

MORNING PRAYER

PENTECOST 24 / PROPER 28

NOVEMBER 15, 2020

PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE

We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light. *Colossians 1:12*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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 neighbors 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.***

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

***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.***

Alleluia

THE VENITE

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

For the Lord is a great God, *
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, *
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.***

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 90:1-12

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.
- 2 ***Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.***
- 3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."
- 4 ***For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.***
- 5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 ***In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.***
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.
- 8 ***Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.***
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.
- 10 ***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.***
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?
- 12 ***So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.***

***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.***

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21: YOU ARE GOD *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord: we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

***To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

***Throughout the world the holy Church acclaim you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.***

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

***You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.***

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

***Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.***

***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.***

A READING FROM 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

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 labor 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.

SEQUENCE HYMN #680: O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 25:14-30

"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 Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Lisa Frost-Phillips

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.

THE PRAYERS

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for the Episcopal Center at Duke University, the Episcopal Campus Ministry in Raleigh and at the Greensboro Colleges and Universities, and for St. Mary's House. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government. We pray for all who have served in our nation's armed forces. We pray for an easing of violence and for the spirit of peace to prevail. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN in their ministries of building relationships to increase the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of the Eno River Association.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for families unable to gather over the holidays.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Comfort those who mourn, especially Blythe & Jeff Thompson at the death of Blythe's father, Bob Morgan. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Jackie, Mildred, Katherine, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Patrick, Laura, Sandra, Bartow, and Joseph.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Bob, and we remember those who died in the service of our country, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR 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.**

CLOSING HYMN #601: O DAY OF GOD, DRAW NIGH

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday (11/15)

- **Sunday Morning Gathering for Worship & Formation including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering Together (Worship Zoom)
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
 - **Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom); 10:15am
 - **Sunday Forum: A Virtual Coffee House** (Worship Zoom); 10:15am: Stay and listen to some of our parishioners read their poetry, short stories or selections from their novels and non-fiction work. So far Susan Bauer, David McDuffie, miriam cooke, Robert, and I will be sharing some of our work.
- **Youth Confirmation** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm

Monday (11/16):

- **Education for Ministry**; 6:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Tuesday (11/17):

- **Morning Silence** (Worship Zoom); 7:30am Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Staff Meeting** (Meeting Zoom); 10:00am
- **Food for All / Hugh Tilson's Team** (Fellowship Hall); 5:30pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Wednesday (11/18):

- **Morning Prayer** (Worship Zoom); 8am
- **In-Person Eucharist** (Memorial Garden); Noon; Registration Required
- **For Those Who Live Alone** (Meeting Zoom); 5pm / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir** (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Thursday (11/19):

- **Breakfast Fellowship Group** (Meeting Zoom); 8:30am
- **Care & Discernment Group** (Meeting Zoom); 4:00pm
- **Adult Bible Study**; 7:30pm led by Charles Thomas and Jack Troxell (contact Hugh Tilson for Zoom link)
- **Compline** (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm

Friday (11/20):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom)**; 8am
- **Compline (Worship Zoom)**; 8:30pm

Sunday (11/22)

- **Morning Gathering for & Formation including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering on Zoom
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
 - **10:15 Sunday Forum** (Worship Zoom)
 - **10:15 Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom)

- **Youth Group** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm

PLEASE MASK UP IF YOU COME INTO ANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY!!

A WORD FROM ROBERT+

Dear Friends,

I have some news! On Friday, November 20th, I am going to go under the knife to have surgery on my Achilles tendon, repairing damage from old sports injuries, damage that has gotten increasingly painful in the past months. It's day-surgery, and I'll be on crutches for a few weeks and then in an orthopedic boot, but I expect to be worshipping with you all on the 22nd and for ministry to continue much as usual — perhaps using Uber for pastoral visits, since I won't be able to drive for 12 weeks. I am super happy to be undergoing this surgery — it means I can look forward to running and playing with my kids without fear of reopening the old wound. There is no need for cards, but please pray for me on the 20th. God bless. Robert

FEST SALES HAVE BEGUN

FEST SURPRISE BOXES

Pre-orders of **FeST Surprise Boxes** run through Sunday, November 22. These delightful boxes will contain an assortment of small treats, all home made by parishioners: baked goodies such as cookies, muffins, granola, and hand-crafted items, like ornaments, cards, and earrings. Each box costs \$25. Orders can be placed online under the Heritage-FeST window or forms are available at the church. Payment via PayPal or by dropping off a check at the church. Pick up will be drive by delivery on December 5 at the church, noon to 2:00 pm. A little special note: December 6 is the Feast Day of St. Nicholas....what better way to honor St. Nicholas than to order a box and anonymously "surprise" someone with this box of treats.

WREATHS AND ROPING

Wreaths and Roping can be ordered through Monday, November 16. Order forms are available online and outside Mary's office. Payment preferred at the time of order and can be by check or through the PayPal link online under the Heritage-FeST window Cost is \$30 for fresh Fraser fir wreath and \$30 for 25 feet of roping. Pick up will be drive by delivery on December 5 at the church, noon to 2:00 pm.

