



## The Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2023

### The Gathering of the Community

#### Prelude

Welcome, Treaty Acknowledgement, Announcements

Ginny Blake

*(Please stand)*

#### Opening Sentence

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.  
*(John 15:5)*

Processional Hymn: CP #303

**“Unto Thy Temple, Lord, We Come”**

Greeting: BAS p.185

The Gloria: BAS 186 (text); CP #686 (song)

Collect of the Day: BAS p.392

*(Please be seated)*

#### Children’s Time – Blessing Song

**God bless and keep you** *(both hands raised in blessing)*

**God shine upon you** *(hands circling like a sunrise)*

**God’s gracious presence** *(hands folded in prayer)*

**Abide with you in peace** *(one hand raised in blessing)* **Repeat**

### The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Judges 4:1–7

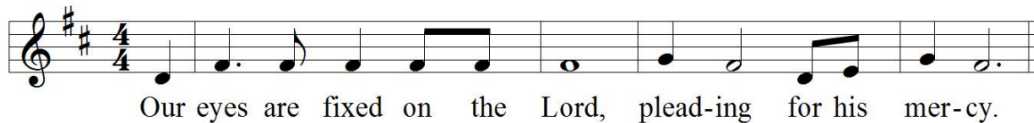
Ann Rowley

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 Harosheth-ha-goiim. 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 judgment. 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.’”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123: BAS p. 883-884



**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11**

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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 labor 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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*(Please stand)*

**Gospel Acclamation:** CP #715 - Verse 2

**The Gospel:** BAS p.188

**Matthew 25:14–30**

“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.’

The Gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(Please be seated)*

Sermon

The Rev. Victoria Luke

*(Please stand)*

**Nicene Creed:** BAS p.188-189

**Prayers of the People**

**Confession and Absolution:** BAS p.191

**The Peace:** BAS p.192

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn:** CP #502

**“You Are Salt for the Earth”**

**Prayer over the Gifts:** BAS p.393

**Eucharistic Prayer #2:** BAS p.196

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord:** CP #735

**The Lord’s Prayer:** BAS p.211

**The Breaking of Bread #2:** BAS p.212

**Lamb of God:** CP #747

*Come to the table!*

*You are welcome to receive a blessing or, if you are baptized, to receive communion.*

*Please accept the bread, the body of Christ, in your hand.*

*(Gluten free wafers are available; please ask the priest when you go for Eucharist.)*

*If you do not feel comfortable receiving the wine, the blood of Christ, by common cup,  
you may touch the bottom of the cup and know that the blood of our risen Christ is shed for you.*

*Prayers for healing are offered in the Chapel.*

**Communion Hymn:** CP #73

**“One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All”**

**Prayer after Communion:** BAS p.393

**Glory to God:** BAS p.214

**The Sending Forth of the People of God**

**Blessing**

**Recessional Hymn:** CP #560

**“God, Whose Almighty Word”**

**Dismissal:** Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

***Thanks be to God.***

**Postlude**

**Participating and Assisting in Today’s Service**

<b>Presiding:</b> The Rev. Dr. Laura Marie Piotrowicz	<b>Preaching:</b> The Rev. Victoria Luke
<b>Deacon:</b> Bill Crosby	
<b>Servers:</b> John Wickett and Maxx Reddekop	<b>Organist:</b> Gregory Schulte
<b>Treaty Acknowledgement &amp; Announcements:</b> Ginny Blake	
<b>Reader and Intercessor:</b> Ann Rowley	
<b>Chalice Bearers:</b> Ginny Blake and Jane Crosby	

<b>Sunday School:</b> Janice Sandford Beck
<b>Prayer Team:</b> Sara and Henry Comerford
<b>Eucharist Minister:</b> Victoria Luke
<b>Coffee Hosts:</b> Karen Bawden and Fern Fitzharris
<b>Counters:</b> Kate Gibbings and Sonja Prescesky
<b>Cathedral Lockup:</b> Bob Halliday
<b>Sidespersons:</b> Bob Halliday and Nancy Baltzan
<b>Videographer:</b> Mary-Jo Devine
<b>Altar Guild:</b> Pat Jarvis, Maud Bia and Mary-Jo Devine

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### Parish Announcements

**SERVICES THIS WEEK:**

Wednesday November 22<sup>nd</sup>

12:10pm Holy Communion Service

Sunday November 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00am/10:30am Holy Communion Service

**Ministry of an Acolyte or Server Meeting Today - Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Just a short reminder and warm invitation to any interested in participating in the ministry of an Acolyte or Server here, at St. John's. There will be a *short* organizational meeting for 10-15 min, immediately following the 10:30am service. We'll meet at the front pews, to share some information.

