

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## November 15, 2020

Prelude

### Gathering

Call to Worship

Liturgist: Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**All: Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.** *Psalm 90: 1-2*

**All Singing: 348 "Great is Thy Faithfulness"**

God's Greeting

Passing the Peace

### Reconciliation

Liturgist: You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

**All: A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.**

Liturgist: Yet we are like grass that springs up new in the morning but by evening it is dry and withered. Our days may come to seventy years, or eighty, if our strength endures, yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass and we fly away.

**All: So teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.** *Psalm 90: 3-12, adapted*

*Silent confession and lament*

**All Singing: 480 "Wait for the Lord"**

Liturgist: Now you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. But you, brothers and sisters, are not to be surprised.

**All: For we are children of the light and children of the day. We do not belong to the night.**

Liturgist: Since we belong to the day, let us be awake sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

**All: For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him.**

Liturgist: Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up. *1 Thess 5: 1-11, adapted*

**All Singing: "Day of the Lord"**

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**It's not long till the boastful are silenced and shamed.  
It's not long till the wealth of the wicked's reclaimed.  
And the ones who have waited with eyes on the Lord  
will shine like the sun forevermore. It's not long till the Day of the Lord.**

**Just be still and be faithful and dwell in the land.  
Put your trust in the Savior and cling to his hand.  
When your heart burns with anger for all that is wrong,  
do not let the dark steal your song. It's not long till the Day of the Lord.**

**It's not long till the Day of the Lord, It's not long till the Day of the Lord!  
Everything that is broken will soon be restored. It's not long till the Day of  
the Lord.**

**Do not fear for the wicked with weapons of war,  
for the Lord is the shelter and strength of the poor.  
And our God comes with laughter; let him be your joy.  
The power of the sword, he'll destroy. It's not long till the Day of the Lord.**

## **Proclamation**

**All: Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life!  
Help us now to hear and obey what you say to us today.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.** *Based on John 6: 68*

Scripture: Matthew 25: 14-30

"Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"The man with two bags of gold also came. 'Master,' he said, 'you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.'

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'

"Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. 'Master,' he said, 'I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.'

"His master replied, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed? Well then, you should

have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Scarcity or Abundance

**All Singing: 689 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”**

## **Dedication**

Prayers of the People

**All Singing: 358 “Give Thanks”**

Benediction

### **Worship Leaders**

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