

HYMN: 655 “*O Let The Son Of God Enfold You*”

A PRAYER BEFORE READING THE SCRIPTURES

Lord, who can grasp all the wealth of just one of Your words?

What we understand in the Bible is much less than what we leave behind, like thirsty people who drink from a fountain.

For Your word has many shades of meaning, just as those who study it have many different points of view.

You have coloured Your words with many hues so that each person who studies it can see in it what he loves.

You have hidden many treasures in Your word so that each of us is enriched as we meditate on it. Amen.

(Ephrem the Syrian 306-373)

BIBLE READINGS -

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 *(Page 1171)*

Math 25:14-30 *(Pages 983-984)*

SERMON: “*Use It or Lose It!*”

HYMN: 599 “*Take My Life and Let It Be*”

OFFERING - “*Give and it will be given to you*”. *(Luke 6:38)*

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Help us, who have received so freely from You, to give as freely in our turn and have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of receiving.

We dedicate this offering, Lord, for the work of the church, and we ask You to use all that we have and are in Your service. Amen.

HYMN: 531 “*Sent Forth by God’s Blessing*”

COMMISSION AND BLESSING

The LORD watches over you – the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all harm – He will watch over your life;

The LORD will watch over your coming and going now and forever.

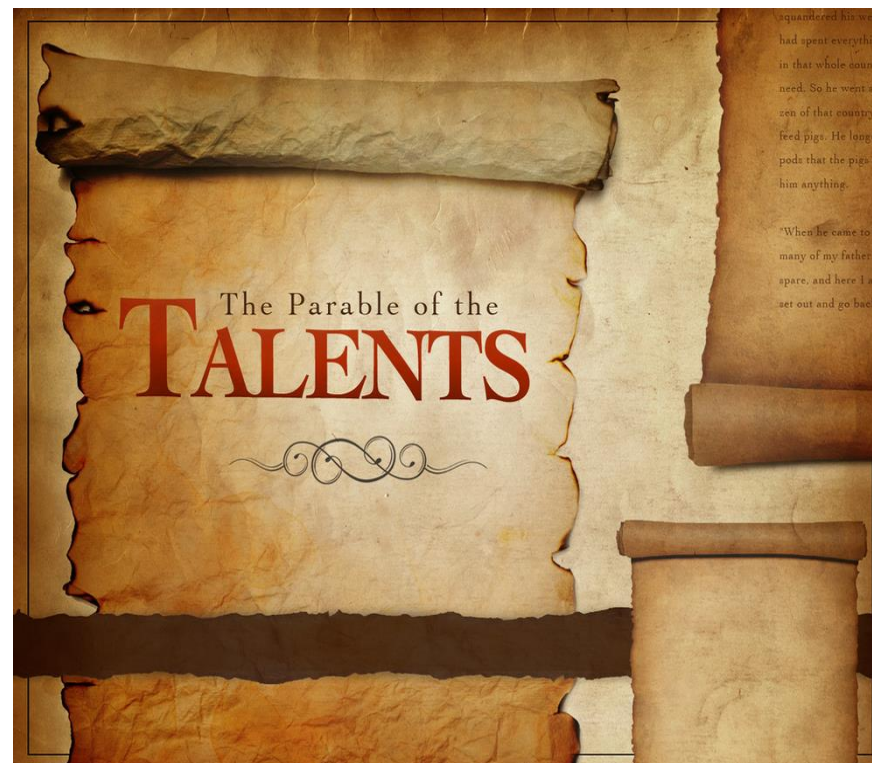
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ORDER OF SERVICE

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Clap your hands, all you nations; shout to God with cries of joy.
How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!
He subdued nations under us, peoples under our feet.
He chose our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob, whom He loved.
God has ascended amid shouts of joy, the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.

Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

For God is the King of all the earth; sing to Him a psalm of praise.

God reigns over nations; God is seated on His holy throne.

The nobles of nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; He is greatly exalted.

(Psalm 47)

HYMN: 134 “*Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*”

PRAYER OF PRAISE

It is right and proper that we should give You praise and hymns and glory O uncreated Father of Jesus Christ, who is Your only Son.

We praise You, God, uncreated, unsearchable, ineffable, beyond grasp of any created being.

We praise You because You are known by the Only Son, proclaimed and explained by Him to created beings and known in turn by them.

We praise You because You know the Son and reveal to the saints the glories that are His.

We praise You because You are known by the Word You begot and are seen by the saints and understood by them after fashion.

We praise You, Father, invisible, Giver of immortality.

You are the source of life and light, the source of all grace and truth; You love humanity and love the poor, You seek reconciliation with all and draw them to You by sending Your dear Son to visit them.

We beg You, make us really alive.

Give us the spirit of light, that we know You, supremely true, and Your envoy, Jesus Christ.

Give us the Holy Spirit and enable us to discourse at large upon Your ineffable mysteries.

May the Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit speak in us and praise You through us, for You are high above all principdoms, powers, virtues and dominations, above everything that can be named, both in this world and in the world to come.

Angels, archangels, thrones, dominations, principdoms and powers stand in their tens of thousands, their countless myriads, about You.

The six-winged seraphim, the two most eminent, are by Your side.

Hiding their faces with two of their wings, hiding their feet with two more, with the other two flying, they cry out in praise of Your holiness.

Accept our acclamation when we say with them:

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Heaven is full, earth is full of Your wonderful glory. Amen.

(Serapion of Thmuis d.c. 363)

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 123

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HYMN: 642 “*This Day God Gives Me*”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, You have loved us with an everlasting love, but we have gone our own way and disobeyed Your word. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of Your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us and change us. By Your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for You, and to please You more and more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear the Good News! For the sake of the joy that lay ahead of Him, Jesus endured the cross, making light of its disgrace, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God, where He intercedes for us. Friends, believe the Good News. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants give humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men; but above all for Your amazing love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace; and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may be truly thankful and that we may declare Your praise not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever. Amen.