**Covid Masks**

Masks are available at the back of the church and in the parish hall. Masking is an option. With the rise in COVID, please consider wearing one to protect yourself and to protect others, especially if you have been around someone recently diagnosed with COVID.

**Book of Remembrance**

It has been our custom at All Saints Day to honour our deceased family members. We invite you to enter the name of loved ones in the Book of Remembrance at the back of the cathedral. The Book of Remembrance will be placed on the altar during services throughout November and will be available for signing before and after each service during this time.

**Our Annual Advent Sale: Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm**

Donations of Baking, Jams & jellies, sweets/treats, crafts and New 2 You (gently used or items in original packing only please) will be gratefully received. Baking/sweets should be brought to the hall either on the Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> or on Saturday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> before 10am – if pre-packaging, 6's and 12's make pricing easier.

Donations for other tables may be dropped off at the hall during the month of November – please speak to Nancy Hanson, Eva Shabits, Fern Fitzharris or Jane Crosby.

Sign-up sheets for volunteers are available at the back of the Cathedral ... please sign up as you are able. Your support is greatly appreciated!

#### **Other Anglican Advent/Christmas Bazaars:**

**Jingle Bell Bazaar;** St. Stephen's (10 Grosvenor Cres). Sat Nov 18, 10-2pm

**Joys of the Season;** Christ Church (515-28<sup>th</sup> St. W.). Sat Nov 25, 11-2pm

#### **Parish Breakfast – December 9<sup>th</sup>**

The next Parish breakfast will be December 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at Smitty's in Market Mall. Everyone is welcome – come and join us for an hour of shared fellowship.

#### **Outreach Committee: Christmas Gift Card Program**

It has been a long tradition at St. John's Cathedral to give grocery store gift cards to families most in need as Christmas approaches. If you would like to make a donation toward our Christmas Gift Cards this year please:

- Include your donation in an envelope marked "Christmas Gift Cards" and deposit it on the collection plate at a regular service

OR

- Write a cheque – and include "Christmas Gift Cards" in the memo line of the cheque – and mail the cheque to:

St. John's Cathedral  
816 Spadina Cres East  
Saskatoon, SK S7K 3H4

Please note that the **deadline for receiving Christmas Gift Card donations is December 3rd**. Any donations received after the deadline will form part of the Clergy Discretionary Fund, which allows the Rector to respond to requests for assistance.

If you have any questions or know a family that could benefit from these gift cards, feel free to reach out to Lauri Miller or Madison Christensen. Thank you for your consideration!

#### **Church Calendars**

The printing of the 2024 Church Calendars has been delayed. They are expected to be available in January.

The ACW will have a Calendar sign up at the back of the church for pre-orders. Alternatively, email Nancy at [nhanson@sasktel.net](mailto:nhanson@sasktel.net) to place an order.

**"What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear,  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer."**

Your St. John's Cathedral prayer team consists of about a dozen congregation members who pray on a daily basis for those who have requested our prayers. If you have needs or worries, (or even thanksgivings) and would like us to pray for you or your loved ones, please contact Heather Punshon at [hpunshon@gmail.com](mailto:hpunshon@gmail.com) or 306-291-1471.

### **Stained Glass Windows**

Our Cathedral was recently blessed with three new stained glass windows donated by parish families, and now another family has expressed its intention to donate a window. If you or your family have considered this offering, in memory of a Loved One who has passed on, a gift of thanksgiving for blessings received, or perhaps even just a donation of a beautiful piece of art to enhance the Cathedral, now would be a good time to have a conversation now as there are some efficiencies to be had in costs with multiple window installations.

The single windows are priced at about \$10,000 plus installation cost of up to \$5,000 (which will be lower if several windows are being installed at the same time). If you would like to have a discussion about this opportunity, please see Bob Halliday or Derwyn Crozier-Smith.

### **Please Help us Update our Parish List**

If you have moved, or changed your phone number or email, please let the Parish Office know: [stjohns@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohns@sasktel.net) or 306-242-5146. Thank you.

### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS**

If you would like to have memorial flowers placed at the Nave or High Altar please contact Fern Fitzharris (306-955-9182 or [fernsk@yahoo.com](mailto:fernsk@yahoo.com)).

### **SCENT FREE**

We have several parishioners who are highly allergic to any form of scent. For their health and safety, we ask that you refrain from using scented products when attending church events or meetings. Thank you for helping to keep our church family healthy

### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Parish Office hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 10:00am until 200pm. If you wish to have an announcement placed in the bulletin please send it to [stjohns@sasktel.net](mailto:stjohns@sasktel.net) by 11:00am Thursday mornings.