

# PRINCE OF PEACE

A tropical sunset landscape with palm trees and a body of water. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a warm orange and pink near the horizon. In the foreground, the dark green fronds of palm trees frame the view. The middle ground shows a calm body of water reflecting the sunset colors, with a line of trees and a distant hill in the background.

*Enter into the joy of your master*

Matthew 25.21

**Sunday November 15th, 2020**  
**24th Sunday after Pentecost**  
**Welcome and Concerns of the Church**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the Holy Trinity + one God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.  
*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

Faithful God,  
**Have mercy on us.**  
**We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.**  
**We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways.**  
**We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves.**  
**We place our own needs before those of our neighbors.**  
**We keep the gift of salvation to ourselves.**  
**Make us humble, cast away our transgressions,**  
**and turn us again to life in you**  
**Through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries of all who call out in need,  
and through his death and resurrection, Christ has made us his own.  
Hear the truth that God proclaims:  
Your sins are forgiven in the name of †Jesus Christ.  
Led by the Holy Spirit, live in freedom and newness to do God's work in the world.  
**Amen.**

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray. Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples,  
and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and  
prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and  
Lord.  
**Amen.**

**Children's Moment**

## First Reading: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm." <sup>13</sup> Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup> The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. <sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, <sup>16</sup> a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. <sup>17</sup> I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. <sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

## Psalm: 90:1-8 [9-11] 12

<sup>1</sup> Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> **Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

<sup>3</sup> You turn us back to dust and say, "Turn back, you mortals."

<sup>4</sup> **For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past,  
or like a watch in the night.**

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning;

<sup>6</sup> **in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.**

<sup>7</sup> For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed.

<sup>8</sup> **You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

<sup>12</sup> **So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.**

## Gospel: Matthew 25:14-30

<sup>14</sup> "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; <sup>15</sup> to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. <sup>16</sup> The one who had received the five

talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. <sup>17</sup> In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents.

<sup>18</sup> But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. <sup>19</sup> After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. <sup>20</sup> Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." <sup>21</sup> His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>22</sup> And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." <sup>24</sup> Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; <sup>25</sup> so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." <sup>26</sup> But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? <sup>27</sup> Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. <sup>28</sup> So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. <sup>29</sup> For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. <sup>30</sup> As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

## Message

**Song: "Let Us Talents & Tongues Employ"** F. Kaan, D. Potter; 674 LINSTEAD LM & refrain

**Refrain:** Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around loaves abound!

**1.** Let us talents and tongues employ  
Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard **Ref.**

**2.** Christ is able to make us one,  
at the table he sets the tone,  
teaching people to live to bless,  
love in word and in deed express. **Ref.**

**3.** Jesus calls us in, sends us out  
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
gives us love to tell, bread to share:  
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! **Ref.**

## Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit  
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Amen.

## The Peace

### Announcements

*Altar flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of William Graves III, from his daughter, Carole Lee Graves.*

William Graves III, 71, died Friday, November 6, 2020 at Miriam Hospital, Providence, RI. He was the beloved husband of Lee Graves and father of Carole Graves.

Dr. & Mrs. Graves had been married for forty-eight years. He was the son of the late William Lute Graves, Jr. and Mary Alice (Bennett) Graves, he had lived in Rhode Island for many years.

Dr. Graves was a professor of Anthropology and Global Studies at Bryant University, Smithfield. He previously taught at Connecticut College, Rhode Island College, and Brown University. He was a graduate of the University of Maryland, where he studied Russian Linguistics and earned his doctorate from Indiana University in Anthropology and Linguistics.

Prior to earning his doctorate, he also taught at universities abroad. He was a Veteran who had served in the Vietnam War as a marine and special intelligence officer and later as a Foreign Service Officer in Russia. He was a prolific writer and scholar, a polyglot, a Fulbright Scholar and beloved by his family and friends.

Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Carole Graves.

**TOYS for TOTS** Carrie and Jerry Toppa are sponsoring Toys for Tots at their Abington SpeeDee (740 Brockton Ave. in Abington) from now till November 21st. Stop by and drop off a new unopened toy, they have raffle tickets available.

### **“New” Thirsty Thursdays music & the word on our facebook page**

We need your pictures for this week’s theme. What brings LIGHT to your life? In this time when days grow shorter we focus on light.

## Prayers of Intercession

Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence*

Lord of creation, we stand in awe at the works of your hands and praise you for the beauty of nature. Bless the earth for your glory and restore its integrity where exploitation has caused ruin.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of the nations, sound forth your justice in the ears of all leaders. Increase concern for those who are most vulnerable, especially as international leaders forge trade agreements and cooperate to end human rights abuses.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Lord of all in need, search out all who cry to you in distress. Scatter the heavy clouds of depression, chronic illness, unemployment, and loneliness with your radiant light. Send us as encouragement and signs of your healing.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

Lord of the living and the dead, we give you thanks for all the saints at rest from their labors (*especially*). Rouse us to live by their example, that saints yet to come may also know your love.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until the day when you gather creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Blessing:

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

May our Holy God, speaking, spoken, and inspiring, send you in love and peace.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

May the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. **Amen.**

## Hymn: "When Peace Like a River"

785 Ville Du Havre 118 119 and refrain H Spafford: P. Bliss

1. When peace like a river  
attendeth my way  
sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot those  
taught me to say  
it is well,  
it is well with my soul *Ref.*

2. Though Satan should buffet  
though trials should come,  
this blest assurance control,  
though Christ hath regarded  
helpless estate,  
and hath shed  
his own blood for my soul. *Ref.*

3. He lives -oh, the bliss  
Of this glorious thought  
Sin, not in part, but the whole,  
Is nailed to his cross and  
Bear it no more.  
Praise the Lord,  
Praise the Lord O my soul, *Ref.*

4. Lord, hasten the day  
when our faith shall be sight  
clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
the trumpet shall sound and  
Lord shall descend;  
even so  
it is well with my soul. *Ref.*

*Refrain:* It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

## Dismissal

Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

**Thanks for joining us!**

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