

November 19, 2017

Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 33)

10:30 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

Welcome

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The Parable of the Talents

We Gather Together

Music Before the Service

We Gather as God's People

Celebrant How shall we enter the house of the Lord?

People **With songs of great praise and rejoicing!**

Celebrant How shall we prepare ourselves to receive the blessings?

People **With hearts, minds, and spirits that are open.**

Celebrant Come, let us worship the Lord and bow down.

People **Let us offer our praise to God who has redeemed us. Amen.**

Opening Song #545 "We Will Lay Our Burden Down"

Opening Prayer

Celebrant Awesome God, you created the world and all that is in it. You blessed each element of creation with your love. You called us from slavery into witness and service. Be with us this day as we gather to worship. Clear our minds of all the distractions which would draw us away from you. Open our hearts and spirits and let your healing and empowering love flow in. Prepare us to be witnesses to your power and love as we use the gifts with which you have blessed us in your service. For we offer this prayer in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

People **Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards you that, loving you above all else, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord who is alive with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.**

Children's Focus

We Listen to the Story

Celebrant We give you thanks, O God of sacred stories, for the witness of holy scripture. Through it you nurture our imaginations, touch our feelings, increase our awareness, and challenge our assumptions. Bless, we pray, our hearing of your word this day. Speak to us; and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may be hearers and doers of your word. **Amen.**

First Reading: Judges 4:1–7
Reader A reading from the Book of Judges.

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. ²So 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. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She 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 judgement. ⁶She 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. ⁷I 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.’”

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 Arrangement by Christopher L. Webber
 Tune Hymn #363 Duke Street

1 To you, O Lord, I lift my eyes, To you enthroned in heaven above; As servants wait their masters’ will, So we look up and wait God’s love.	2 Have mercy on us now, O Lord, Contempt has been our lot too long; Too long have we been mocked and scorned, Derided by the proud and strong.
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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: I Thessalonians 5:1–11
Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸But 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. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn #715 “Alleluia”

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30
Subdeacon The good news proclaimed by Jesus Christ as written by Matthew.
People **May we have ears to hear!**

¹⁴[Jesus said,] “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

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will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’²⁴ 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;²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’²⁶ 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?’²⁷ 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.²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.²⁹ 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.³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ . . .”

Subdeacon This is the good news of Jesus Christ!

People **As we have heard, now may we live!**

We Reflect on the Story

Reflection

A time for silent reflection is kept.

We Respond to the Story

Affirmation of Faith [The Nicene Creed]

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, as we say,

People **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

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We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

We Offer our Prayers to God

Leader Lord, in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

We Confess Our Sins

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,

People **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.**

We Hear God’s Forgiveness

Celebrant You are loved by God and given so many gifts to be used to help others. Do not fear to use these gifts, for God is with you, continually blessing you and the gifts in your service.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

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We Share God's Holy Meal

Offertory Song "Sing Your Joy"

Text by David Haas

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| <p>1 Sing your joy, proclaim God's glory!
Rise and sing, the morning has come!
Bless our God and praise all creation;
Song of the earth, and light from heaven:
God is alive! Alleluia!</p> <p>2 All the earth is filled with rejoicing,
Light and life the wonder of God!
Christ has triumphed! Risen forever!
Joy of our hearts, and hope of our
dreaming:
God is alive! Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 May we learn to become your Kingdom.
May we be your kindness and truth!
Love is our calling, gift of your presence;
Children of God, and spirit of Jesus:
God is alive! Alleluia!</p> <p>4 Light our way, O God of the living,
May we learn to see with new eyes!
Jesus the Lord, our power and promise;
light for the blind and food for the
hungry:
God is alive! Alleluia!</p> |
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Offering Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **There are no limits to the gifts you have given us, gracious Lord. Now we return thanks to you for these gifts and we bring these tokens to you, asking for your blessing on givers and gifts. Help these gifts and givers to be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen.**

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving [From the Evangelical Lutheran Church]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

People **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

Arranged by
Michael Leach

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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Celebrant Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

People **We praise you, O God.**

Celebrant Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future.

People **We bless you, O God.**

Celebrant We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now.

People **We thank you, O God.**

Celebrant On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Celebrant We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer [Arranged by Michael Leach]

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

People **Our Father in heav'n, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant With this bread,

People **we shall remember Jesus.**

Celebrant With this wine,

People **we shall remember Jesus.**

Celebrant Bread for his body, wine for his blood,

People **we shall remember Jesus.**

The Communion

Celebrant Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. The gifts of God for the family of God.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All are invited to share in Communion. If you would rather not receive the bread and wine, please feel free to come forward for a blessing.

Songs during the Meal

#585 "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

#61 "As We Gather at Your Table"

Prayer after the Meal

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We go Back into the World**Blessing**

Celebrant Go now as children of the light:

People **ready to serve; eager to give; delighted to love.**

Celebrant And may God's blessing: Source, Word, and Spirit, keep, lead, and mould you, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Life & Ministry of St. George on Yonge: Announcements**Closing Song "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"**

Text by Julia Ward Howe

- 1 Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

- 2 He hath sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
O be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

Refrain

- 3 In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me:
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
While God is marching on!

Refrain

- 4 He is coming like the glory of the morning on the wave;
He is wisdom to the mighty, he is succour to the brave:
So the world shall be his footstool, and the soul of time his slave:
Our God is marching on!

Refrain**Dismissal**

Subdeacon As you have been blessed, now go to be a blessing to others. Go, bringing the news of peace and hope, of healing and love. Go and the God of peace will always go with you.

People **Thanks be to God!**

Music After the Service

Please join us for refreshments following the service.

Services

Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Said Eucharist (BAS 1962)
	9:00 a.m.	Mandarin Fellowship
	10:30 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (BAS)
	3rd Sunday of the month (AAawe)	

BAS 1962 (Book of Alternate Services) uses the 1962 rite which is the traditional language as in the BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

Mandarin Fellowship is offered in the Sanctuary. We hope our Mandarin Fellowship can be a "harbour for love," where we seek truth together, while experiencing and receiving the abundant grace of God.

衷心欢迎您来到圣乔治教会大家庭，我们的国语团契每周日上午9点举行主日聚会。

盼望国语团契可以成为一个爱的港湾，在这里我们一起寻求上帝的真理，一起经历上帝的同在，一起领受上帝的恩典。

BAS (Book of Alternate Services) uses contemporary, inclusive-language

AAawe (Amazing, Awesome, Alternate Worship Experience) is a Communion service that is more informal with alternative music and prayers

Interim Priest-in-Charge	The Rev. Leonard Leader
Honorary Associate	The Rev. Canon Sister Constance Joanna Gefvert, SSJD
Associate, Mandarin Ministry	Morning Wang
Organist & Director of Music	Michael Leach
Parish Administrator	Craig Gustafson
Custodian	Philip Ikhuoria