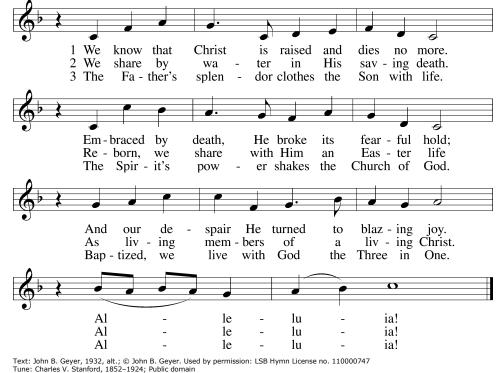
NOVEMBER 12, 2023 - THE 24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude - "Watch And Wait" by Samuel Wesley.

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603 We Know That Christ Is Raised



The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. P

С Amen.

Opening Dialog

- P Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;
- С for His steadfast love endures forever.
- P Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name;
- make known God's deeds among the peoples! С
- I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; P
- С I will recount all of Your wonderful deeds.
- P I will bless the Lord at all times;
- His praise shall continually be in my mouth. С
- P Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
- and let us exalt His name together! С
- С Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

C Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Amos 5:18-24

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¹⁸ Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
¹⁹ as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
²⁰ Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
²¹ "I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
²² Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
²³ Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
²⁴ But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Pulpit-side speaks the odd verses and Font-side speaks the even verses.

¹Make haste, O God, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

²Let them be put to shame and confusion who seek my life! Let them be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt!

³Let them turn back because of their shame who say, "Aha, Aha!"

⁴May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you! May those who love your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"

⁵But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Psalm 70

as it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Matthew 25:1-13

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

A This is the Word of the Lord.



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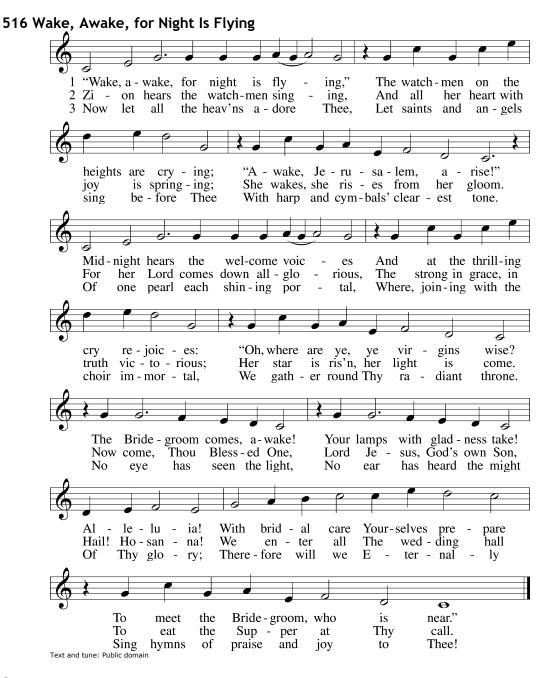
Holy Gospel

- P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ²Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ³For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' ⁷Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' ⁹But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' ¹⁰And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. ¹¹Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' ¹²But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' ¹³Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.C Praise to You, O Christ.

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Sermon

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Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life + everlasting. Amen.

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680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Kneel

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Each petition ends:

P Lord, in Your mercy:

C Hear our prayer!

The Prayers conclude:

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

 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.

Collect

P Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

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Benediction

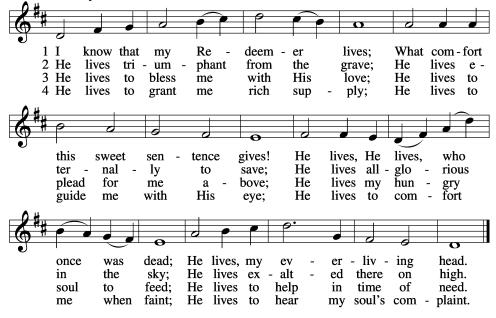
The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

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461 I Know That My Redeemer Lives



- 6 He lives, my kind, wise, heav'nly friend; He lives and loves me to the end; He lives, and while He lives, I'll sing; He lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King.
- 8 He lives, all glory to His name! He lives, my Jesus, still the same; Oh, the sweet joy this sentence gives: I know that my Redeemer lives!

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Postlude - "My Country, 'Tis Of Thee" tune America, setting by James Southbridge.

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