

Contemporary Worship

November 19, 2023

Time after Pentecost

Lectionary 33

GATHERING MUSIC

Glory to God Forever – Fee/Beeching

*Before the world was made, before You spoke it to be,
You were the King of kings, yeah, You were, yeah, You were!
And now You're reigning still, enthroned above all things;
Angels and saints cry out, we join them as we sing:*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God forever.

*Creator, God, You gave me breath so I could praise
Your great and matchless name all my days, all my days!
So, let my whole life be a blazing offering,
A life that shouts and sings the greatness of our King!*

*Take my life and let it be all for You and for Your glory.
Take my life and let it be Yours.*

WELCOME

OPENING PRAYER *

*A * in the order of service indicates that those who are able are invited to stand.*

SONG *

Come Now Is the Time to Worship

*Chorus: Come, now is the time to worship.
Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God. Come.*

*Verse 1: One day ev'ry tongue will confess You are God.
One day ev'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure remains for those
Who gladly choose You now...chorus*

*Verse 2: Willingly we choose to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength
We gladly choose You now...chorus*

Ending: Come. Come, just as you are, come. Come.

GOSPEL LESSON *

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells a parable about his second coming, indicating that it is not sufficient merely to maintain things as they are. Those who await his return should make good use of the gifts that God has provided them.

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

Assembly: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁴"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then 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.' ²¹His 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.' ²²And 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.' ²³His 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.' ²⁴Then 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; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But 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? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For 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. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

Pastor: The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

SONG *

We Are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You: we are an offering.

Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands,
Lord, use our lives, they are Yours; we are an offering

All that we have, all that we are,
All that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You.

We lift our voices, we lift our hands,
We lift our lives up to You: we are an offering,
We are an offering.

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PRAYERS *

The assembly responds to each petition ending in "Hear us, O God."

Assembly: Your mercy is great.

The assembly responds to the final petition ending with "through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord."

Assembly: Amen.

OFFERING

My Life Is an Offering – Sczebel

As we respond to hearing God's Word and prepare to feast at God's table we contemplate the many ways we serve the Kingdom of God through our time, talents, and gifts.

Offering plates are available at each entrance to the sanctuary and the QR code below can be used to give our tithes and offering.



*This life is an altar where I want to offer
My soul and my mind and strength.
Cleansed by Your mercy to live a life worthy
Of the One Who called my name.*

*Jesus, be glorified. Jesus, be magnified.
Let me be a pleasing sacrifice.
Jesus, be glorified. Jesus, be magnified
Here at the altar, my life is an offering.*

*How could I not love You?
You authored my rescue, raised me up from death to life.
Your Spirit is in me, revealing Your glory;
Oh, what joy as I give my life.*

CONFESSION *

Leader: We are "pack rats", O Lord.

You continually pour gifts and blessings into our lives

**Assembly: and we hide them away for fear that they might disappear or not be
worthy of acclaim.**

**We squander them wastefully on things that are not healthy
or helpful to others.**

**We confess that we have not always recognized the talents we have been given.
We find it easier to belittle the gifts than to honor the giver.**

Leader: As Jesus reminded his listeners to honor the giver of the gifts
by using them to create something better, for healing,
for hope in the world;
remind us that the message of Jesus is truly pertinent to us today.

**Assembly: Forgive us when we have treated it as a nice story.
Help us to take the gifts you have given us, to develop them,
and use them in ways which will offer healing and hope.
Amen.**

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS *

WORDS OF INSTITUTION *

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

HOLY COMMUNION

All those who confess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to the table.

We invite you to come forward to receive the communion elements from the servers.

You will be handed a wafer from the server and are invited to select a cup of wine from the tray.

*Pre-packaged elements of grape juice and gluten free wafers are available
in the baskets at the communion rail and at each entrance to the sanctuary.*

*You may partake of the elements at the communion rail and dispose of the cups and packaging in the baskets
at the end of each communion rail or take the elements back to your pew to partake of them and dispose of
the cups and packaging after the service.*

Paper bags for the disposal of cups and packaging are available on the communion rail.

"Bread from the Lord's Table" and/or a pastoral blessing are available for children who do not yet commune.

Communion Server: The body of Christ, given for you.
 The blood of Christ, shed for you

Communion Receiver: Amen.

Lord, Be Glorified

Verse 1: In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
 In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 2: In our song, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
 In our song, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 3: In your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified;
 In your church, Lord, be glorified today.

Verse 4: In your world, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
 In your world, Lord, be glorified today.

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POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

Pastor: The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace.

Assembly: **Amen.**

BLESSING *

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Assembly: **Amen.**

SONG *

Take My Life, That I May Be

Chorus: Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Verse 1: Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee...*chorus*

Verse 2: Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose...*chorus*

Verse 3: Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King;
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee...*chorus*

Verse 4: Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine;
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne...*chorus*

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DISMISSAL *

Pastor: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Assembly: **Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWER DEDICATION:

The altar flowers are given in honor of the baptism of Theodore Teschner by Kerry Fankhauser.

The organ flowers are given in loving memory of her parents, Herb and Lucy Kruze, and her brother, Robert H. Green Jr., by Kathy and Grant Wolfe.

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