



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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The Collect of the Day

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Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Malachi 4:1-2a

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 875

Commentary: Malachi was most likely the last prophet of the Old Testament era. At the time of his ministry, the Jews had been allowed to return from exile and rebuild the Jerusalem temple. However, their land remained a small, unimportant part of the vast Persian Empire and the glorious future announced by many of Israel's prophets had not come to pass. The people began to lose hope and their worship lost focus and sincerity. Through Malachi, God promised a fiery day of judgment would come, yet God's love for His people remained unfailing and constant. Those who remained faithful to God would see the dawn of a righteous and healing day. Malachi, the last word of the Old Testament, is a reminder of the future Day of the Lord, as is the last word of the New Testament, the Book of Revelation.

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 21:5-19

NRSV, p. 961

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

People

Glorify be to thee, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, “As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.” They asked him, “Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?” And he said, “Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is near!’ Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.” Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Adair & Katie McKoy, Kitty McKoy Trask, Adair McKoy Jr.
Douglas McKoy Strange, Charles P. and Jean M. Graham, & Kitty Trask Holt.

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