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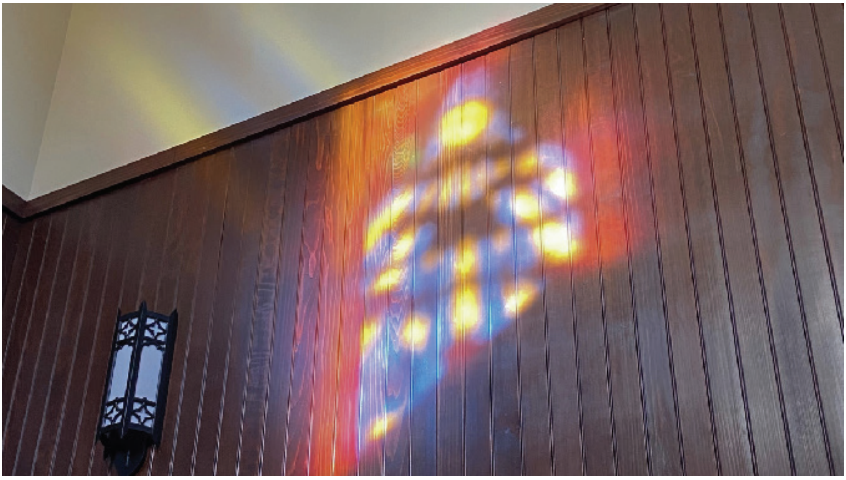

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 27 — 11/8/26

Opening Hymn

Come Thou Fount *1982 Hymnal #686*

1 **Come, thou fount of every blessing,**
tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

2 **Here I find my greatest treasure;**
hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

3 **Oh, to grace how great a debtor**
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.
Let us pray.

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.**

The Lessons

Wisdom 6:12–16
A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,
because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 70 *The Saint Helena Psalter*

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;*
O God, make haste to help me.
2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed
and altogether dismayed; *
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune,
draw back and be disgraced.
3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, "
because they are ashamed.
4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;*
let those who love your salvation say for ever,
"Great is the Holy One!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *
come to me speedily, O God.
6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *
O God, do not tarry.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
A Reading from the First letter to the Thessalonians.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Jerusalem, My Happy Home *1982 Hymnal #620*

Verses 1-2 before the Gospel.

1 **Jerusalem, my happy home**
when shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

2 **Thy saints are crowned with glory great;**
they see God face to face;
they triumph still, they still rejoice
in that most happy place.

The Gospel Matthew 25:1-13

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said, "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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

Gospel Song

Jerusalem, My Happy Home *1982 Hymnal #620*

Verses 5 after the Gospel.

5 Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
thine endless joy, and of the same
partaker ever be!

Closing Hymn

Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah *1982 Hymnal #690*

1 **Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,**
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.
feed me now and evermore.

2 **Open now the crystal fountain,**
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.
be thou still my strength and shield.

3 **When I tread the verge of Jordan,**
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee.
I will ever give to thee.

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