

Welcome to Worship
November 12th, 2023

Prelude *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness ~ Johannes Brahms*

Gathering Hymn *My Lord, What a Morning ~ ELW 438*

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice and love, **you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

First Reading **Amos 5:18-24**

In the days of Amos, people thought that the day of the LORD would be a time of great victory, but Amos announced that it would be a day of darkness, not light. He said liturgy is no substitute for obedience. The LORD demands justice and righteousness in the community.

Word of God. Word of life
Thanks be to God

Psalm **Psalm 70**



Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.
Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

**Let those who say to me “Aha!” and gloat over me
turn back because of their shame.
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, “Great is the LORD!”**

**But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O LORD, do not tarry.
Be pleased, O God, to deliver me;
O LORD, make haste to help me.**

Gospel**Matthew 25:1-13**

Jesus tells a parable about his own second coming, emphasizing the need for readiness at all times.

Jesus said to the disciples: “The dominion of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. Later the other young women came also, saying, ‘Sir, sir, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ “Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

Hymn of the Day

What is the World Like ~ ACS 1047 (vs. 1, 3-5)

Musical Offering

From Generation to Generation ~ Tom Trenney (All Saints Choir)

Offertory Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving ~ ELW 689 (vs. 1, 4)

Communion Hymn

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness ~ ELW 488

Sending Hymn

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning ~ ACS 949

Postlude

Basse de Trompette ~ Jean-Adam Guilain