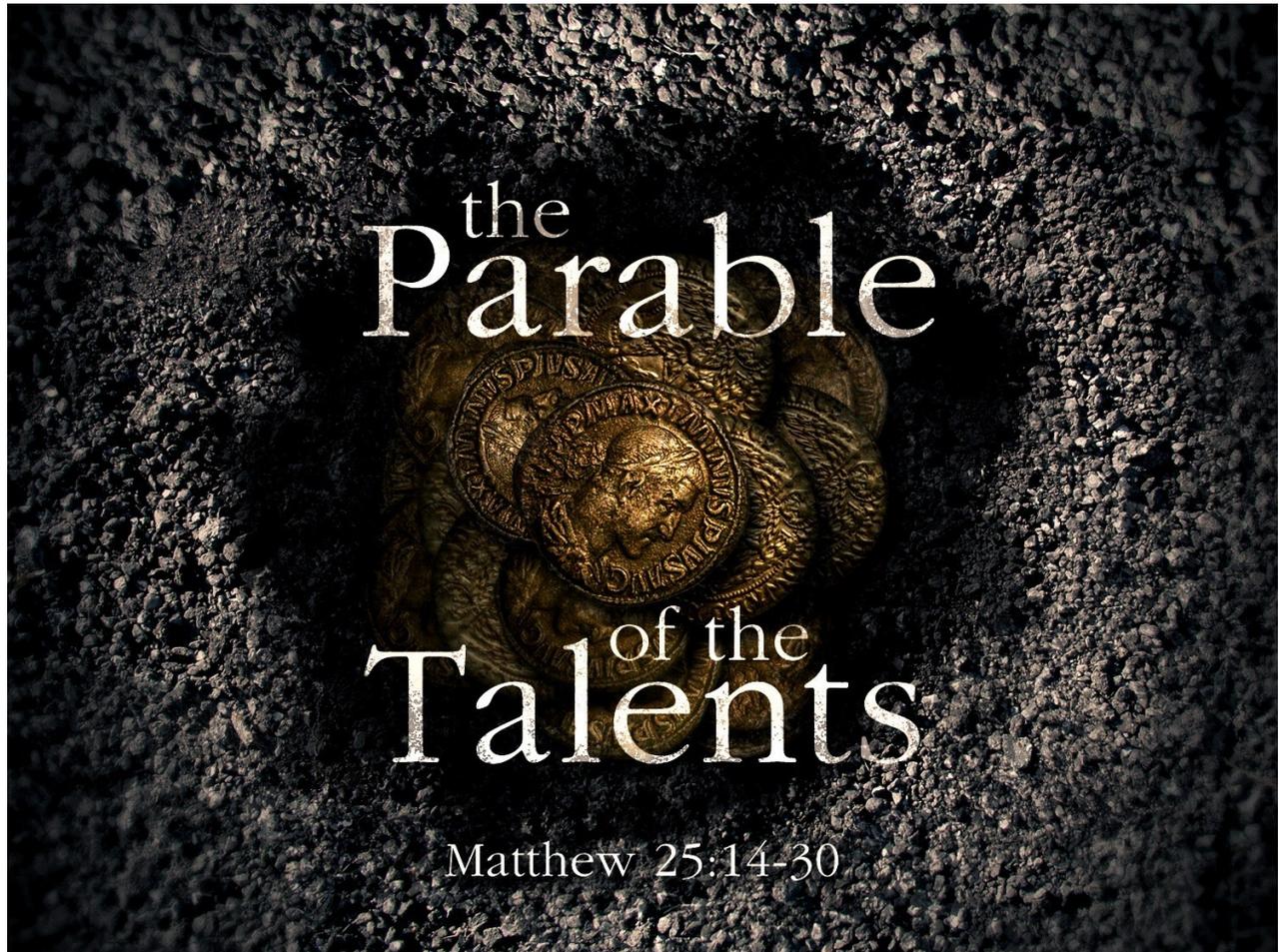


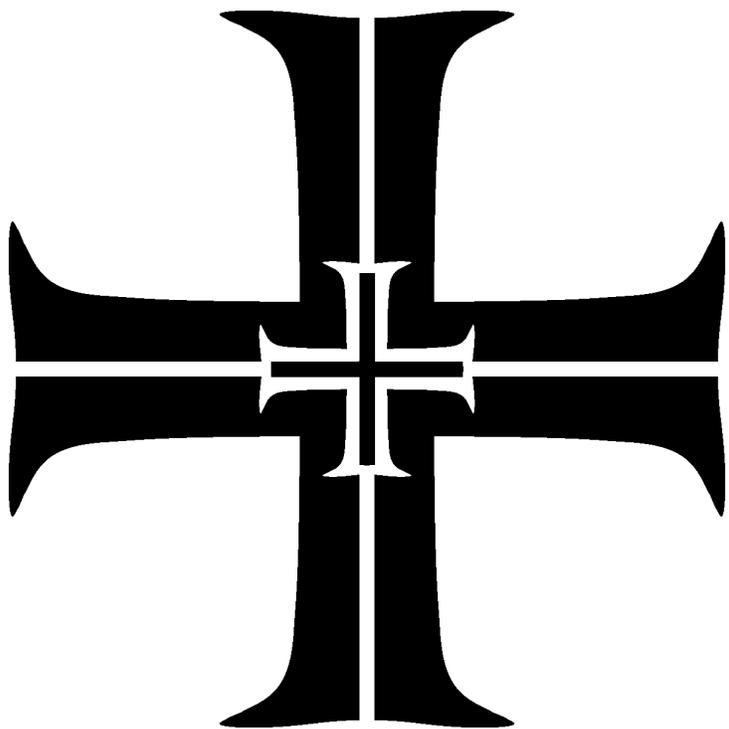
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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020



