Sunday, November 15th, 2026

Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost (Green)

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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
To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO THE THESSALONIANS (5:1-11)
Now 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 labour 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.

Gospel

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW (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.'"

Hymns

Open : CP 601 **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending**
Tune: Blaenwern W.P. Rowlands Text : R.L. Edwards (C) 1961, 1989 The Hymn Society
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God whose giving knows no ending
From Your rich and endless store
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom
Costly cross, grave's shattered door
Gifted by you, we turn to you
Offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever,
Gracious donor of our days

Skills and time are ours for pressing
Toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom,
Races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor,
Lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
Fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, You have entrusted,
Gain through powers Your grace conferred,
Ours to use for home and kindred,
And to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
As we heed Christ's ageless cal,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming
Serving You by loving all.

Gradual : CP 93 **You Servants of the Lord** v1,3 /4,5
Tune: Narenza Text: P.Doddridge

You servants of the Lord,
each in your calling wait,
observant of his heavenly Word,
and watchful at his gate.

Watch: 'tis your Lord's command,
and while we speak, he's near;
mark the first signal of his hand,
and ready all appear.

---gospel ---

How happy shall we be
if in his service found!
We shall our Lord with rapture see
and be with honour crowned!

Christ shall the banquet spread
with his own royal hand,
and raise each faithful servant's head
amid the angelic band

Offertory : **Simple Gifts**

Trad. Shaker melody Text: J. Higginbotham, J. Brackett Jr. (c) 2007 International Liturgy Publications

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'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,
'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be,
And when we find our-selves in the place just right
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
Till by turning, turning we come 'round righ

'Tis the gift to be joyful, 'tis the gift to rejoice
'Tis the gift to sing and thank Him with your voice
And when we have a heart that is pure and kind
With faith like a child we give praise for all time

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right

'Tis the gift to be lowly, 'tis the gift to be poor
'Tis the gift to keep from always wanting more
And if we turn to God and ask to be freed
We soon see that Jesus is all that we need

When true simplicity is gained
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed
To turn, turn will be our delight
Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

Close: SANC 168 **May The God of Hope Go With Us**

Tune: Argentina Text: A. Schutmaat (P.D.)

May the hope of God go with us every day,
filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying - let us work for peace;
Singing - share our joy with all;
Working - for a world that's new,
Faithful - when we hear Christ's call.

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