
The Word of God

PRELUDE

Voluntary on "Bunessan"

Alan Bullard

ENTRANCE HYMN

The people stand.

Morning has broken

Hymnal 8

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.*

GLORIA

The "S" indicates Service Music, and is found in the front of the blue hymnal

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

FIRST READING

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

The people sit.

⁷Be 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.

¹²At 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."

¹³Their 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.

¹⁴The 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.

¹⁵That 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,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.
¹⁷I 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.
¹⁸Neither 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 90:1-8, 12



¹Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

²Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

³You turn us back to the dust and say, *
“Go back, O child of earth.”

⁴For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday
when it is past *
and like a watch in the night.

⁵You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

⁶In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

⁷For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

⁸Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

¹²So teach us to number our days, *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When 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! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN
The people stand.

Not here for high and holy things (stanzas 1-3)

Hymnal 9

GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹⁴Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven will be as when a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.’ ²¹His 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.’ ²²And 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.’ ²³His 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.’ ²⁴Then 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; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON
The people sit.

THE NICENE CREED
The people stand.

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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

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The people kneel or stand.

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church, including St. Michael's Church, Cookeville may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop and John our Bishop, and all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for Joe our President, Bill our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;
Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.
Celebrant and People

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.

The Celebrant stands and says

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

THE PEACE

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The people stand.

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY

The people sit

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitov-Ivanov

DOXOLOGY

The people stand.

Hymnal 380 vs. 3

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

[Here a Proper Preface is said.]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Paul all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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People and Celebrant

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, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

NOTE ON RECEIVING COMMUNION All baptized Christians are invited to receive the sacrament regardless of age or denomination. Those who have not been baptized are welcome to receive a blessing—indicate your desire for a blessing by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. Intercessory prayer teams are available to pray with you on either side of the nave.

COMMUNION MUSIC

I want to walk as a child of the light

Hymnal 490

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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The people stand or kneel.
Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN
The people stand.

There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

DISMISSAL

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Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Beecher"

Charles Callahan

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In the long Season after Pentecost the Church explores what it is to be the agent of God in and to the world. For twenty-three to twenty-eight weeks (depending on the date of Easter), beginning on Trinity Sunday and lasting to Christ the King Sunday lessons convey the teachings of Jesus who commissioned the Church to "go into the world," to baptize, teach, and "make disciples of all people." Every Sunday the Commission becomes a personal call to each of us to find our role in the great work of salvation and reconciliation. The liturgical color is green symbolizing the power of spring, growth, and life flourishing and abundant.

The Rev. Dr. Kristine Blaess, Rector
The Rev. Michael Whitnah, Associate Rector
Kelly Ramer Moody, Seminarian
Angela Tipps, Organist and Director of Music
Dr. Susan Kelly, Choir Director
Lectors: Charmaine Nicolau, Scott Peek
Intercessor: Kelly Moody
Chalice Bearer: Jim Calder, Don Clayton, Carol Detmer, Richard Detmer
Prayer Team: Betty Block, Kris McCusker, David Loucky, Nancy Loucky
Acolytes: Peter Heren, John Gamble, Jennifer Handy, Jax Peek
Ushers: *Fant Smith, Tristin Casteel, Alex Hollis, Mary Probert
Altar Guild: Sue Koechlein, Patricia Melvin, Helen Bayne, Victoria Atamer, Dixie Groutt
Technical Team: Dale Tipps, Ross Kleinlein

FLOWER DEDICATION

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for Cameron & Morgan by Lindley Hensen.

PRAYER CONCERNS November 19, 2023

For those with cancer: Ann, Carolyn, Harriet, Howard, Jim, Mary Alice, Maxine, Marc, Sam, Sandy, and Susan.

For those in cancer remission: Andie.

For those healing from Surgery: Marianne and William.

For those experiencing mental health issues.

For those with other needs: Bettie, James, Jeff, John, Marcie, Martha, Max, Mike, Ralph, Sandy, Steve, Zanie, the people of Ukraine, and the people of the Middle East.

For those imprisoned including: Abu-Ali, Charlie, Corino, Donald, Gregory, Henry, Jessie, Joe, Michael, and Pervis.

For those experiencing homelessness including: Andrea, Carol, Cindy, Connie, Deborah, Donna, Jacki, Jeri, Jessica, Joe, Kelsey, Kimberley, Kristi, Laura, Lori, Melissa, Renada, Sharon, and Tiffany.

For all veterans and those in military service and their families, including: Benjamin, Brianna, Chris, Kaitlin, Kalani, Nathan, Patrick, Trevor, and Sean.

---CONTINUING EDUCATION---

Rector's Forum: *It's the End of the World as We Know It...*

Few texts are more confusing, misinterpreted, and downright bizarre than the book of Revelation. Yet when we take a closer look, we find ourselves drawn into this incredible drama that is all about *worship*. This fall, join your St. Paul's clergy (and special guests!) during the Sunday School hour as we dive into this incredible finale of the Bible.

---ANNOUNCEMENTS---

Offering

To make an offering online with your debit/credit card, scan the QR code with your smart phone camera. A link will appear, click on it to open our website's giving page. You can select the fund you want to give to (i.e. pledge fulfillment, general offering, CONNECT, etc) and even leave a note in the memo line if desired.



Thanksgiving Service and Luncheon | Thursday, November 23 at 11:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Thanksgiving is a day of worship, gathering with family and friends, and feasting. We will serve a pot luck Thanksgiving lunch in the Parish Hall after worship on Thanksgiving day. Please sign up, tell us what you will bring, and indicate how many people are joining you. This is open to everyone in the parish as well as any guests who visit your house for the holidays. Please consider helping set up the day before and to clean up after lunch. You can sign up for these roles through the link in the eblast as well.

St. Paul's Angel Tree Program

St. Paul's an Angel Tree still has a few angels to adopt! You may adopt an angel by using the link in the eblast. After you sign up stop by the Angel Tree table in the Parish Hall on Sunday to pick up your packet. The committee recommends spending \$100-\$125 on your Angel. Wrapped gifts are due to the Parish Hall no later than Sunday, December 3. Please direct any questions to Molly Bartsch at molly.k.bartsch@gmail.com.

A Cup of Christmas Tea in Memory | December 5, at 1:00—3:00 p.m. | Wise Room

We have two opportunities to share light refreshments and memories of those who are important in your life and are no longer here. Invitations will be mailed soon announcing an afternoon times 1:00—3:00 p.m. and 4:30—6:30 p.m. All are invited to attend, but invitations will be sent to those who have experienced the death of a loved one in the last year. For more information, contact Jerry Redditt at 615-364-8700 or Mary Jane Young.