

Veterans Day Sunday: A Service of Holy Communion

Leader's Guide

GATHERING

Prelude (begins at 10:10a)

Welcome Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)

Confession and Forgiveness

P. Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

A. Amen.

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

Faithful God,

A. have mercy on us.

**We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.**

**We turn from your loving embrace
and go our own ways.**

**We pass judgment on one another
before examining ourselves.**

We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.

We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves.

**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,
and turn us again to life in you**

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P. God hears the cries of all who call out in need,
and through his death and resurrection,
Christ has made us his own.

Hear the truth that God proclaims:

Your sins are forgiven in the name of † Jesus Christ.

Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness
to do God's work in the world.

A. Amen.

Gathering Hymn – *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee!*

VIDEO

Greeting

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

A. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P. 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.

A. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading – Amos 5:18-24

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AM. Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as 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. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it?

I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even 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. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Musical Meditation

VIDEO with overlay video

Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

P. The Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

A. Glory to you, O Lord.

P. [Jesus said to the disciples:] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But 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.' And 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. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P. This, my siblings in Christ, is the Gospel of our Lord.

A. Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Rev. Dustin Wright

Hymn of the Day - *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

VIDEO

Message from Veterans Intro

Pastor

Message from Veterans Video

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Message from Veterans Outro

Pastor

Litany for Veterans

Pastor

P. On this day, we remember those who have served in our armed forces.

A pause for silent reflection is allowed.

P. Prince of Peace, even as we pray for an end to war,

A. We give thanks for our service members' courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.

P. Healer of All, bind up the wounds of all who have served;

A. Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.

P. Merciful God, all suffer the cost of war.

A. We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those whom they love.

P. We pray, Gracious God, that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

A. We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we glory not in war, but in your love and righteousness. Strengthen us to be your peacemakers in the world. Amen.

P. Almighty and ever-living God, we give you thanks for all those who have served and defended our country and the values of freedom and justice we hold so dear. Help us be mindful of the sacrifices they made and the hardship endured by their families and friends, so that we never take for granted the privileges they have secured for us. Hear us, we pray, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

P. Hear us, O God

A. Your mercy is great.

Intro to Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

- P. As we have lifted up prayers for our community and world, we are reminded that we are called to go and bring the witness of God's love to the world. Will you join us in our sung response as we consider the words of the prophet Micah - what does the Lord require of you?

Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8

Peace

- P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.
A. And also with you.
P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

Announcements

Announcements may be shared at this time.

MEAL

Offering

- P. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using tithe.ly or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

Offering Prayer

- P. 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. **Amen.**

The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

- P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

Lord's Prayer

VIDEO

Eucharistic Prayer

- P. 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 life-giving death and glorious resurrection, we await your promised life for all this dying world.

Breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and cup: carry us in your arms from death to life, that we may live as your chosen ones, clothed in the righteousness of Christ. Through him all glory and honor is yours,

Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

- A. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

- P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

Distribution of the Sacrament

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At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.

Post Communion Blessing

- P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.

- A. Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

- P. 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.

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.

Amen.

Sending Hymn - *Blessed Assurance*

VIDEO

Benediction

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

A. Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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