St. Luke's Table

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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



The Vine

<u>Announcements</u>

<u>Birthdays</u>

<u>Anniversaries</u>



John Hus monument, Old Town Square

<u>A Service of Communion from</u> <u>the Reserved Sacraments</u>

The Gathering of the Community

<u>Opening Hymn:</u>

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

<u>O God, Our Help In Ages Past</u>, (5 verses)

O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home. 2. Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure; Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defence is sure. Before the hills in order stood,
 Or earth received its frame,
 From everlasting Thou art God,
 To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone,
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Bears all our years away; They fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day. 6. O God our help in ages past
 Our hope for years to come
 Be thou our guard while troubles last
 And our eternal home

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,

To you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

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.

<u>The Proclamation</u> of the Word

First Reading:

Judges 4: 1-7



Deborah Judging Israel, Lawrie, Lee, 1877-1963

Psalm 123, (alternating verses)

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud. 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.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11



History of Our Community, YMCA Boys and Girls Club, Pearl-Cohn 9th Grade Academy, Nashville, TN

Gradual Hymn:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, (2 verses)

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes; most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

The Good News:

Gospel of Christ according to Matthew 25: 14-30



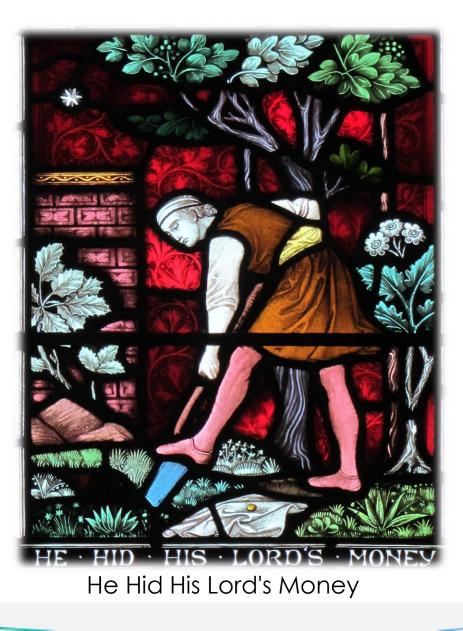
Parable of the Talents

Gradual Hymn:

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise, (2 verses)

 To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, as leaves on the tree, and wither and perish; but nought changeth thee. 4. Great Source of all glory, and wisdom and light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

Reflection



The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

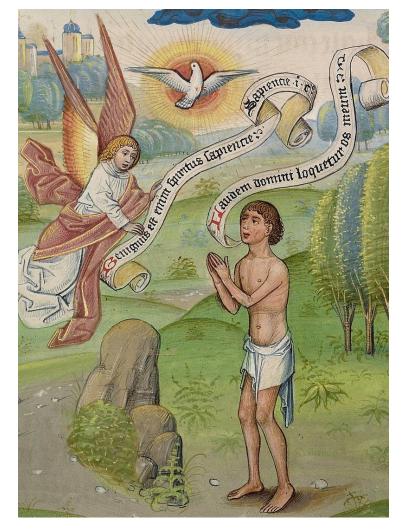
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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.

<u>Prayers of</u> <u>the People</u>

Offered by Lyda Miller



Man Praying to the Holy Spirit, Vrelant, Guillaume, -1481

Confession and Absolution Dear Friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; God welcomes sinners and invites us to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. Most merciful God,

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.

<u>Absolution</u>

Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** <u>The Peace</u>

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



Entrusted Talents, Walter, Paulamaria

Preparation of the Reserved Sacraments

<u>Offertory Hymn:</u>

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



Love Divine All Loves Excelling, (6 verses)

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! 2. Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. 3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy grace receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. 4. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
 Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; 6. Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Prayer over the Gifts:

Holy God, in this communion, we renew our baptismal covenant. 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 Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, we are bold 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Communion

The gifts of God for the Children of God.

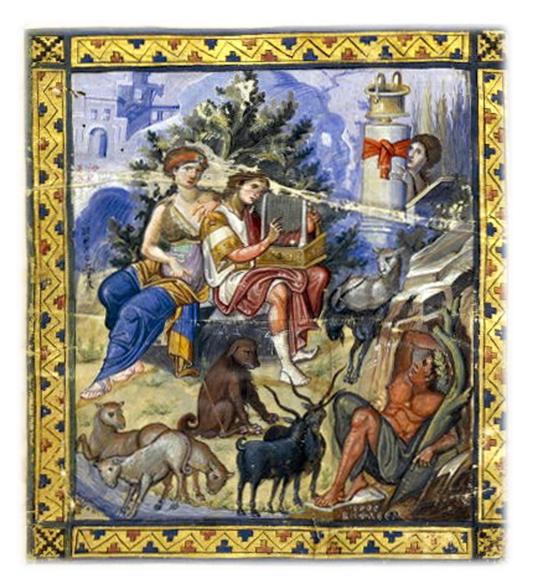
Thanks be to God.



Bread for First Communion

Music During Communion

Please remain in your pew to receive communion, and exit once everyone in your pew has received. Thank you for your help to maintain social distance.



David Composing Psalms

Prayer After Communion:

Gracious God, in this sacrament

we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light,

and share in his eternal priesthood;

for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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