



25th Sunday after Pentecost
November 19, 2023



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GATHERING TOGETHER

As we prepare for worship together, in person or virtually, you may wish to light a candle representing the presence of God with you and concerns, laments, desires for healing, confessions or prayers of thanksgiving that you are particularly holding in the light of Christ today.

*Everyone is invited to join in speaking or singing aloud the **bold** portions of the liturgy in the bulletin. *The asterisk indicates parts of the worship when members of the congregation are invited to rise in body or spirit as able.*

PRELUDE

Variations on "Now Thank we All our God"

John Barr

The Organist's Companion, V. 38 No. 6.

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WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mamie Broadhurst

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pre-K - 5th Graders

Lighting the Candle

Word for Worship

*HYMN No. 407

Spirit Divine Attend Our Prayers

CALL TO CONFESSION

Griff Campbell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of the Vineyard,

When our faith is rooted deeply in you,

our lives reflect your kingdom values of justice and righteousness,

**but sometimes our lives become so entangled with the values of the world,
that we have trouble distinguishing them from what is around us.**

Forgive us, O God,

and prune our hearts and minds

of all that prevents us from bearing good fruit.

Do not allow us to settle for second-rate justice.

Do not let us to mistake the silence of fear for peace.

Do not sanction our wisdom when it is not your own.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

**Allow the waters of your justice to refresh our weary spirits.
May the prophets' words of judgment not discourage us,
but rather spark us to follow you more closely
for the sake of the whole world.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (*responsive*)

God is always ready to hear our cries and to respond with mercy.
Like a shoot from the stump of Jesse, God is ready to give us new life.
Together let us proclaim:
We are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*RESPONSE TO FORGIVENESS

Hymn 447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5

SERMON

Mamie Broadhurst

WE RESPOND WITH DEDICATION

*HYMN No. 383

Dream On, Dream On

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER

Drew Patty

**Our Mother and Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

OFFERING of GIFTS

Reflect on your response to the work of Christ in the world today, and consider making a commitment of time, talents, and resources. If you choose to contribute to the work of Christ through UPC at this time, on line giving is available. See the announcements for more information.

INVITATION

ANTHEM

Christ the Vine
Robert J. Powell
St. James Press, 2015

*Christ, the vine, and God, the gardener,
we, the branches bearing fruit.
We can bring forth shoots of promise
when our lives in Christ take root.
Christ, the fruit from Jesse springing,
you fulfilled the prophet's trust.
And you pray that we, your body,
will fulfill your trust in us.*

*Christ, may we submit to pruning
that we bear more grapes for wine.
Help us, when we're overburdened,
draw new strength from you, the vine.
You invite us to be partners,
growing Spirit's fruit anew.
Keep us one in love together:
you in us, and we in you!*

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Old Hundredth

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION (*unison*)

**We present these gifts to you, O God,
as a sign and a symbol of our deep gratitude.
Through these, our gifts of time, talent, and treasure,
we hope the peace and justice of your kingdom
might be heard, seen, and known.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN No. 129

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

God is...

Everywhere.

POSTLUDE

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CHURCH NURSERY

The church nursery is open during the worship service
for infants and children through kindergarten.

Prayer of Confession adapted from one found on Jane Stranz's Of Life, Laughter and Liturgy blog. <http://stranzdocs.blogspot.ca/2007/12/advent-liturgy-for-visit-of-archbishop.html> | Permission to reprint, podcast, and/or stream the music in this service obtained from ONE LICENSE with license no. A-705298 unless otherwise noted. All rights reserved. | Cover art: "Vineyards with Their Watch Towers" by James Tissot, <https://www.brooklynmuseum.org/opencollection/objects/13566>