



**November 19, 2017: The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost at 10:30am**

## **Music**

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Prelude on "St. Anne's" Tune, from 3 Pieces for Organ</i>	Alan Gray
<b>Entrance</b>	<i>O God our Help in Ages Past</i>	Hymnal 680
<b>Offertory Anthems</b>	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Sung by the Cherub Choir
	<i>Amazing Grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.</i>	
	<i>God is so Good</i>	
	<i>God is so Good, He's so Good to Me I Love Him so, He's so good to Me</i>	
<b>Communion Hymns</b>	<i>I'm a-Going to Eat at the Welcome Table Not Here for High and Holy Things</i>	LEVAS 148 Hymnal 9
<b>Exit</b>	<i>Rise Up, ye Saints of God</i>	Hymnal 551
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>Little Prelude and Fugue in F, BWV 556</i>	J.S. Bach

## **Scripture**

### **The Collect of the Day**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **1st Lesson**

**Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned

Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, ‘Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin’s army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.’”

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 123** *All sing the refrain after the cantor, and where indicated.*

based on hymntune "Pleading Savior"



Our eyes look to the LORD our God from whom we seek mer - cy.

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, **Refrain**  
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. **Refrain**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson

## 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.' 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.' 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.' 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.' 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*We are proud to share the first performance of Holy Communion's Cherub Choir!  
If you would like information about how to get your son or daughter involved in  
the Children's Choir Program, please see Connor Scott or Mary Chapman.*

*Cherub Choir Members*

<i>Olivia Bethune</i>	<i>Mya Shaw</i>
<i>Ava Mensab</i>	<i>Channing Whitlock</i>
<i>Olivia Mensab</i>	<i>Jordan Whitlock</i>

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for family and friends by Beverly White.*

## Worship Leaders

Celebrant	The Rev. Mike Angell	Chalice	Josephine Ezenwa,
Preacher	The Rev. Marc Smith		Ernie Last
Lectors	Andrew Carpentier, Alisa Williams	Acolytes	Amanda Willingham,
Intercessor	Scott Ragland		Christian Davis
Chalice	Meg Goldstein	Ushers	Colleen Haggerty, Hal Parker

## Announcements

**Stewardship Update:** Our Annual Campaign so far has yielded fantastic results.

2017 (final)	2018 (to date)
Total Pledges: 107	Total Pledges: 91
Total Pledged: \$225,497	Total Pledged: \$233,694

New pledges for 2018: 13

Percent of 2018 Pledgers under age 40: 20%

Historic Pledges Increase/Decrease : + \$9,268

If you have not yet made a pledge for 2018, there is still time. You may pledge online at [www.holycommunion.net](http://www.holycommunion.net) or use a pledge card (on the round table in the lounge.) Pledging helps our vestry complete the work of budget planning for 2018.

**FaithQuest** (5:30-7:30pm) Our teens and their friends have the run of the church the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays of each month. They share dinner, discussion and play raucous games like flashlight tag. Email Brooklyn Payne at [youth@holycommunion.net](mailto:youth@holycommunion.net) for info or to sign up.

**Thanksgiving Schedule** The Church will be closed Wednesday through Friday of Thanksgiving Week. We will have a 12:10 service on Wednesday, November 22, with special prayers for Thanksgiving.

**Laundry Love – Tuesday, Nov. 21** (6:30pm) Laundry Love seeks to build community, make a difference, and help folks get their laundry done. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month, our volunteers take over Classic Coin Laundry (7200 Balson Ave., U City) We provide quarters, soap, food, childcare, and conversation to help lighten the load for neighbors and give the option to redirect funds toward other basic necessities. To volunteer, please come at 6pm for orientation. Read more and sign up at [www.holycommunion.net/service/laundry-love/](http://www.holycommunion.net/service/laundry-love/)

**Theology on Tap – Dec. 5** (6:30pm) Come enjoy an evening of holiday fun as we test our knowledge of Advent Trivia (led by the Rector). Theology on Tap seeks to create a “low pressure” environment for conversations about faith, ethics, politics, and life today. We gather the first Tuesday of each month upstairs at Dressell’s Pub (419 N Euclid Ave., 63108.)

**Advent Party – Sunday, Dec. 10** (5:30pm – 7:30pm) Mark your calendars to welcome the Rev. Chester Hines and his wife Elizabeth back to Holy Communion at our annual party to kick-off the season of Advent. There will be food and drinks, music and fun for everyone and, of course, an Ugly Sweater Contest. Sign up in the entryway if you plan to attend, and if you can volunteer to bring a dish to share. All are welcome, invite a friend!