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Worship Times
Sunday 10:15 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm



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Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal



November 13, 2022
23rd Sunday After
Pentecost

Gathering

✘ INTRODUCTION

The end is near. There is no doubt about it. The warnings are dire. The tone of today's texts is ominous. But the baptized know how to live in the meantime. The baptized are strengthened for the living of these days in word and sacrament. The baptized rally around the invitation of the apostle: "Do not be weary in doing what is right."

✘ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who redeems us in Christ Jesus, whose steadfast love endures forever.

C **Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

C **we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have ignored voices that call for your justice. We have neglected actions that witness to your righteousness. We have spoken and acted in ways that disrupt your beloved community. We truly repent of things we have done and left undone. For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Restore our troubled spirits, so that we may live in newness, follow the way of the Spirit, and build up the body of Christ. Amen.**

P Rejoice and be glad! God hears the prayers of all who cry out, and restores us to life through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I declare to you the forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

✘ GATHERING HYMN – Great is Thy Faithfulness (ELW #733)

✘ 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 p. 204, Setting Ten)



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

✘ PRAYER OF THE DAY

A O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong,
nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide,
we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Word

✘ FIRST LESSON – Malachi 4:1-2a

¹See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ^{2a}But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

✘ RESPONSIVE READING – Psalm 98

L ¹Sing a new song to the LORD, who has done marvelous things,
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

C ²**O LORD, you have made known your victory,
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

L ³You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

C ⁴**Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

L ⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song.

C ⁶**With trumpets and the sound of the horn
shout with joy before the king, the LORD.**

L ⁷Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

C ⁸**Let the rivers clap their hands,
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
who comes to judge the earth.**

L ⁹The LORD will judge the world with righteousness
and the peoples with equity.

✘ SECOND LESSON – 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

⁶Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. ¹²Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

L The Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able, to welcome the Gospel.

✘ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – (ELW, Setting 1, p. 14)

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the acclamation: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff continues the melody: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The third staff is a simple accompaniment consisting of a few notes on a grand staff, with the instruction "Repeat alleluia" written above it.

✘ GOSPEL – Luke 21:5-19

P The Holy Gospel, according to Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

⁵When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.”

⁷They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them.

⁹“When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” ¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; ¹¹there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

¹²“But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. ¹³This will give you an opportunity to testify. ¹⁴So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; ¹⁵for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all because of my name. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

✘ SERMON

✘ HYMN OF THE DAY – How Great Thou Art (ELW #856)

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✘ 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 United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

A Reviving God, keep your church active in its mission and ministry. Encourage bishops, deacons, pastors, and lay leaders to risk boldly in their proclamation and fill them with wisdom and endurance for challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Renewing God, as the northern hemisphere prepares for winter, make us mindful of the ordered beauty of your creation. Teach us to treasure cycles of rest and new life. Help us care for what you have made. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Loving God, accompany all who make sacrifices for the sake of others. Safeguard first responders and active duty military personnel. Grant peace to veterans and heal any wounds in body, mind, or spirit. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Healing God, your people cry out to you. Sustain doctors, nurses, and hospital personnel in their tireless work. Uphold mental health professionals and those in their care. May the sun of righteousness rise on all who are sick.

Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Uniting God, unite this assembly in its shared mission and ministry for the sake of the gospel. Highlight ways we can better work together and give us patience to work through disagreement. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Consoling God, abide with all who grieve for loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of resurrection and new life with you. Lord, in your mercy,

C receive our prayer.

A Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our 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. Please stand, as you
are able.*

✘ **OFFERING PRAYER**

A Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament,
and send us to those who hunger and thirst,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen.**

Meal

✘ **GREAT THANKSGIVING**

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

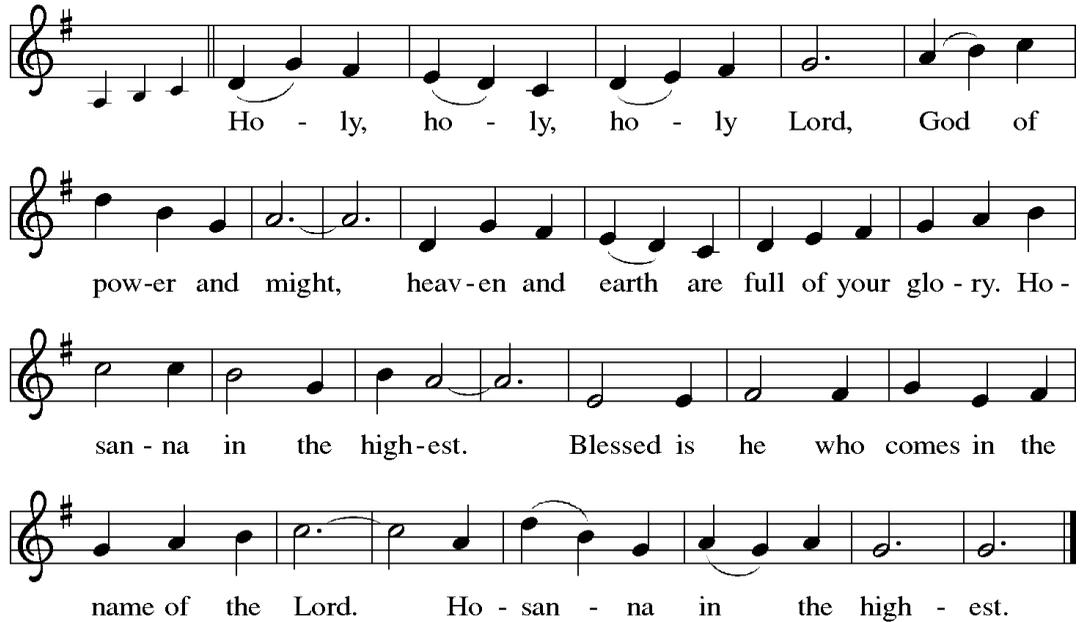
C **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 p. 108, Setting One)



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

✘ EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:...
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup...
to share with us the great and promised feast.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit...
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

C Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

P Join our prayers with those of your servants...
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, 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 Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.

✘ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

✘ COMMUNION HYMN – Jesus, Remember Me (ELW #616)

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✘ PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A We give you thanks, most gracious God,
that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise.
Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

✘ BLESSING

P The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good,
who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope,
✚ bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

✘ ANNOUNCEMENTS

✘ SENDING HYMN – Sent Forth by God's Blessing (ELW#547)

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✘ DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

C Thanks be to God.

**Today, Sunday, November 13th -
Annual Church Meeting and Pot Luck After Service**

**Next Bible Study, Tuesday, November 15th
10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall**

Session three: "Jesus and Nature: Creatures offer us an opportunity to observe and learn about God from birds, foxes, sheep, dogs and other animals, while considering habitat, protecting food justice and the model of trust." Come and bring a friend to share your thoughts with others. Contact Hattie Hammer for more information. Mel Hammer will be leading this month's study.

**The following items are being collected on an ongoing basis for the
Grand Prairie Food and Clothing Co-op:**

Men's medium and large long sleeved shirts

Men's pants/jeans (32, 34, 36)

Shoes for kids and men (all sizes)

Men's and Women's jackets (all sizes)

**PLUS, volunteers are always needed! The Co-op is open 9am-11am
Tuesday thru Friday. If anyone is able to volunteer even one or two days
a month, anything is welcome!**

Thanksgiving Day, November 24th (no church on Wednesday, November 23rd)

1st Sunday in Advent, November 27th

✠ **SERVING TODAY**

Presiding Minister:	The Rev. Julio Cruz-Natal
Music Director:	John Zacharias, assisted today by Renee Swanjord
Assisting Minister:	Kris Davies
Lay Reader:	Cindy Dolezal
Communion Cup Holder:	Meleah Zapata
Usher:	Julie Bothun
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