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Sunday Worship

November 16, 2014 – 10:00 AM

**Twenty Third 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 today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

↑Gathering Song: Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee, casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see.
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty, God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

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

All: **And blessed be His kingdom now and forever. 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: Holy Is the Lord

Holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord. As we bow before Your throne, majesty and honour to You alone, majesty and honour to You alone.

Worthy are You Lord, worthy are You Lord, sweet Lamb of God the Chosen One. Our lives we gladly lay before Your throne, our lives we gladly lay before Your throne.

No longer will we give our hearts to the things of this world. For a debt of love we will offer to You. We look for the day when every knee will bow. We will join with the angels around Your throne, and we will sing:

Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord! Holy is the Lord!

↑All: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians

(5:1-11)

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

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑Gradual Song: Greater Grace

Long ago even before You made the world You chose me through what Christ would do. A greater grace You gave to me. You are the source and Jesus is the means.

Forgiveness, adoption, acceptance is Your grace and I fall on my face and I yield to You.

↑The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew

(25:14-30)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then 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.' His 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.' And 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.' His 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.' 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; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 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? 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. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Sermon (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and 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: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit, looking to Jesus the pioneer of our faith.

That with the noble fellowship of the prophets we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That with the glorious company of the apostles we may proclaim your gospel throughout the world, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That with the white-robed army of martyrs we may be ready to suffer for the truth's sake, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That with all who are anointed by your Spirit we may bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That with the saints in light we may bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That within the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people we may come to the inheritance of the saints in glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the Sunset Grill that the employees would be in good health, that the business would grow, and that many people would deepen their relationships as they eat together there, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For the congregations and clergy of Christ Church, Millwood; St. Luke's, Remington; St. Mark's, Alexandria; San Marcos, Alexandria; Little Fork, Rixeyville; Trinity, Upperville that they would continually walk in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For All Souls, Atlee, Amilee Wilmer, vicar, and St. Gabriel's, Leesburg, Daniel Velez-Rivera, vicar, that each would have the power of the Holy Spirit to pursue the mission of God, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for persons in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For healthy marriages: For constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: That leaders whose calling is to bring the gospel to whole families with young children may be added to our fellowship, we pray to you, O Lord:

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: In communion with all the saints, let us commend the world to the mercy and protection of God. 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, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

↑Exchange of Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Blessed Be The Name Of The Lord

I am standing beneath Your wings, I am resting in Your shelter. Your great faithfulness has been my shield. It makes me want to sing.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord. I will bless Your holy name for all my days. Blessed be the name of the Lord.

I sing praises to Your name, oh Lord, for You daily bear my burden. Your great faithfulness is my reward. It makes me want to sing.

↑ **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 forever 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. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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 for any reason. 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: Be Still and Know

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy. Be still, O restless soul of mine. Bow before the Prince of peace. Let the noise and clamor cease.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done. Stand in awe and be amazed. And know that He will never change. Be still.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is God.

Be still. Be speechless.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know He is our Father. Come rest your head upon His breast. Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love. Beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come. Be still. Be still.

↑**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 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: Your Grace Is Enough**

Great is Your faithfulness O God. You wrestle with the sinner's heart. You lead us by still waters into mercy, and nothing can keep us apart.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Great is Your love and justice God. You use the weak to lead the strong. You lead us in the song of Your salvation, and all Your people sing along.

So remember Your people. Remember Your children. Remember Your promise O God. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough. Your grace is enough for me.

Your grace is enough. Heaven reaches out to us. Your grace is enough for me. Your grace is enough. I'm covered in Your love. Your grace is enough for me.

↑**Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal**

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

John Maher, Sr.

Larry and Shirley Kidd

Larry Kidd, Jr.

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Junior Warden:

Bill Weatherford

Other Members: Larry Kidd

Richard Walker

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer:

Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers, and chalicers. 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>Chalicers</u>	<u>Greeters/Ushers</u>
16-Nov	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
23-Nov	Jack Martin	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin, Susan Kidd	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd
30-Nov	Bill Weatherford	MJ Weatherford	Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford	Richard Walker, Larry Kidd
7-Dec	Larry Kidd	Jack Martin	Susan Kidd, Jack Martin	John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

Sunday, November 23	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday, November 26	Caritas	Christ Church	5:00 p.m.
Sunday, November 30	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.
Sunday, December 7	Communion Service	St. Francis	10:00 a.m.

Caritas will be on November 26th. We provide the meal that evening for the homeless staying at Christ Church that week. Contact Jenna Nelson to help: jnelson561@gmail.com

Christmas Mother in early December. We will help provide Christmas gifts to a Goochland family who is in need. Contact Janice Nelson to join in: jlrrn2610@comcast.net

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

	Operating Funds		Net Gain
	<u>Deposits</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>or (Loss)</u>
2014			
1st Quarter	\$21,208.00	\$23,425.59	(\$2,217.59)
2nd Quarter	\$22,568.00	\$20,086.30	\$2,481.70
3rd Quarter	\$19,716.50	\$21,206.99	(\$1,490.49)
October	\$7,335.00	\$7,333.04	\$1.96
November	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
December	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
4th Quarter	<u>\$7,335.00</u>	<u>\$7,333.04</u>	<u>\$1.96</u>
2014 Year-To-Date	\$70,827.50	\$72,051.92	(\$1,224.42)
Checking Account Balance	<u>Beginning</u>	<u>Ending</u>	
YTD 2014	\$32,916.73	\$31,692.31	(\$1,224.42)

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