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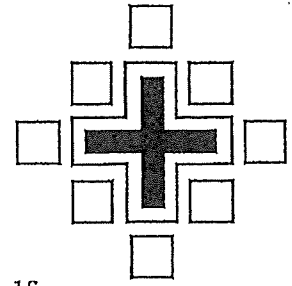
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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

November 8, 2020



INTROIT *Ps. 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: Ps. 84:3*

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

How lovely is your | dwelling place,*

O | LORD of hosts!

Behold our shield, | O God;*

look on the face of your a- | nointed!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand | elsewhere.*

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents
of | wickedness.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and | honor.*

No good thing does he withhold from those who walk up- | rightly.

O | LORD of hosts,*

blessèd is the one who | trusts in you!

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*

and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning,*

is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may | lay her young,*

at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King | and my God.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Lord God, heavenly Father, send forth Your Son to lead home His bride, the Church, that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into His eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

GRADUAL *Rev. 7:14b; Ps. 84:5*

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of the Lamb.

Blessèd are those whose strength is | in you,*

in whose heart are the highways to | Zion.

DAILY READINGS

November 8: Jer. 20:1–18; Matt. 24:29–51; **9:** Jer. 22:1–23; Matt. 25:1–13; **10:** Jer. 23:1–20; Matt. 25:14–30; **11:** Jer. 23:21–40; Matt. 25:31–46; **12:** Jer. 25:1–18; Matt. 26:1–19; **13:** Jer. 26:1–19; Matt. 26:20–35; **14:** Jer. 29:1–19; Matt. 26:36–56.

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Old Testament Reading:
Amos 5:18–24

¹⁸Woe to you who desire the day of
the LORD!

Why would you have the day of
the LORD?

It is darkness, and not light,

¹⁹ 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.

²⁰Is not the day of the LORD dark-
ness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness
in it?

²¹“I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your
solemn assemblies.

²²Even 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.

²³Take away from me the noise of
your songs;
to the melody of your harps I
will not listen.

²⁴But let justice roll down like
waters,
and righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream.”

Epistle:

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

¹³But 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.
¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus
died and rose again, even so, through
Jesus, God will bring with him those
who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For 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.
¹⁶For 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.
¹⁷Then 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. ¹⁸Therefore encourage one
another with these words.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of
heaven will be like ten virgins who
took their lamps and went to meet
the bridegroom. ²Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. ³For when
the foolish took their lamps, they took
no oil with them, ⁴but the wise took
flasks of oil with their lamps. ⁵As
the bridegroom was delayed, they
all became drowsy and slept. ⁶But
at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is
the bridegroom! Come out to meet
him.’ ⁷Then all those virgins rose and
trimmed their lamps. ⁸And the foolish
said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your
oil, for our lamps are going out.’ ⁹But
the wise answered, saying, ‘Since
there will not be enough for us and
for you, go rather to the dealers and
buy for yourselves.’ ¹⁰And 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. ¹¹Afterward the
other virgins came also, saying, ‘Lord,
lord, open to us.’ ¹²But he answered,
‘Truly, I say to you, I do not know
you.’ ¹³Watch therefore, for you know
neither the day nor the hour.”