

# TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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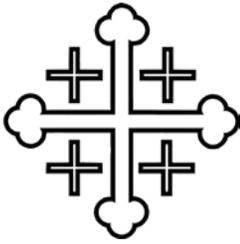
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*The people's responses are in bold.*

## **The Entrance Rite**

### ORGAN PRELUDE

*The people stand as able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 551

*Rise up, ye saints of God*

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### THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

**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.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE • S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

# The Word of God

## THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given the Holy Spirit to abide with us forever: Bless, we pray, with the Spirit's grace and presence, people of God here assembled in your Name, that your Church, being preserved in true faith and godly discipline, may fulfill all the mind of the One who loves us and gave everything for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*The people are seated.*

### THE FIRST READING **Isaiah 60:1-6, 9**

Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.  
For darkness shall cover the earth,  
and thick darkness the peoples;  
but the Lord will arise upon you,  
and his glory will appear over you.  
Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

Lift up your eyes and look around;  
they all gather together, they come to you;  
your sons shall come from far away,  
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.  
Then you shall see and be radiant;  
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,  
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,  
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.  
A multitude of camels shall cover you,  
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;  
all those from Sheba shall come.  
They shall bring gold and frankincense,  
and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.  
For the coastlands shall wait for me,  
the ships of Tarshish first,  
to bring your children from far away,  
their silver and gold with them,  
for the name of the Lord your God,  
and for the Holy One of Israel,  
because he has glorified you

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 139:1-11** (*Read in unison*)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.**
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

**THE SECOND READING    2 Corinthians 4:1-6**

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in

our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The people stand as able at the introduction of the hymn.*

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 381      *Before thy throne, O God, we kneel*      P. 10 Worship Leaflet

## THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:14-16).

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*The people are seated at the invitation of the homilist.*

## THE BISHOP’S CONVENTION ADDRESS

The Rt. Rev. J. Scott Mayer

*A moment for silent reflection follows the homily.*

## THE NICENE CREED

**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; who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified; who 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 AND LITANY FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

*(adapted from the Episcopal Office of Governmental Relations)*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Friends: God commands us through Jesus Christ to love one another. In baptism, we promise to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves and to strive for justice and peace, and respect the dignity of every human being. Let us now honor those vows and pray for our nation, for wise and just leaders, and for the needs of others throughout our country and the world.

We pray for continued blessings on all peacemakers, on leaders who value peace, and on everyone who promotes nonviolent solutions to conflict. We pray for a speedy end to all violence and warfare around the world.

God of peace and gentleness,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the strength of heart and mind to look beyond ourselves and address the needs of our siblings throughout the world; for the rural and urban poor; for the rebuilding of our communities; and for an end to the cycles of violence that threaten our future.

God of generosity and compassion,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all nations, that they may live in unity, peace, and concord; and that all people may know justice and enjoy the perfect freedom that only God can give.

God of liberty and freedom,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray that the Holy Spirit may embrace the most vulnerable members of our society; we pray also for an end to the growing disparity between the rich and poor; and for the grace and courage to strive for economic justice.

God of all gifts and blessings,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for an end to prejudice throughout our country and the world; that we will respect all people as precious children of God; and that racism, sexism, and all other forms of discrimination will be forever banished from our hearts, our society, and our laws.

God of fellowship and equality,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for a reverence of creation; that we will have the tools and the will to conserve it; that we will use its bountiful resources in the service of others; and that we will become better stewards of all that has been entrusted to us.

God of nature and the universe,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all immigrants, refugees, and pilgrims from around the world, that they may be welcomed in our midst and be treated with fairness, dignity, and respect.

God of outcasts and wanderers,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the sick, the aged and the infirm; for those with physical or mental disabilities; that all may have access to proper health care; and that God's loving embrace may be felt by all who suffer.

God of comfort and healing,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all prisoners and captives; that a spirit of forgiveness may replace vengeance and retribution; and that we, with all the destitute, lonely, and oppressed, may be restored to the fullness of God's grace.

God of absolution and mercy,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all children and families, and particularly for the orphaned, neglected, abused, and those who live in fear of violence or disease; that they may be relieved and protected.

God of children and families,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the reconciliation of all people, and for the Church throughout the world, that it may be an instrument of your healing love.

God of outreach and restoration,

***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all who have died as a result of violence, war, disease or famine, especially those who died because of human blindness, neglect, or hardness of heart.

