



*Church of St. Bartholomew*  
*Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost*  
*Sunday, November 15, 2020*

**Stewardship Sunday**  
**The Reverend Canon David Clunie**

**Prelude**

**Grace and Welcome**

**Collect** Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *read by Michael Beall*

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 labour 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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:14-30

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said, "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.**

## **Homily**

### **Prayers of the People**

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:** *The Church of Ceylon - Extra-Provincial to the Archbishop of Canterbury*

*The Right Reverend Dhilloraj Ranjit Canagasabay - Bishop of Colombo*

*The Right Reverend Keerthisiri Fernando - Bishop of Kurunegala*

**Diocese:** *St. Margaret's, Vanier - The Venerable Robert Davis, IPIC*

*The Reverend Aigah Attagutsiak, Deacon Stephen Zytveld*

*For the members of the Outreach Committee and its subcommittees and working groups.*

**Canada:** *Canadian Forces remembering especially members of the Governor General's Foot Guards and those in diplomatic missions and NGOs.*

**The Garry J Armstrong Home:** *Residents, staff and volunteers.*

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord.  
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For wisdom for all in our educational system, and protection for teachers and students; we pray for parents and grandparents, their families and for school administrators and support staff.  
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For the absolution and remission of all our sins and offenses.  
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For all who lack food, water, work or shelter; for all who suffer from wars, famine or disease, including COVID-19; for first responders and support workers; for all medical researchers and professionals, especially those in hospitals and long-term care facilities. In our own parish we pray for *Elizabeth, Allan, Sue, Margaret, Laurie, Harriott, Marissa, Mary, Don, Christina, Hana and her family, Harriet and her family in Africa, Michael and Kathleen and we remember all those known to us alone. (Silence).*  
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

For those who have died remembering especially *Alan Kirby, dear uncle of Pamela Mallon, and Marlene Vetter, dear friend of Sue and Mike Revere.*  
Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.  
God of Love. **Hear our prayer.**

Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, world without end. **Amen.**

### **Absolution**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

**Offertory:** Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel for ever and ever. All that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine. **All things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.**

### **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

*Celebrant*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Communion**

**Prayer after Communion** Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **Announcements**

### **Blessing**

### **Dismissal**

### **Postlude**