

25th Sunday after Pentecost

November 19th, 2024

The Order of Service for this week's service is not available.

However, the Readings and Prayer can be found below



Today's Readings

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Prayer of the Day

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Be silent before the Lord God!
For the day of the LORD is at hand;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice,
he has consecrated his guests.

¹²At that time I will search Jerusalem
with lamps,
and I will punish the people
who rest complacently on their dregs,
those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do harm."
¹³Their wealth shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them.

¹⁴The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter,
the warrior cries aloud there.

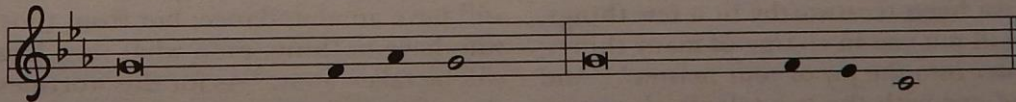
¹⁵That day will be a day of wrath,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
¹⁶a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

¹⁷I will bring such distress upon people
that they shall walk like the blind;
because they have sinned against
the LORD,
their blood shall be poured out like dust,
and their flesh like dung.

¹⁸Neither their silver nor their gold
will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath;
in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed;
for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants
of the earth.

Psalm

Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12; tone 9



Lord, you have ¹been our refuge
from one generation ¹to another.

²**Before the mountains**
were brought forth,
or the land and the ¹earth were born,
from age to age ¹you are God.

³You turn us back to the ¹dust and say,
"Turn back, O child- ¹ren of earth."

⁴**For a thousand years in your sight**
are like yesterday when ¹it is past

and like a watch ¹in the night;
⁵you sweep them away ¹like a dream,
they fade away suddenly
¹like the grass:

⁶**in the morning it is ¹green**
and flourishes;
in the evening it is dried ¹up
and withered.

⁷For we are consumed ¹by your anger;
we are afraid because ¹of your wrath.

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Psalm, continued

⁸Our iniquities you have ^l set before you,
and our secret sins in the light
^l of your countenance.

[⁹When you are angry,
all our ^l days are gone;
we bring our years to an end
^l like a sigh.

¹⁰The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength ^l even eighty;

yet the sum of them is but labor
and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly
and ^l we are gone.

¹¹Who regards the power ^l of your wrath?
Who rightly fears your ^l indignation?]

¹²So teach us to num- ^l ber our days
that we may apply our ^l hearts
to wisdom.

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 [not printed]

Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.’ ²¹His 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.’ ²²And 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.’ ²³His 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.’ ²⁴Then 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; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ ²⁶But 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?’ ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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