God of eternal life and resurrecting love,

***Hear our prayer.***

Let us pray for our own needs and the needs of others (*please add your requests in this moment of silence*)

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.*** (BCP p. 823)

## THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift:**

**You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us.**

**We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family.**

**We have desired to live in freedom,**

**while building walls between ourselves and others.**

**We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are,**

**while making judgements of others based on the color of skin,**

**or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience.**

**We have tried to love our neighbors individually**

**while benefiting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression.**

**Forgive us, Holy God.**

**Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people.**

**Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love.**

**Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity,**

**even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and forever. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

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

*Celebrant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

*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,  
          for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

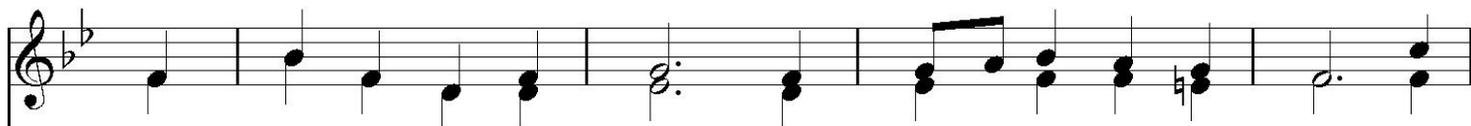
## THE BLESSING

God give you grace to try and to fail, to strive and to succeed, to dream the dreams of God, and to allow God to bring you to the fulfillment of those dreams, that you may flourish and the world may know God's glory. And the blessing of God Almighty: Father, Son and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

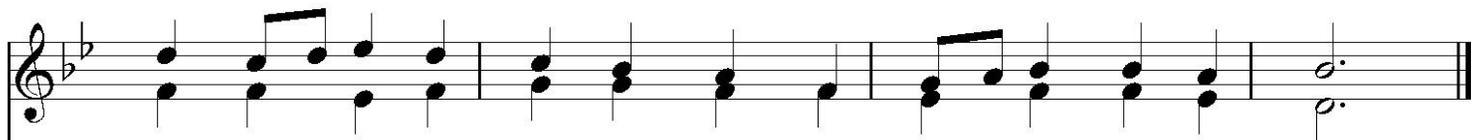
## THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

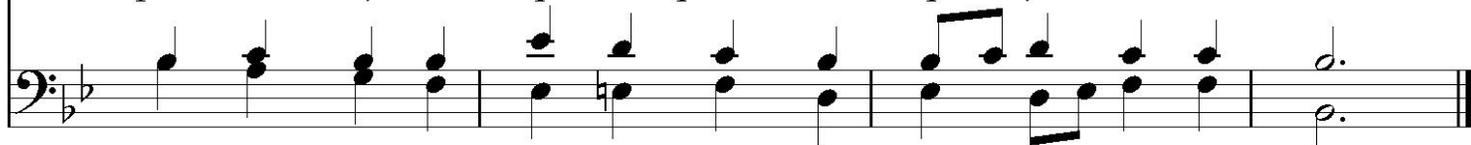
## CLOSING HYMN



1 Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with less - er things, give  
2 Rise up, ye saints of God! His king - dom tar - ries long: Lord,  
3 Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod; and



heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.  
bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.  
quick-ened by the Spi - rit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!



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1 Be - fore thy throne, O God, we kneel: give us a con - science  
 2 Search out our hearts and make us true; help us to give to  
 3 For sins of heed - less word and deed, for pride am - bi - tious  
 4 Let the fierce fires which burn and try, our in - most spi - rits

quick to feel, a rea - dy mind to un - der - stand the  
 all their due. From love of plea - sure, lust of gold, from  
 to suc - ceed, for craft - y trade and sub - tle snare to  
 pu - ri - fy: con - sume the ill; purge out the shame; O

mean - ing of thy chas - tening hand; what - e'er the pain and  
 sins which make the heart grow cold, wean us and train us  
 catch the sim - ple un - a - ware, for lives be - reft of  
 God, be with us in the flame; a new - born peo - ple

shame may be, bring us, O Fa - ther, near - er thee.  
 with thy rod; teach us to know our faults, O God.  
 pur - pose high, for - give, for - give, O Lord, we cry.  
 may we rise, more pure, more true, more no - bly wise.

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