



# 24th Sunday after Pentecost

*Order for Compline*

*Wednesday, November 18, 2020 7:45 pm*

## **Welcome**

*Greetings, Friends and Neighbors of St. Timothy's. Thank you for joining us for our worship service.*

## **Opening Sentence**

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

*Officiant* Our help is in the Name of the Lord

**People** **The maker of heaven and earth**

*The Officiant*

Let us confess our sins to God. (Silence may be kept.)

*Officiant and People*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father:**

**We have sinned against you,**

**through our own fault,**

**in thought, and word, and deed,**

**and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**forgive us all our offenses**

**and grant that we may serve you**

**in newness of life,**

**to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Officiant*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins,  
and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Officiant* O God, make speed to save us.

**People** O Lord, make haste to help us.

## **A reading from the Exodus 3:1-15**

In an old stump of a tree, like the family tree of Jesse, there will be a new green shoot, and the shoot will grow into a branch. The branch will be the Messiah, and the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him. He will be wise and understanding. He will be strong and confident and know and love the ways of God. He won't judge a person by what he hears about them or by what they look like. He will see poor people through God's eyes and will

always be on the side of the powerless people. The wicked people had better watch out when he's around. He'll wear goodness and faithfulness like we wear coats and hats. Amazing things will happen – wolves will be friends with little lambs. Leopards will get along with the goats. Calves and lions will play together. And a little child will be in charge of them all. Cows and bears will share the pasture. And their babies will take naps side by side. Lions will eat hay like oxen do. Babies will play with snakes and the snakes won't bite them. There won't be any pain anymore, and all the earth will be covered with knowing God, just like the waters of the sea cover the earth. And that branch from Jesse's family tree will be a hero to all the people of the earth. Kings will wonder who he is, and wherever the Messiah is, that place will be beautiful.

### **Psalm 100**

Be happy in God, everyone.

With joy in your hearts, serve God and sing as you serve God.

Know this: The Lord is God.

**You made us, God, and we belong to you.**

We are your people. We are the sheep in your pasture.

We will sing your praise whenever we come before you.

You are good, God, and your mercy never ends.

**You will be faithful year after year after year.**

*People*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### **Matthew 25:31-46**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes again with all the angels, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. Everyone on earth will stand before him. And he'll separate them from each other like a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. Then he'll say, 'The kingdom is yours. Come. When I was hungry, you fed me. And when I was thirsty, you gave me a drink of water. You welcomed me when I didn't know anyone. When I needed clothing, you gave me some. You took care of me when I was sick and visited me in prison.' They'll answer him, 'Lord, we never saw you. When did we see you hungry or thirsty? And when did we see you were a stranger or needed clothes. And when were you sick or in prison. When did we see you and help you?' And he will answer them, 'I'm telling you, when you helped the very least of my people, you helped me.' Then he will say to the others, 'Get out of my sight; when I was hungry and thirsty, you gave me nothing to eat or drink. When I was a stranger, you turned your head the other way, and didn't make sure I had clothing. You didn't visit me when I was sick or in prison.' Just like the others, they asked, 'When did we see you hungry or thirsty, or alone or naked or sick and in prison. When did we NOT help you?' And the son of Man will answer them, 'This is what it comes down to – when you didn't help one of my people, you did not help me. Those who did will live forever, but you will be gone from my sight.'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.

**R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*Officiant and People*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.**

*Officiant* Lord, hear our prayer

**People And let our cry come to you.**

*Officiant*

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this life may rest in your eternal changelessness through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live: Watch over those, both night and day, who work while others sleep, and grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A moment of silence may be kept.*

*Then time to speak, out loud, free intercessions and thanksgivings.*

*Officiant and People*

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

**Song of Simeon**

**Lord, you now have set your servant free \***

**to go in peace as you have promised.**

**For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, \***

**whom you have prepared for all the world to see.**

**A Light to enlighten the nations, \***

**and the glory of your people Israel.**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

**Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.**

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

**People Thanks be to God.**

*The Officiant concludes*

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

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