BAKED GOODS

Specialty Baked Goods- Specialty baked items (Think cakes, breads, Soup mixes and other yummys) are available for preorder through Sunday, November 15. Some items are sold out. The remaining items are listed below and on the website. **Karen Ireland is taking orders by phone (919-732-7538)**. Quantities are limited. Payment, preferred by check, and can be made the day of pick up, December 5, noon to 2:00. Again, it's another wonderful way to honor St. Nicholas by delivering a delicious surprise to someone unexpectedly.

Breads:

whole wheat, large loaf	\$	5.00
lemon poppy seed, small loaf	\$	4.00

Cakes:

cold oven pound cake	\$	35.00
chocolate cake	\$	35.00
black walnut pound cake	\$	35.00

Pies:

pecan	\$ 16.00
chocolate chess	\$ 15.00

Miscellaneous:

cranberry pecan biscotti	\$ 10.00
toasted almond biscotti	\$ 10.00
small gingerbread house	\$ 10.00
peanut brittle	\$ 8.00
rocky road fudge (1/2 #)	\$ 10.00
Norwegian wreath cake	\$ 35.00
Cajun spice rubs in 4 oz jar	\$ 5.00
spicy steak rubs in 4 oz jar	\$ 5.00
peppermint hot chocolate mix	\$ 5.00
Mexican hot chocolate mix	\$ 5.00
dog biscuits; 6/pack	\$ 5.00
5-bean soup mix	\$ 5.00
Italian farro soup mix	\$ 5.00
shortbreads	\$ 10.00

ALL PROCEEDS go to benefit people in need in Orange County and are distributed to local area non-profits.

--Lisa

A DIOCESAN CELEBRATION

On Saturday, November 21, the Diocese is having a Celebration. It will be held from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Everyone in the diocese is invited to watch this livestream event. Here is the invitation from our bishops:

WATCH THE BISHOPS' INVITATION: <https://vimeo.com/465577073>

THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign has concluded, but if you have not returned your pledge yet, you can still do so. We are still short of our goal and your gift, in any amount, will help us reach it. Your responses are vital to financial planning for the many church programs, staffing needs, and outreach that enable the gifts St. Matthew's brings to us and to the community around us as we reflect on the year's theme: *Abiding in Faith, Acting with Hope, Anchored by Love*.

OUR NEXT, IN-PERSON, OUTSIDE EUCHARIST IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18 AT NOON. It'll be in the Memorial Garden where we can accommodate 24 easily. To sign up, first fill out the **health screening form here**. Masks are required and physical distancing must be observed. We expect to continue this Wednesday Eucharist for as long as the weather allows.

ALSO, SCHEDULED: THANKSGIVING DAY EUCHARIST, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, at 10:30am. ([registration/health screen form here](#))

VISIO DIVINA

This Advent, join me, Amy Peterson, for Visio Divina! We'll meet once a week to share artwork and images related to the week's lectionary texts, and we'll reflect together on the Scripture and what the art shows us about it. If you're interested, email Amy Peterson (coamyp@gmail.com) for more details.

Tuesdays at 7pm

November 24 - reflecting on Advent 1
 December 1 - reflecting on Advent 2
 December 8 - reflecting on Advent 3
 December 15 - reflecting on Advent 4
 December 22 - reflecting on Christmas

ADVENT FAMILY FAITH FORMATION - NOVEMBER 29TH

On the first Sunday of Advent (November 29th) we will have our Family Faith Formation beginning at 10:15am on the Formation Channel. As part of our service, we will be making advent wreaths together. We invite all who attend this service to bring your own greenery from outside around your house, on your favorite walks, or from your local florist; Trader Joes also has greenery. **We will provide the advent wreaths, wire, and candles. If you do not have an advent wreath or advent candles, [sign up here](#).** The suggested donation is \$10. We will have them available for pickup outside the Hayden building on the white bench on Tuesday, November 24th and Saturday, November 28th. If you are quarantined and/or otherwise cannot pick them up on either of those dates, please email Kim at kim@stmatthewshillsborough.org

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. We hope that you will consider contributing to OCIM's Holiday meals. Bring your donated items by the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors.

Holiday Donations

The pantry will begin accepting items on October 1st.
 Donations can be brought to OCIM's pantry Monday-Friday,
 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

* Stuffing * Pie Crust Mix
 * Mashed Potato Flakes * Canned Fruit Pie Filling
 * Gravy (packets, jars, or cans) * Canned Pumpkin Pie Filling
 * Cranberry Sauce * Evaporated Milk (5oz cans) * Canned Vegetables
 * Aluminum Turkey Pans
 * Flour * Clean Paper Grocery Bags
 * Sugar * Clean Reusable Grocery Bags
 * Cooking Oil

For financial donations, visit www.ocimnc.org for PayPal OR
 mail to 300 Millstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, Bartow Culp, and Joseph Riddick.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken

Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Joe & Pat McDonald, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, Richard Stevens, and Mary Beth.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for families facing separation over the holidays.