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growing in Faith, Hope, and Love**

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Worship Times

Sunday 10:15 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm



Pastor

Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



November 12, 2023
24th Sunday After
Pentecost

Gathering

✘ INTRODUCTION

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the lamb.

✘ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy One,

C **we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation.**

Amen.

P Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C **Amen.**

✘ GATHERING HYMN – Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers (ELW #244)

✘ GREETING

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

C **And also with you.**

✘ GLORY TO GOD - ELW Setting Seven (p. 176)



¡Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria en las al - tu - ras a Dios!
Glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ria, glo - ry to God . . on high!



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And on earth . . . peace to God's peo - ple. Glo - ry to God.



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✘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A Let us pray. O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Word

✘ FIRST LESSON – Amos 5:18-24

¹⁸Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD! Why do you want the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, not light;

¹⁹as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;

or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals,
I will not look upon.

²³Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.

²⁴But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✠ **RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 70**

¹Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.

²**Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

³Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.

⁴**Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

⁵But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.

✠ **SECOND LESSON – 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

¹³We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. ¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died.

¹⁶For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call and with the sound of God’s trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

✘ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (ELW #175)**

The image shows a musical score for the acclamation 'Al-le-lu-ia'. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated. The lyrics 'Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.' are written below the vocal line. The music features a simple, rhythmic melody with a steady accompaniment. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

✘ **GOSPEL – Matthew 25:1-13**

P The Holy Gospel, according to Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. ²Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. ³Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. ⁴When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; ⁵but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁶As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. ⁷But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ ⁸Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. ⁹The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ¹⁰But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ ¹¹And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. ¹²Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ ¹³But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ ¹⁴Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

✘ **SERMON**

✘ **HYMN OF THE DAY – Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning
(ACS #949)**

✘ **APOSTLES' CREED (ELW p. 105)**

P With the whole Church, let us confess our faith:

C I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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.**

✘ **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A O God for whom we wait, come quickly to your people, bring your salvation, and center us in hope found only in you. Deepen our faith through meaningful worship and send us out with your justice and truth. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God for whom we watch, we glimpse your power in rushing water and your beauty in the darkening night. Restore this creation, and provide clean water to all people and animals. Save us from foolish, wasteful living. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God for whom we long, let justice roll down like waters on all nations. Bless citizens with wise leaders; save your children from war. We pray for the veterans of this community, that they are supported and loved. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God, in whom we hope, we pray for all who are in need. Provide for those who experience homelessness or hunger, support the under- or unemployed, and comfort any who are suffering this day. We pray especially for those who we name before you now, either silently or aloud.... Hear us, O God

C Your mercy is great.

A O God for whom we listen, inspire the music ministry of our congregation. Fill our worship with songs to proclaim your greatness. Help us to sing and dance with joy and tell boldly of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A O God, in whom we remain, we remember our loved ones who have died and now live in you. Bring comfort and the assurance of new life to all who grieve. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord

C Amen.

✠ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C And also with you.

✠ OFFERING

An offering is gathered for the mission of the church, here and around the world.

After the offering is gathered, the gifts are brought forward to the altar.

As this happens, please stand as you are able for the offering prayer and meal.

✠ OFFERING PRAYER

A God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C Amen.

Meal

✘ GREAT THANKSGIVING

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P 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 Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:

✘ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY - ELW Setting Four (p. 153)



✠ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In 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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory. Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ LORD'S PRAYER

P Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

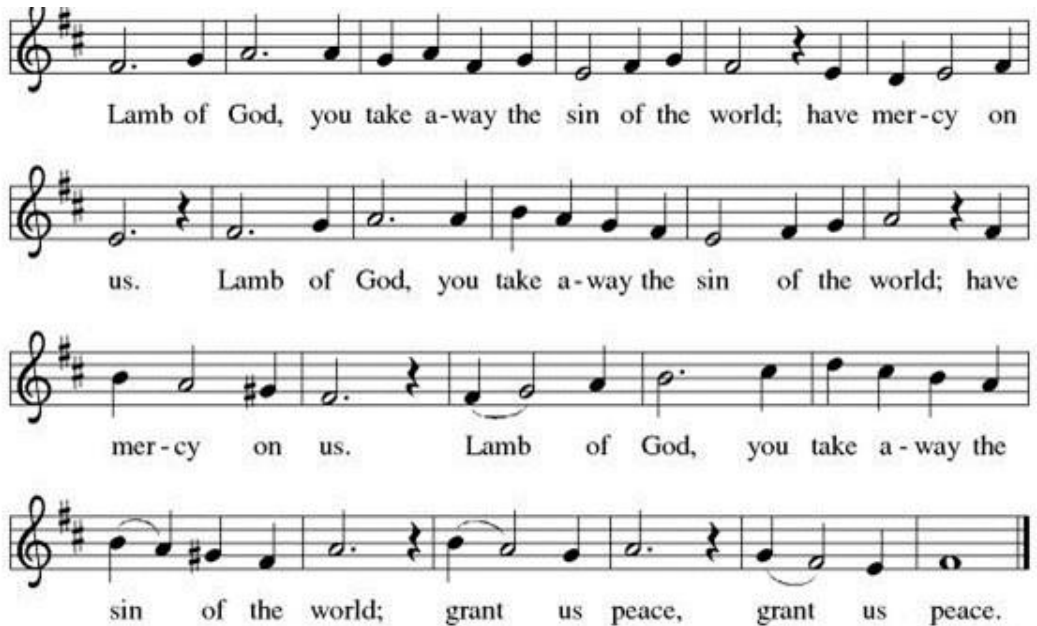
C **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

✠ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.



✘ LAMB OF GOD – ELW Setting Four (p. 154)



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

✘ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

✘ COMMUNION HYMN – Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness (ELW #488)

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✘ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

✘ BLESSING

P May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

C Amen.

✘ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✘ **SENDING HYMN – Now Thank We All Our God (ELW #839)**

✘ **DISMISSAL**

P Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Annual Congregational Potluck and Meeting will be TODAY, right after the service!

All are invited to share in the potluck lunch! Voting by church members for nominees for church office, the nominating committee, and for next year's budget will take place shortly after the meal is finished.

Thanksgiving Contributions for GP Food and Clothing Co-op

Our Redeemer is signed up to provide turkey gravy for the GP Food Co-op distributions for Thanksgiving dinner. We need 90 dry packets or regular size cans. **IF you haven't already brought gravy to church by today**, you can give me cash/check donations, and I will be happy to go buy more gravy and give you a receipt. I must take all gifts of turkey gravy to the co-op on Nov 14.

Thanks!

Kris

Monthly Bible Study - Tuesday, November 21 at 10 a.m.

Our Bible Study this fall explores what "Holy Places" means, not only in the Holy Land of the Bible but for each of us wherever we may be. This month we will focus on Jesus and his life and teachings. Be sure to join us and bring a friend. Hattie Hammer will lead this month's study. Hope to see you on the 21st.

✠ SERVING TODAY

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal
Music Director:	John Zacharias
Altar:	Kris Davies
Assisting Minister:	Kris Davies
Lay Reader:	Julie Bothun
Usher:	Julie Schmidt
Videographer:	Gene Davies
Communion Cup Holder:	Cassi Bennett

Children in attendance are welcome to break away during our services with our Sunday School teachers. Those teachers include Cheri Oertel (director), Julie Bothun, Katie Valencia and Phyllis Bell.

If anyone would be interested in volunteering once a month to teach Sunday School during the service, please contact the church office or talk to Cheri Oertel.

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