

# Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023, 10:00 a.m.

**Processional Hymn: B #599**

**Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**First Reading: Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Haroshethhagoiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time

Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

**Psalm 123**

Tune: Old 100th

To you, O Lord, I lift my eyes,  
To you enthroned in heaven above;  
As servants wait their masters' will,  
So we look up and wait God's love.

Have mercy on us now, O Lord,  
Contempt has been our lot too long;  
Too long have we been mocked and scorned,  
Derided by the proud and strong.

## **Second Reading: Acts 14:8-20**

In Lystra there was a man sitting who could not use his feet and had never walked, for he had been crippled from birth. He listened to Paul as he was speaking. And Paul, looking at him intently and seeing that he had faith to be healed, said in a loud voice, 'Stand upright on your feet.' And the man sprang up and began to walk. When the crowds saw what Paul had done, they shouted in the Lycaonian language, 'The gods have come down to us in human form!' Barnabas they called Zeus, and Paul they called Hermes, because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Zeus, whose temple was just outside the city, brought oxen and garlands to the gates; he and the crowds wanted to offer sacrifice. When the apostles Barnabas and Paul heard of it, they tore their clothes and rushed out into the crowd, shouting, 'Friends, why are you doing this? We are mortals just like you, and we bring you good news, that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. In past generations he allowed all the nations to follow their own ways; yet he has not left himself without a

witness in doing good—giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy.' Even with these words, they scarcely restrained the crowds from offering sacrifice to them.

But Jews came there from Antioch and Iconium and won over the crowds. Then they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. But when the disciples surrounded him, he got up and went into the city. The next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe.

**Gradual Hymn: B #601, vs. 1 & 2 before the Gospel, v. 3 after the Gospel**

## **Gospel Reading: Mt 25:14-30**

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.'"

#### Offertory Hymn: B #585

#### Prayer over the Gifts

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Communion Hymns: Beginnings

### ***The Table***

I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I will feast at the table of the Lord  
I won't hunger anymore  
At His table x 2

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; His burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

There is peace at the table of the Lord  
There is peace at the table of the Lord  
I won't worry anymore  
At His table

There is healing at the table of the Lord  
There is healing at the table of the Lord  
I won't suffer anymore  
At His table

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; His burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

I know He has a place for me  
What joy will fill my heart  
With the saints around the mercy seat  
of God

Come all you weary; come and find  
His yoke is easy; his burden light  
He is able; He will restore  
At the table of the Lord

At the table of the Lord

We're invited to the table of the Lord  
We're invited to the table of the Lord  
He says, "Come just as you are"  
To His table

### ***Just a Closer Walk with Thee***

I am weak but Thou art strong  
Jesus keep me from all wrong  
I'll be satisfied as long  
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be  
Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea  
Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

When my feeble life is o'er  
Time for me will be no more  
Guide me gently, safely o'er  
To Thy kingdom's shore, to Thy  
shore

Just a closer walk with Thee  
Grant it Jesus, is my plea

Daily walking close to Thee  
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be

### **After Communion:**

#### ***The Blessing***

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
and give you peace.

A-Men A-men A-men  
A-Men A-men A-men

The Lord bless you and keep you  
Make His face shine upon you and  
be gracious to you  
The Lord turn His face toward you  
and give you peace.

A-men A-men A-men  
A-men A-men A-men

May His favour be upon you, and a  
thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children  
May His presence go before you, and  
behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you, His is  
with you, He is with you  
In the morning, in the evening, in your  
coming and your going

In your weeping and rejoicing  
He is for you. His is for you.

A-men A-men A-men  
A-men A-men A-men

### **Prayer after Communion:**

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have  
shared the body and blood of Christ.  
May we who have been nourished by  
holy things bear witness to his light, and  
share in his eternal priesthood; for he is  
Lord for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **Recessional Hymn: #334**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS for Nov. 19, 2023**

### **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: MON 7:15PM**

A year long journey using Following the Call: Living the Sermon on the Mount Together, to explore Jesus' teachings.

### **PINT & A PASSAGE: TUES 7PM**

Join the conversation about the Gospel for the upcoming Sunday at Rob Roy's. Bring your Bible and an open mind.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

Sunday School is now looking forward to Advent and Christmas! Practice makes perfect and we will be practicing for our rendition of the Nativity to be offered in December. To that end, we are looking for a few props! We need about eight old cell phones (smart phones with a swipe screen ...they do not need to work). We are also looking for a lantern, toy sheep and a drum. With many thanks to all those who have donated to Sunday School in material items, in kind, and in prayer. We are truly blessed.

### **SALVATION ARMY KETTLE CAMPAIGN**

The Salvation Army is looking to recruit volunteers for their Kettle Campaign which begins November 17, 2023. To volunteer or for more information,

please contact Mary Lynn Wilson or Jackie Staples at (613) 283-3563 or e-mail: mary-lynn.wilson@salvationarmy.ca.

### **SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS**

Annual Family Concert Sunday, November 26, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at Bethel Pentecostal Church. A Smiths Falls Ministerial Presentation. Please bring an offering for the Hamper Drive.

### **2024 OFFERING ENVELOPES**

Are now available to be picked up in the Canterbury Room.

### **GAMES NIGHT**

**November 24, 2023, 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for games, food, and fellowship. A variety of games will be provided but, please feel free to bring your favourites to share.

### **DELIVERY OF GIFT BAGS**

The ACW has looked after purchasing and delivering gift bags to folks living in Shardon Manor and Victoria House. This year the pastoral care team, along with a few other helpers will continue this very important ministry, thanks to our outreach committee for the \$1,500.00 donation to purchase these gifts. Now we are wondering if members of our congregation have

MEDIUM size Christmas gift bags to donate. This way we don't have to purchase them for these gifts. Just bring them to church for the next two Sundays, November 19 or Nov. 26, or to the Church office during those two weeks. Thank you so very much.

### **For today's service:**

**Presiding Celebrant & Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Thomas Brauer

**Reader & Intercessor:** Dawn Dunlop

**Communion Assistants:** Kevin Lewis & Donna Howard

**Greeters:** Nancy Fleming & Carol McNabb

**Readings for next Sunday,** November 26, 2023:

Ezek 34:11-16, 20-24; Ps 100; Acts 15:6-11; Mt 25:31-46

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday 9 a.m. - 12 noon

## **Weekly Liturgies**

Holy Eucharist – Sundays 8 a.m. & 10 a.m.\* – Wednesdays 10 a.m.

*\*Sunday School offered at 10 a.m. from September – June*

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