

**THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**PROPER 24**

**Prelude**

{If lawn service is canceled, insert Hymn #544 from Musical Appendix}

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**Gathering**

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

*People* ***And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

*Presider* 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.***

*Presider* Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, *(three times)*

*People* ***Have mercy upon us.***

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

*Presider* Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

**The Word of God**

**First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7**

A Reading from Isaiah.

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whose right hand I have grasped  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip kings of their robes,  
to open doors before him--  
and the gates shall not be closed:  
I will go before you and level the mountains,

I will break in pieces the doors of bronze  
and cut through the bars of iron,  
I will give you the treasures of darkness  
and riches hidden in secret places,  
so that you may know that it is I, the LORD,  
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.  
For the sake of my servant Jacob,  
and Israel my chosen,  
I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me.  
I am the LORD, and there is no other;  
besides me there is no god.  
I arm you, though you do not know me,  
so that they may know, from the rising of the sun  
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;  
I am the LORD, and there is no other.  
I form light and create darkness,  
I make weal and create woe;  
I the LORD do all these things.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* ***Thanks be to God.***

### **Psalm 96:1-9**

*The Antiphon is "Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; the trees of the wood shout for joy when the LORD comes."*

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; \*  
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations \*  
and his wonders among all peoples.  
Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*  
***The trees of the wood shout for joy when the Lord comes.***
- 4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; \*  
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; \*  
but it is the LORD who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! \*  
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*

*The trees of the wood shout for joy when the Lord comes.*

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; \*  
ascribe to the LORD honor and power.

8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; \*  
bring offerings and come into his courts.

9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; \*  
let the whole earth tremble before him.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*

*The trees of the wood shout for joy when the Lord comes.*

### **Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10**

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*Reader* Hear what the spirit is saying to God's people.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **from Psalm 146**

The Antiphon is *Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \**

*The trees of the wood shout for joy when the Lord comes.*

My soul, give praise to the Lord;

I will praise the Lord all my days,

Make music to my God while I live.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*

*The trees of the wood shout for joy when the Lord comes.*

They are happy who are helped by Jacob's God,

Whose hope is in the Lord their God,

Who alone made heaven and earth,

The seas and all they contain.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*

*The trees of the wood shout for joy when the Lord comes.*

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,

Who is just to those who are oppressed.

It is God who gives bread to the hungry,

The Lord, who sets prisoners free.

Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; \*

*The trees of the wood shout for joy when the Lord comes.*

### **Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:15-22**

*Presider* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* ***Glory to you, Lord Christ.***

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

*Presider* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* ***Praise to you, Lord Christ.***

**Sermon** The Rev. Robert Wyatt

**Nicene Creed** *Said by 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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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**

*Presider*

With all our heart and with all our mind, let us pray to the Lord,  
saying "Lord have mercy."

*Leader*

For the peace of the world, for the welfare of the Holy Church of God, and for the unity of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our Bishop, for Paula, Edwin, Fulton, and Winnie, for St. Martin's and St. Michael's, for Kendall and Mary Kay, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For our President, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphans, and for the sick and the suffering, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the poor and the oppressed, for the unemployed and the destitute, for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, and for all the departed, including **Erin** and those we now name . . . let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For deliverance from all danger, violence, oppression, and degradation, let us pray to the Lord.

*Lord, have mercy.*

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, including **Jeremy, Nick and Sherry, Kevin, David, Liam, Tom, Richard** (Martin), **Eunice** (Lewis), **Laura** (Rabb, Carla Bukalski's sister-in-law), **Richard** (Rabb, Carla Bukalski's father); for those affected by wildfires in the west and storms in the south, and for others we now name . . .

Let us thank the Lord for all the blessings of this life, including the birthdays this week of **Thomas** Gary (10/18), **Tara** Mehta (10/23), **Maggie** Trilik (10/23), **JoAnn** Jacobson (10/24), **Matt** Johnson (10/24), **Bill** Urso (10/24); the anniversary of Tiffany Hanna & Ben Harrison (10/18); and other blessings we now name . . . . .

