



SAINT  
CHRISTOPHER  
CATHOLIC PARISH

## November 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time



### Parable of the Talents

*Welcome to St. Christopher Parish! We are blessed that you are here and have created this worship supplement to assist you in your prayer of the Mass. In order to prevent any potential spread and in keeping with Diocesan Guidelines there is to be no Congregational singing at Mass. However, there will be a cantor to help provide as beautiful of an atmosphere as possible. We encourage you to prayerfully reflect on each of these texts.*

#### Entrance Hymn: "HE IS EXALTED"

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise Him. He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name! He is the Lord; forever His truth shall reign. Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name. He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

Entrance Antiphon: *Jeremiah 29:11, 12, 14*

**The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon Me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.**

Greeting

Penitential Act

**I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (*striking their breast*) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault. Therefore, I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Lord Have Mercy

*Lord, have mercy.*

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

*Christ, have mercy.*

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

*Lord, have mercy.*

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise You, we bless You, we adore You, we glorify You, we give You thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**



## Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Proverbs 31: 10-13, 19-20, 30-31*

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls. Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize. She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life. She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle. She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy. Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5*

Refrain: *Blessed are those who fear the Lord.*

1. Blessed are all who fear the Lord, and walk in His ways! By the labor of your hands you shall eat. You will be blessed and prosper.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive around your table.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Sion. May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life!

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-6*

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night. When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.

But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief. For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness. Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:4a, 5b

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

*Remain in Me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in Me bears much fruit.*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30 [or 25:14-15, 19-21]

*[For short form, read only the part in brackets.]*

[Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one-- to each according to his ability. Then he went away.] Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

["After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five. He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'] Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See, I have made two more.' His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.' Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, 'Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.' His master said to him in reply, 'You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten. For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.'"

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Profession of Faith

**I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of Heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven, *(all bow) and by the***

*Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.*  
For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate, He suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into Heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of The Faithful

*We pray to the Lord.*

**R. Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the church, that she may be like the worthy wife of today's reading, active and watchful, diligent and compassionate, fruitful in every good work, we pray to the Lord...

For world leaders, that they may not count on the appearance of peace and security, but build their nations on the solid foundation of a culture of life, morality, and justice, we pray to the Lord...

That each of us would use the talents that we have been given, not giving into the temptation to bury the Master's money and coast through life without effort, but that we would realize that our gifts are not our own and are to be used for the good of others with diligence and care, we pray to the Lord...

For all who are in need of compassionate intercession and loving care, especially the sick, those in financial difficulty, the oppressed and imprisoned, the lonely and grief-stricken, that they would experience the comfort of the Lord and His people, we pray to the Lord...

For our faithful departed ones, who were trustworthy with the talents they had received in this life, that they may now share the Master's joy in heaven, we pray to the Lord...

For all the prayers we hold in the silence of our hearts, (pause) We pray to the Lord...

Prayer to Saint Michael

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

## **Liturgy of the Eucharist**

Offertory Hymn: "WHAT RETURN SHALL WE MAKE"

*Refrain: What return shall we make to the Lord, our God, for all that He has given us, for all that He has done for us.*

1. I will bless the Lord; I will sing His praise. Of His love I will sing all throughout my days. I will take His cup; I will call His name and recount just how good God has been to us!
2. I have made my vows; I will keep my word. In the service of my God, I give you my life. Precious in His eyes are the faithful ones; nothing have I sacrificed worthy of Your love.
3. Happy shall I live; happy shall I die, for my God has given me the treasure of His love. Servant of my Lord, I could want no more than to stand here with you, humble priest of God.
4. Privileged am I, servant of my God. I will offer only thanks, blest am I to serve. Privileged am I, standing here with You. I could want nothing more than to do Your will.

## **PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS**

*Pray brethren, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.*

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.**

*The Lord be with you.*

**R. And with your spirit.**

*Lift up your hearts.*

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**R. It is right and just.**

Holy

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. 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.**

Memorial Acclamation

**We proclaim Your Death, O Lord, and profess Your Resurrection until You come again.**

*Or*

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim Your Death, O Lord, until You come again.**

Doxology and Amen

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil...**

*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil . . . as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*

**R. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours now and forever.**

Sign of Peace

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

**R. And with your spirit.**

Lamb of God

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (2X)**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

*Behold the Lamb of God, behold Him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.*

