
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
Our iniquities you have set before you,
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
When you are angry, all our days are gone;
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

**The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty;
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

Who regards the power of your wrath?
 who rightly fears your indignation?
So teach us to number our days
 that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?
 be gracious to your servants.

**Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.
Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us
 and the years in which we suffered adversity.
Show your servants your works
 and your splendor to their children.
May the graciousness of the LORD our God be upon us;
 prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our handiwork. (Psalm 90)**

Presider Blessed be the one, holy and living God.
People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

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.**

The Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
 and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
 Jesus Christ,
 with the Holy Spirit,
 in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel saying, "At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 (Prayed responsively)

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."
All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,
upon those who are noble among the people.

**But those who run after other gods
shall have their troubles multiplied.
Their libations of blood I will not offer,
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup;
it is you who uphold my lot.
My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.
I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;
my heart teaches me, night after night.
I have set the LORD always before me;
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

**My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;
my body also shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor let your holy one see the Pit.
You will show me the path of life;**

**in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

Hebrews 10:11-25

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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+ The Holy Gospel Mark 13:1-8

Deacon The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.

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

The Homily A marked period of silence follows the Homily.

The Nicene Creed

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 for 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.

The Prayers of the People

The images of cosmic disaster in today's readings fill us with fear, but also with hope. Terrifying as the signs may be, the time of Michael will bring life to those who have been faithful, just and wise. Aware of the need for a new order, let us pray that God's reign will come in its fullness, saying: May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the leaders of this world, that, abandoning the terrible power of nuclear weapons, they may trust instead to ways of peace. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church, that it may always be a sign of your loving presence and a sign of hope even in the darkest times. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for victims of warfare and natural disasters especially those still recovering from the earthquake in Haiti and Hurricane Ida along the east coast, that you may comfort them in their suffering. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in need of care especially, **Rudolph** McEwan, **Ryoko** Roberts, **Beth** Plumeri, **Leah** Underwood, **Becky** Toole, **David** Robbins, **Sarah** Robbins, **Valerie** Aguirre, **Vickie** LoMonte, **Judy** Wray, **David** Myher, **Elayne** Karickoff, **Ruth** Mufandaedza, **Lee** Witcher, **Audrey** Witcher, **Deanna** Hill, **Sophia** Vaughan Morning, **Marilyn** Adams, **Mary** Mainwaring, **Katie** Critcher, **Dave** Bowman, **Denise** Davis, **Carmen** Reeve, **James** Barber, **Celia** Nail, **Betty** Johnson, **William** Nail, **Ginny** Barber, **Janice** Fowlkes, **Harriet** Banner, **Susan** Tobie, **Hugh** Stohler and **Rpaul** Smith that your power of healing may be known to them. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community of St. Mark's, that we may learn to respond to the signs of the times with wisdom and grace. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those celebrating birthdays this week: **Michael** Hostetter (13th); **Josh** Martin (15th); **David** Carter (16th) and give thanks for renewed life. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We offer our own needs in prayer. *[Here other intercessions may be offered each ending with: May your reign come; Lord, hear our prayer.]*

We pray for all those who suffer from despair, especially young people who live on life's edge, that you may give them the courage to build for the future. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died violent deaths rooted in racism, misogyny and homophobia and for those who mourn them. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died from COVID-19 and for those who mourn them. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christian O'Neal, friend of Simba Debnam-Pwiti who was shot to death this week. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for Sharon Fowlkes, sister of Father Tyrone and Charles Barber, father of Debbie Hostetter and for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, that they may find eternal life in your loving presence. May your reign come; **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Deacon We pray for the forgiveness of our sins; for the times we failed to love, for the moments when we didn't speak out against injustice and for our complicitness in oppressive and dehumanizing systems. Lord, hear our prayer:

The People may kneel or bow.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider announces the Absolution of Sin

The Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Here, the people may reverently bow or wave in acknowledgment of others; avoiding handshakes and hugs.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: All things come from you, O God.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; of Sarah, Ruth and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread also known as 'The Fraction'.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Please remain masked during the distribution of Communion. You may wish to hold your communion bread/wafer until the end of distribution, so we may all commune together.

Prayer after Communion

The people stand.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When communion is being carried from the altar to those who are home bound.

Presider The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

People **Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

[N.], In the name of God and of this congregation, bear these gifts to those who are bound; share the Lord and bless His name.

Amen.

THE SENDING

The Blessing

Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia, Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

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