

TWENTY-THIRD DAY OF PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 8, 2020
WORSHIP 10:00am

Called by God to reduce the widening gap between rich and poor

The Gathering

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major

J.S. Bach

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Hymn No. 403

Open Now thy Gates of Beauty

UNSER HERRSCHER



1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so un - to me;
3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear thee; let thy will be done in - deed;



where my soul in joy - ful du - ty waits for God who an - swers prayer;
where we find thee and a - dore thee, there a heaven on earth must be;
may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee, while thou dost thy peo - ple feed.



O how bless - ed is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace.
to my heart O en - ter thou; let it be thy tem - ple now.
Here of life the foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

Prayer of Confession

Kyrie Eleison Hymn No. 551

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have
 mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;
 Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

(A) (D/F#) (F#m) (G) (A) (Bm)
 C F/A Am B^b C Dm
 (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A) (Dsus) (D)
 B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria patri Hymn No. 585

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God,
 glo-ry to Christ Je-sus. Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Spi-rit. To God be
 glo-ry for-ev-er! To God be glo-ry for-ev-er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!
 Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! _____

The Word

New Testament Lesson

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Lydwine Prisca

Chidjou Leudjo

Psalm 78:1–7

Sue Haney

One: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Poor wayfaring Stranger

John Jacob Niles

Joshua Gurwitz, *tenor*

I am a poor wayfaring stranger, while journ'ying through this world of woe,
yet there is no sickness, toil, nor danger in that fair land to which I go.

I'm going there to see my mother, I'm going there, no more to roam;
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me, I know my way, is rough and steep;
yet beauteous fields lie just before me, where God's redeemed their vigils keep.

I'm going there to see my father, he said he'd meet me when I come.
I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

I want to wear a crown of glory when I get home to that good land,
I want to shout Salvation's story in concert with the blood-washed band...

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 25:1–13

One: The gospel of the Lord

All: Praise be to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Don't Grow Weary

Glenn Leupold

Our Response

Anthem

True Light

Keith Hampton

Deborah Rocco, *soprano*

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light.
In the beginning out of the darkness God created true light.
Almighty God is light. He lives in us as true light.

Don't let the light that you've given me die, and don't desert my mind.
But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.
He lives in us as true light.

You are the one who judges right from wrong. Your glory excites no envy.
But let the one who serves you praise you again and again.
He lives in us as true light.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go, I want the world to know,
God gave the world true light.

Prayers of the People

Offering of Ourselves and Our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

The Eucharist (Thanksgiving)

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

The Sending

Hymn No. 350*Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning*

KEEP YOUR LAMPS



1. Keep your lamps — trimmed and burn - ing; keep your lamps — trimmed and burn -
 2. It's our faith — makes us hap - py; it's our faith — makes us hap -
 3. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der; we are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad -
 4. Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er; ev - ery round goes high - er, high -



- ing; keep your lamps — trimmed and burn - ing, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 - py; it's our faith — makes us hap - py, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 - der; we are — climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der, for the time is draw - ing nigh.
 - er; ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, for the time is draw - ing nigh.



Sis - ters, don't grow wea - ry; broth - ers, don't grow wea - ry;



chil - dren, don't grow wea - ry, for the time is draw - ing nigh.

Benediction**Response by the People** (*in unison*) **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.****Responsive Hymn No. 546 v1** *Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing*

SICILIAN MARINERS



Lord, dis - miss us — with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.



O — re - fresh us, O — re - fresh us, travel - ing through this wil - der - ness.

Postlude

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

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