In the communion of Christopher and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

*To thee, O Lord our God.*

*Presider* O God, the Father of all, whose Son commanded us to love our enemies: Lead them and us from prejudice to truth; deliver them and us from hatred, cruelty, and revenge; and in your good time enable us all to stand reconciled before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## Confession and Absolution

*Presider* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.*

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

## The Peace

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*All greet one another in the name of Christ.*

## Welcome and Announcements

## Annual Giving Reflection

{If lawn service is canceled, insert Hymn #706}

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

### The Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

### Eucharistic Prayer B

*People*           ***We lift them up to the Lord.***  
*Presider*       Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*           ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

*Presider*       It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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*               ***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

*The Presider continues*

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Presider and People*

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

*The Presider continues:*

And we offer our 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 forever. **AMEN.**

### **Lord's Prayer**

*The Presider says,*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to say,

*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 Presider breaks the consecrated bread and a period of silence is kept.*

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

### **Music During Distribution of Communion**

{Prayer for Spiritual Communion, for those at home

*God of infinite mercy,  
We thank you for Jesus our Savior, our true Mother  
Who feeds us and gives us eternal life.  
Though we cannot consume the gifts of bread and wine,  
We thank you that we have received the sacrament of Christ's presence,  
The forgiveness of sins, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.  
Grant that we may continue for ever in the Risen Life of our Savior,  
Who with you and the Holy Spirit,  
Lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.}*

*After all have received, the Presider says  
Let us pray.*

*All Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **The Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

*Presider* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799-7233

National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-8255

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Hotline: 1-800-662-HELP

[National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Link](#)

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# *Give to God the things that are God's*

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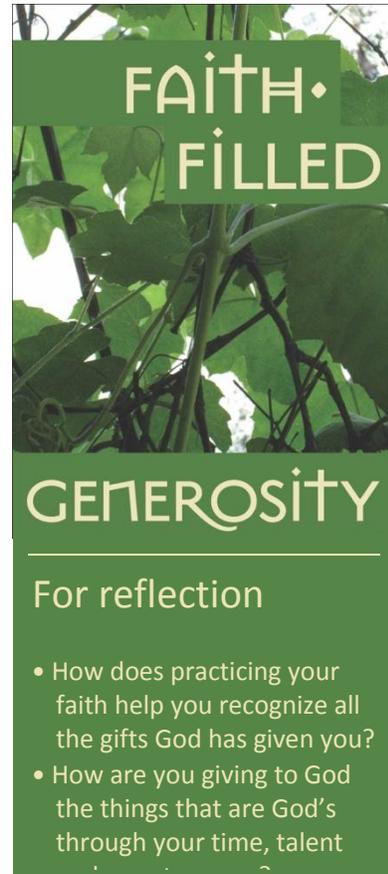


Once again in today's gospel the Pharisees are trying to trip up Jesus. If Jesus supports the paying of the tax, his Jewish siblings who are rebelling against the Roman occupation will shun him. If Jesus says it's unlawful to pay the tax, he'll be in trouble with the Roman authorities. What does Jesus do? He asks them to look at the coin. It is a Roman coin. Pay the tax – meaning give the Emperor back his own coin! Then Jesus adds that wonderful line — *give to God the things that are God's*.

What exactly IS God's? Well, we are! Our Christian faith in God points us always to live a life of gratitude and generosity. God showed us how we are to live and how to *give to God the things that are God's*: God gave us God's son, God's first fruit, and we are asked to do the same, remembering that everything we have, everything we do, everything we are is a gift from God — and it is a gift that is meant to be shared. When we share from our first fruits, as God shared God's first fruit with us, we are modeling the same generosity God has shown us.

Remember, we have two sets of three legged-stools in our Episcopal Branch of the Jesus Movement: scripture, reason and tradition, and time, talent and treasure. The first shapes our faith; the second is how we use the gifts we have been given to live out our faith.

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MUSICAL APPENDIX - HYMNS FOR SUNDAY

Hymn #544

“Jesus shall reign were'er the sun”

*Duke Street*

*Verses 1 and 5 only*

1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun doth his suc -  
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es  
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his  
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners  
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

1 ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from  
 2 throng to crown his head; his Name like sweet per -  
 3 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es  
 4 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -  
 5 hon - ors to our King; an - gels de - scend with

1 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 2 fume shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 3 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his Name.  
 4 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.  
 5 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.

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Hymn #706

“In your mercy, Lord you called me”

*Halton Holgate*

*Verses 1 and 2 only*

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my  
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by  
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had  
 grace you set me free; for my heart would  
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thralled me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.  
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.  
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

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