# *Service of The Word*

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST

## WELCOME

## ORDER FOR CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

*Pastor* Blessed be God: ✝ Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

*Pastor* Let us confess our sins in front of God and our neighbor. Holy one...

*All* We confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

*Pastor* Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✝ Jesus Christ you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

*All* Amen.

*The Service continues on the next page  
with The Opening Hymn*



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.  
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

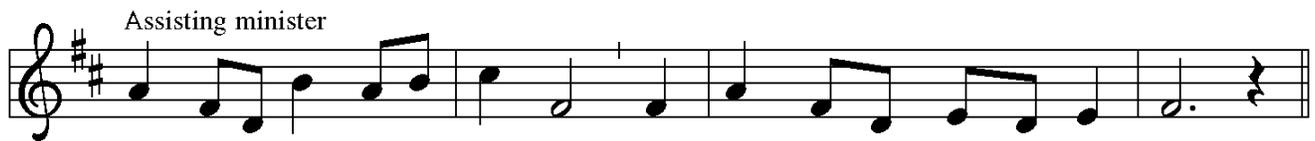
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THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

*Pastor* The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
*People* Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

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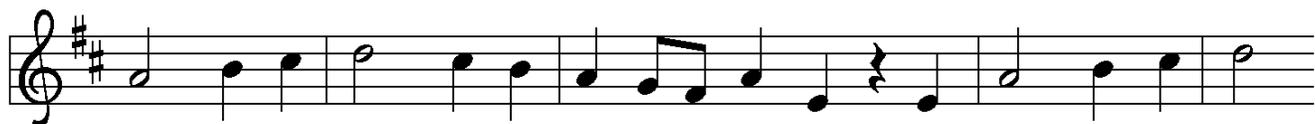
Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



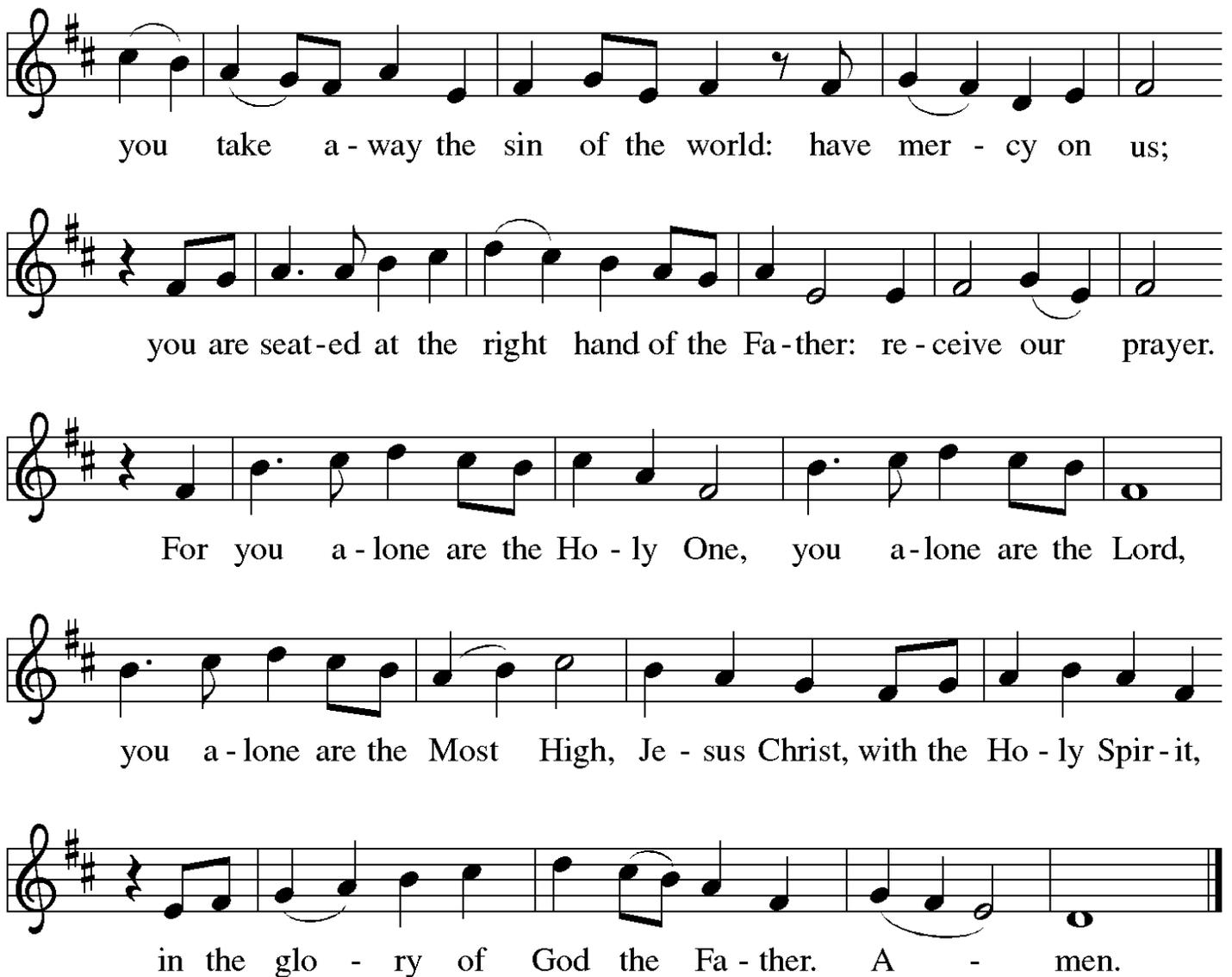
Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,



