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# Sunday Worship

November 8, 2015 – 10:00 AM

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

## The Word of God

**Welcome & Quiet Time** (\* indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin, and come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

### Prelude

**\*Gathering Song:** Immortal, invisible - Hymn # 423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

**Priest:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All:** And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

**Priest:** Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**\*Song of Praise:** Praise Adonai

Who is like Him? The Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne; Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of Hosts.

*(Chorus:)* Praise Adonai, from the rising of the sun, 'til the end of every day; Praise Adonai, all the nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints sing praise.

**\*All:** O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## A Reading from 1 Kings

(17:8-16)

The word of the LORD came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the LORD sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

**Leader:** The Word of the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

### \*Gradual Song: There Is a Higher Throne

There is a higher throne, than all this world has known, where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue, Will one day come. Before your Son we'll stand, Made faultless through the Lamb; Believing hearts find promised grace— Salvation comes.

**Chorus:** Hear heaven's voices sing; their thunderous anthem rings through emerald courts and sapphire skies. Their praises rise. All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks, and honor are To God our King, who reigns on high Forevermore.

And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne; we'll honor You in perfect song Where we belong. You'll wipe each tear-stained eye, and thirst and hunger die. The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King; we'll reign with You. (*Chorus – 2 Times*)

### \*The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark

(12:38-44)

**All:** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Teaching in the temple, Jesus said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation."

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

**Priest:** The Gospel of the Lord.

**All:** Praise to you Lord Christ.

**Sermon** (please be seated)

**\*Priest:** Let us profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All:** 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. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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.

### **\*Prayers of the People**

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your holy catholic church

**All:** That we all may be one.

**Leader:** Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you, especially For the clergy and people of Calvary, Front Royal; Little Fork, Rixeyville; St. Patrick's, Falls Church; St. Luke's, Remington; Trinity, Washington; All Souls, Atlee, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg.

**All:** That Your Name may be glorified by all people.

**Leader:** We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, Susan and Ted our bishops.

**All:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

**Leader:** We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**All:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

**Leader:** Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**All:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

**Leader:** Give to the departed eternal rest

**All:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

**Leader:** We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**All:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

**Leader:** Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. For the sick, especially \_\_\_\_\_ . (*Silence*)

**All:** That the day would come when there is no more sickness.

**Leader:** For those serving in the military, law enforcement, and emergency services.

**All:** That all would live in safety and quietness.

**Leader:** For Air Specialists of Virginia, Paul Leslie, General Manager

**All:** That business would increase and clients would have environmentally safe facilities.

**Priest:** O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**All:** Have mercy upon us most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and through the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **\*Exchange of Peace**

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

## **The Holy Communion**

Offertory: When Trials Come - Keith Getty & Kristyn Getty

When trials come no longer fear for in the pain our God draws near to fire a faith worth more than gold and there his faithfulness is told and there his faithfulness is told

Within the night I know your peace the breath of God brings strength to me and new each morning mercy flows as treasures of the darkness grow as treasures of the darkness grow

I turn to wisdom not my own for every battle you have known my confidence will rest in you your love endures your ways are good your love endures your ways are good

When I am weary with the cost I see the triumph of the cross so in its shadow I shall run till you complete the work begun, till you complete the work begun

One day all things will be made new I'll see the hope you called me to and in your kingdom paved with gold I'll praise your faithfulness of old I'll praise your faithfulness of old

**\*Doxology:** Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### **\*Eucharistic Prayer B**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

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

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All (Sung):** Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of his glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

**Priest:** We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son.

For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**People:** We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

**Priest:** And we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Priest:** And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All:** 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

*The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:*

**Priest:** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

**Priest:** The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]*

**Communion Song:** To Him Who Sits On The Throne

To Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb, to Him who sits on the throne and unto the Lamb. Be blessing and honor and glory and power forever, be blessing and honor and glory and power for ever.

(Repeat 2 more times.)

**\*Post-Communion Prayer (All):** Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be

loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

**\*Blessing**

**Song of Dismissal: Revelation Song**

Worthy is the, Lamb who was slain, Holy, Holy, is He, Sing a new song, to Him who sits on Heaven's Mercy Seat [Repeat 2x]

*(Chorus)* Holy, Holy, Holy, Is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come, With all creation I sing: Praise to the King of Kings! You are my everything, And I will adore You.

