

(In preparation for our worship together, you are invited to take a time of silence to offer your own prayers of worship and praise.)

Prayer Before Worship: God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. As we hear the reading of your Word, remind us that we have been raised with Christ, and inspire us to seek the things that are above, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn

#43 vv. 1-3

Lift Up Your Heads

All praise to thee, my God, this night, for all the blessings of the light: keep me, O keep me, King of Kings, beneath thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for thy dear Son, the ill that I this day have done; that with the world, myself and thee, I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on thee response, and with sweet sleep mine eyelids close; sleep that shall me more vigorous make to serve my God when I awake.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lessons

A reading from **Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

²Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

¹²I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, ¹³applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. ¹⁴I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me ¹⁹—and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the

sun,²¹because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil.²²What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 49:1-11

¹Hear this, all you peoples;

hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor
together.

²My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *

and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

³I will incline my ear to a proverb *

and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

⁴Why should I be afraid in evil days, *

when the wickedness of those at my heels
surrounds me,

⁵The wickedness of those who put their trust in their
goods, * and boast of their great riches?

- ⁶We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;
- ⁷For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,
- ⁸In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.
- ⁹For we see that the wise die also;
like the dull and stupid they perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after
them.
- ¹⁰Their graves shall be their homes for ever,
their dwelling places from generation to generation,
though they call the lands after their own names.
- ¹¹Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

A reading from **Colossians 3:1-11**

¹So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, ³for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life.

⁸But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices¹⁰and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke 12:13-21:

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

¹³Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with

me.” ¹⁴But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

ANGLICAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

The Diocese of Matana –

The Anglican Church of Burundi

DIOCESAN CYCLE OF PRAYER:

For the Anglican Communion

Archbishop of Canterbury

The gathering of Anglican Bishops at Lambreth

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:

August 1: Stephanie Cannon

August 4: Will Raney

THIS WEEK'S ANNIVERSARIES:

FLOWERS:

Recession

#555

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lead on, O king eternal, the day of march has come;
Hence forth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our
home; through days of preparation thy grace has made
us strong, and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle
song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce wall cease, and
holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace; for not
with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
but deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom
comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow, not with fears; for
gladness breaks like mourning where'er thy face
appears. Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its
light: the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of
might!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mitchell Ministerial Association

JULY REQUESTS

Food Pantry: Hamburger Helper

Food Pantry Number: 308-641-7326

Backpacks : Summer Break

Saying Good Bye to Pastors Chris and Sheryl:

Save the date! Sunday August 21 is the final service we will have with Pastors Chris and Sheryl. The vestry is planning a farewell meal and social time right after that morning's service, and we are hoping for a good turnout to thank them for all they have done for Holy Apostles. We will be sending out further information in July.