you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,

you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Pastor Dave*

*Pastor* Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

*People* Amen.

## THE GOSPEL LESSON

**Matthew 25:14-30**

*Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.*

*Pastor* The Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

*People* Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] <sup>14</sup>For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup>to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup>The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup>In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. <sup>18</sup>But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup>After a long time the master of those

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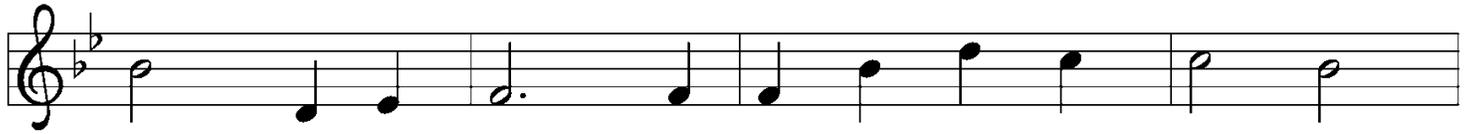
# THE LORD'S PRAYER

All 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.

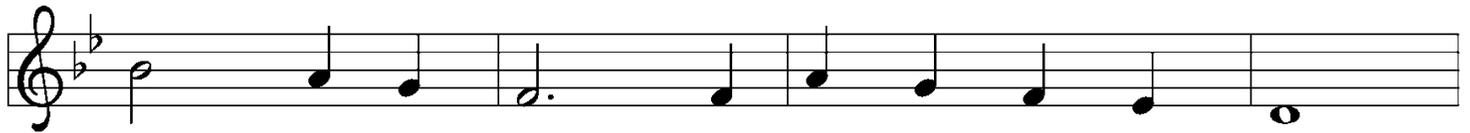
## CLOSING HYMN

## O Zion, Haste

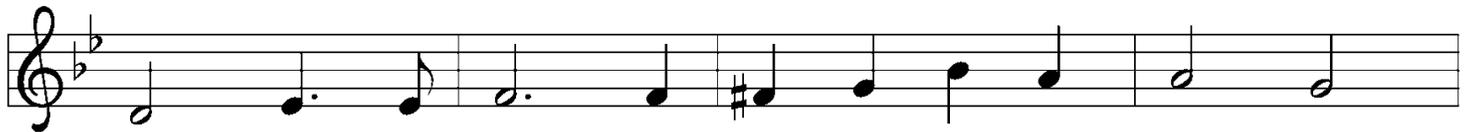
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1 O Zi - on, haste, your mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,  
2 Pub - lish to ev - 'ry peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion  
3 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere you meet him,



to tell to all the world that God is light;  
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;  
make known to ev - 'ry heart his sav - ing grace;



that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing  
tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion  
let none whom he has ran - somed fail to greet him,



one soul should per - ish, lost in shades of night.  
and died on earth that we might live a - bove.  
through your ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

### *Refrain*



Pub - lish glad tid - ings, tid - ings of peace,



tid - ings of Je - sus, re - demp-tion, and re - lease.

## ▪ BLESSING & BENEDICTION ▪

*Pastor* Go forth into the world in peace; be of good courage; hold fast that which is good; render to no one evil for evil; strengthen the fainthearted; support the weak; help the afflicted; honor everyone; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always.

*People* Amen.

### ORGAN POSTLUDE



Thank you to everyone who has helped fill a basket for the Thanksgiving baskets. It is much appreciated. Please bring all food items to the church by Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

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# Light House

A HOMELESS PREVENTION SUPPORT CENTER

A huge thank-you to the Fish family for providing a meal at the Light House shelter last week. They prepared a delicious meal of shepherd's pie, garden salad, garlic green beans and pies. Many thanks! We are still in need of someone to prepare the Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> dinner. The meal is delivered to the Light House already prepared, and you do not stay to serve the meal. Please contact Barbara Freeman, [tombarbfreeman@verizon.net](mailto:tombarbfreeman@verizon.net) if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

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