



## The Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost November 15, 2020

### Welcome

Minister I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. (*John 15.5*)

Prayer King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.  
**Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Minister Let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Minister Most merciful God,

**All 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 neighbours 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.**

Minister Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all our sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us pray.  
Almighty God,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
to be the light of the world.  
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
and bring us to eternal light and joy;  
through the power of him  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Psalm 123**

<sup>1</sup>To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.

**<sup>2</sup>As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,**

<sup>3</sup>So our eyes look to the Lord our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.

**<sup>4</sup>Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,**

<sup>5</sup>Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Gospel Hymn - Ancient Words

## The Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

<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 slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup>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." <sup>21</sup>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." <sup>22</sup>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." <sup>23</sup>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." <sup>24</sup>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; <sup>25</sup>so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup>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? <sup>27</sup>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. <sup>28</sup>So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup>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. <sup>30</sup>As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

Matthew Waterman

## Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was  
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
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, he is seated at  
the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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 Offertory** - *Please take a moment to prayerfully present your financial offering to God.*

Prayer over the Gifts Holy God, help us through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Prayers**

Minister The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Minister Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Minister Lord, have mercy upon us.

**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 them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.**

Minister O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

People **And grant us your salvation.**

Minister O Lord, guide those who govern us;

People **And lead us in the way of justice and truth.**

Minister Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

People **And let your people sing with joy.**

Minister O Lord, save your people;

People **And bless your inheritance.**

Minister Give peace in our time, O Lord;

People **And defend us by your mighty power.**

Minister Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Minister Create in us clean hearts, O God;

People **And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

Leader O Lord our God, in your mercy and kindness, no thought of ours is left unnoticed, no desire or concern ignored. You have proven that blessings abound when we fall on our knees in prayer, and so we turn to you in our hour of need. Surrounded by violence and cries for justice, we hear your voice telling us what is required, "Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God". Fill us with your mercy so that we, in turn, may be merciful to others. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, strip away pride, suspicion, and racism so that we may seek peace and justice in our communities. Strengthen our hearts so that they beat only to the rhythm of your holy will. Flood our path with your light as we walk humbly toward a future filled with encounter and unity. Be with us O Lord, in our efforts, for only by the prompting of your grace can we progress toward virtue. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious Lord, you are the comfort of those who mourn and the strength of those who suffer. We pray for those who are in any need and for those who have asked for our prayers....for Stella, Norma, Leah, John, Amini, Evelyn, Jackie, the Smith family, and the Davies family, and for all those we name now, silently or aloud... **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **In our prayers this week:**

#### **The Anglican Communion**

The Church of Ceylon (Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury)  
The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey - Bishop of Colombo  
The Rt Revd Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala

#### **The Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer**

**ACC** The members of the Council of General Synod  
**ELCIC** The members of the National Church Council

#### **Diocese of Toronto**

The Scarborough Deanery

#### **Social Justice and Advocacy Committee:**

The clergy and people of Trinity, Aurora; Trinity, Barrie; Trinity, Bradford  
and their outreach activities.

#### **The Church of St Mary and St Martha**

In our parish cycle: John and Diane Almand; Marjorie Archer; Shirley Archer  
Celebrating a birthday: Queenie Seiloa, Mintrude Bullen

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