Clothed in rainbows, of living color, Flashes of lightning, rolls of thunder, Blessing and honor, strength and Glory and power be To You the Only Wise King *(Chorus)*

Filled with wonder, Awestruck wonder, At the mention of Your Name, Jesus, Your Name is Power, Breath, and Living Water, Such a marvelous mystery. *(Chorus)*

**Priest:** Go in peace to love and serve God.

**All:** Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

## Remember in your prayers:

Larry Kidd (Jr. and Sr.)

The Symphony Retirement Community

John Madden

Carl Burton

Ken Joyner

Sonny Baharloo

Wayne Conners

Linda Eggleston

MJ Weatherford

Rachel Pisarz

Ken Killian

Joseph Moore

Allie and Jenni Morris

## Your Vestry Members are:

**Senior Warden:** Jack Martin

**Other Members:** Larry Kidd

**Register:** Marian Elam

**Junior Warden:** Richard Walker

Libby Clark

**Treasurer:** Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalcers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

<u>Worship Service Date</u>	<u>Scripture Reader</u>	<u>Prayer Reader</u>	<u>Chalcers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
8-Nov	MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker	MJ Weatherford, Richard Walker	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
15-Nov	Bill Weatherford	Bobbie Leviness	Bill Weatherford, Marian Elam	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
22-Nov	Jack Martin	Bill Weatherford	Jack Martin, Bill Weatherford	Bill Weatherford
29-Nov	Richard Walker	Larry Kidd	Richard Walker, Susan Kidd	Bill Weatherford, Larry Kidd
6-Dec	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd

## ~Announcements~

### Upcoming Important Dates:

Wednesday, November 11	Vestry Meeting	St. Francis	4:00 p.m.
	Pub Theology	Rumble Seat	6:30 p.m.
	Caregiver's Support Group	Walker's Home	7:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 15	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 18	CARITAS	Christ Church	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 22	Worship Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, December 2	Color Me Friends	St. Francis	6:30 p.m.

**Food Collection** for the Goochland Free Clinic and Family Services Food Pantry every Sunday. Please continue to bring non-perishable food to donate. The Food Pantry takes pet food and will accept open bags. Please place your donation in the box provided in the vestibule.

**CARITAS** will be on November 18th. St. Francis will be providing a chili dinner for the homeless staying at Christ Church. Please contact Janice or Jenna Nelson to help: 749-3231

### Our Missional Communities:

**The Parke** will meet for pot luck and fellowship on November 29th at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Richard and Hedy Walker. Contact Richard at [richardandhedy@yahoo.com](mailto:richardandhedy@yahoo.com).

**Symphony** will meet at Symphony Assisted Living for worship on November 22nd at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Bobbie Leviness to join in: [bobbiedrew@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbiedrew@yahoo.com)

**Color Me FRIENDS (Ladies Adult Coloring)** – Join in the latest craze for adult stress relief and enjoy the camaraderie of other women in a no pressure, fun evening of coloring and conversation. The “no talent needed” activity replaces negative thoughts, creates a state of peace, and relaxes the mind, body, and spirit, while exploring your creative side. First Wednesdays of each month at St. Francis from 6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Pattie at [clapptwice1@aol.com](mailto:clapptwice1@aol.com).

**Financial Update** - If there are any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

	<b>Operating Funds</b>		<b>Net Gain</b>
	<u><b>Deposits</b></u>	<u><b>Expenses</b></u>	<u><b>or (Loss)</b></u>
<b>2015</b>			
<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>\$23,344.99</b>	<b>\$24,228.82</b>	<b>(\$883.83)</b>
<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>\$20,771.99</b>	<b>\$23,203.94</b>	<b>(\$2,431.95)</b>
<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>\$19,498.99</b>	<b>\$22,456.32</b>	<b>(\$2,957.33)</b>
October	\$7,025.33	\$8,317.11	(\$1,291.78)
November	\$695.00	\$1,157.73	(\$462.73)
December	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>4th Quarter</b>	<u><b>\$7,720.33</b></u>	<u><b>\$9,474.84</b></u>	<u><b>(\$1,754.51)</b></u>
<b>2015 Year-To-Date</b>	<b>\$71,336.30</b>	<b>\$79,363.92</b>	<b>(\$8,027.62)</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<u><b>Beginning</b></u>	<u><b>Ending</b></u>	
<b>YTD 2015</b>	\$32,005.82	\$23,978.20	<b>(\$8,027.62)</b>

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