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# TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

*November 12, 2017*

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## PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

**AS WE GATHER...**As we await the final coming of the Lord, we prepare ourselves faithfully for the final day. Our lives are filled with the kind of eager expectation that awaited the arrival of a bridegroom to a feast in Jesus' day. We do not know the time of that arrival, but we are certain about it happening. Our preparation for the final day of earth or our final day on earth flows from our Baptism and is enriched by our interaction with the saints of God gathered for worship. We gather in the Lord's house joyfully anticipating the feast to come.

## RINGING OF THE BELL

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## OPENING PRAYER

P: Dear Lord, we pray that you would shine the bright beams of your light into our lives today. Our days are often filled with darkness. In our worship today, send the light of your forgiveness, the light of your Word, and the light of your mercy into our hearts and minds. We want to reflect your light! In Jesus' name we pray.

**C: Amen**

## BEING HONEST TO GOD...

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for reflection*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

## RECEIVING GOD'S GRACE...

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for his sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

1. Lord, the Light of Your love is shining  
In the midst of the darkness shining;  
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.  
Set us free by the truth You now bring us.  
Shine on me, shine on me. - Refrain

Refrain: Shine, Jesus, shine,  
Fill this land with the Father's glory;  
Blaze, Spirit, blaze,  
Set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river flow,  
Flood the nations with grace and mercy.  
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,  
From the shadows into Your radiance;  
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,  
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness,  
Shine on me, shine on me. - Refrain

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,  
So our faces display Your likeness;  
Ever changing from glory to glory,  
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story,  
Shine on me, shine on me. - Refrain

# PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray...Eternal God, as we face the uncertainties and darkness of life in this world, help us also to take great hope in the promise of Your deliverance into the brightness of eternal life with You in the new heavens and earth; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## OLD TESTAMENT

*Amos 5:18-24*

*The Lord calls for justice.*

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!

Why would you have the day of the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

as if a man fled from a lion,

and a bear met him,

or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,

and a serpent bit him.

Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts,

and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.

Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,

I will not accept them;

and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,

I will not look upon them.

Take away from me the noise of your songs;

to the melody of your harps I will not listen.

But let justice roll down like waters,

and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

*The Day of the Lord is coming.*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, 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 fallen asleep. For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

### \*CHILDREN'S MESSAGE\*

# GOSPEL

## Matthew 25:1-13

*The parable of the wise and foolish virgins*

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For 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, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN

"Eagle's Wings"

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in his shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord: "My refuge,  
My rock in whom I trust!"

**Refrain:** And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

2. The snare of the fowler will never capture you,  
And famine will bring you no fear:  
Under his wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day;  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**

4. For to his angels he's given a command  
To guard you in all of your ways;  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**

## CREED

**C: We believe in God, the creator of all things, the source of all goodness and love... We believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, true God yet true man. He was crucified, died and was buried for our sin that we might be free and know the joy of life. He was raised on the third day and ascended to heaven, and will come again in power and glory to judge both the living and the dead... We believe in the Holy Spirit, the power of God at work inside of us... We believe in the church of God, the people of faith throughout the world... We believe that our sin is forgiven and that we will live together with God for now and throughout eternity. Amen.**

## OFFERING

### COLLECTING MITES

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for our church—Peace Lutheran, that we may support and encourage one another as we await the day of the Lord's return. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Save our nation, and grant health and wisdom to all who bear office in our land and throughout the world, that truth and justice prevail and that we may lead peaceable lives. We also pray for our community and its leaders, that Philomath would be known as a place filled with peace and justice. Lord, in your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray for those with special need for our petitions in these times, including the sick and hospitalized, the shut-ins, those facing challenges in employment or in other parts of their lives, that their needs may be met according to God's gracious plan. This day we remember (names.....) all those in need of our prayers. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: We pray, O Lord, that we may use all of the good gifts You have given us with thanksgiving, caring for our bodies, using the talents we have been given, and seeking to be the neighbors and friends You have designed us to be. We especially thank you for the opportunity to host a Bazaar yesterday. Bless the efforts and the money collected from the Bazaar to be a blessing for our ministry partners. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C: hear our prayer.**

P: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

## A TRIBUTE TO OUR PEACE VETERANS

## FINAL PRAYER

P: Lord God of hosts, stretch forth Your almighty arm to strengthen and protect those who serve in the armed forces in our country. Support them in times of war, and in times of peace keep them from all evil, giving them courage and loyalty. Grant that in all things they may serve with integrity and with honor. Bless our veterans too that their lives would be lived in your peace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

1. My country, 'tis of thee,  
Sweet land of liberty,  
Of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died,  
Land of the pilgrims' pride,  
From every mountain side  
Let freedom ring.
  
2. My native country, thee,  
Land of the noble free,  
Thy name I love;  
I love thy rocks and rills,  
Thy woods and templed hills;  
My heart with rapture thrills  
Like that above.
  
3. Let music swell the breeze,  
And ring from all the trees  
Sweet freedom's song;  
Let mortal tongues awake;  
Let all that breathe partake;  
Let rocks their silence break,  
The sound prolong.
  
4. Our fathers' God, to thee,  
Author of liberty,  
To thee we sing:  
Long may our land be bright  
With freedom's holy light.  
Protect us by thy might,  
Great God, our king.

## BENEDICTION

## DISMISSAL