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Antiphon: Matthew 25:20-21

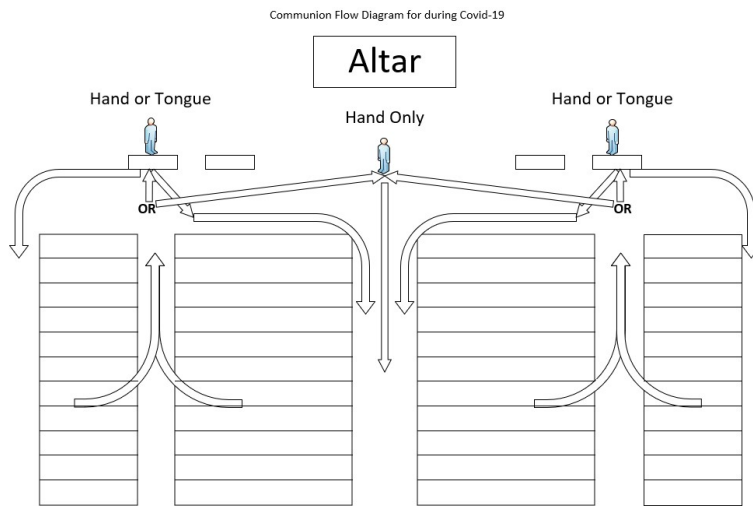
*Lord, You delivered five talents unto me; behold, I have gained five more. Well done, good and faithful servant; because you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your Lord.*

Psalm 119 (118)

1. Blessed are those whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord! Blessed are those who keep His decrees! With all their hearts they seek Him.
2. I rejoice in the way of Your precepts, as though all riches were mine. See, Your decrees are my delight; Your statutes are my counselors.
3. I have chosen the way of faithfulness; Your decrees I have upheld. I reach out to Your commands, which I love, and ponder Your statutes.



4. I have more insight than all who teach me, for I ponder Your decrees. I have gained more understanding than my elders, for I keep Your precepts.
5. Your decrees are wonderful indeed; therefore my soul obeys them. The unfolding of Your Word gives light and understanding to the simple.



### An Act of Spiritual Communion

***My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.***

### Communion Hymn: "SOUL OF CHRIST"

Refrain: *Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me. Blood of Christ, flood my senses.*

*Water from Thy side, strengthen me.*

1. O gracious Jesus, hear me calling; within Thy wounds hide me.
2. O gentle Jesus, never leave me; protect me from all evil.
3. O loving Jesus, call me to You, where I may praise You always.

## CONCLUDING RITES

### Final Blessing and Dismissal

*The Lord be with you.*

**R. And with your spirit.**

*May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.*

**R. Amen.**

*Go in peace, and glorify the Lord by your life.*

**R. Thanks be to God.**



## Recessional Hymn: “SING OF THE GLORY OF GOD”

Refrain: *Sing of the glory of God, all the earth. Come, make a beautiful sound. Throughout all time, through every land, sing of the wonder of God.*

1. Come, all you peoples, and worship the Lord: Steadfast the love of our God.
2. Through mighty seas You have cleared us a path: Dry land beneath all our steps.
3. For those You love even Heaven will bend. Show us the fruit of Your heart.
4. Blessed be God Who has welcomed my prayers, heard every cry of my heart.

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## **Praying with the Scriptures**

One form of praying with the scripture can be remembered with the acronym: ARRR—Acknowledge, Relate, Receive, Respond. This form of prayer helps us to make our prayer more relational. Prayer is a relationship of persons. These four parts of relational prayer are not rigid steps, but rather flow together. Choose a passage from the Bible (you could use the Gospel reading found in this worship aide). Read it slowly a few times.

**Acknowledge:** Begin prayer by acknowledging the real presence of God who is always beholding us. As I begin my prayer, what is in His eyes as I look at Him? I also acknowledge what is on my heart as I come to prayer. A deepening relationship is a more and more honest exchange of hearts. How am I feeling; what am I bringing to prayer? What word or phrase drew my attention in the passage of scripture for this time of prayer?

**Relate:** Rather than thinking “about” God, I begin to speak to Him directly about what is in my heart. Nothing is off limits with Him. I do not hold back speaking to Him about my worries, sadness, anger, joy, fear, whatever is honestly there. I tell the Lord, in as much detail as possible, what I’ve just acknowledged within myself. I relate everything to Him as I would a close friend. The exercise of expressing in words what is happening in my heart is very helpful and healing—Jesus desires this for me. Perhaps I write in a journal.

**Receive:** I take time to listen to Him. I believe He wants to speak to me. Sometimes He will reveal His voice through a word, a song that runs through my head, a memory, a sensation in my body, a Scripture passage or phrase. I wait for Him. I receive His gaze and

the words of His truth for me. I resist the temptation to shrink away from the silence because of fear or desire to control the relationship. Learning to wait on His answer in a place of uncertainty is the real stuff of growing in relationship with Him. This will take time, practice, and growing trust.

**Respond:** I take this opportunity to respond to what I have received from God. It can be more conversation, a question, a “yes,” tears, joy, gratitude, etc. I may make a resolution for the week ahead. I may write down what I have received in this time of prayer. The process of writing down make the gift more concrete, hence God told Habakkuk: “Write down the vision, clearly upon tablets so that one can read it readily.” (Hab 2: 2) A month (or even year) of these prayer experiences written down can become an arsenal of protection for future battles.

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