

Sending Hymn CP 598

Go to the World

Tune: Engelberg

Piano Postlude: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus*
Richard Hillert (1923-2010)



“I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.”

“Spiritual writers tell us that we become like the things we worship. People who worship money become human calculating machines. People who worship power become ruthless. People who worship the true God become fully human. Jesus puts before us a similar truth in the parable of the talents. It’s a choice really. How are we going to respond to the extravagant riches God has poured out upon us, who poured out his very self for us? How do we see this God? Do we see the true God, a God of unlimited grace and mercy, forgiveness, and love? Or do we create an image of God based upon our own fear, a God that is hard and miserly and punishing? Are we going to respond to the grace and generosity of God by going out into the world and living graciously and generously? Or are we going to be governed by our fears, and cut ourselves off from everything that is true and good and beautiful in this world, dig our own graves, throw in our talents, and crawl in after them? That’s the choice.” *

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The Twenty-fifth Sunday of Pentecost



“For it is as if a man, going on a journey...”

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Prelude Music: *Jesus, Lead Thou On*
Paul Manz (1919-2009)

Opening Hymn: CP 600
You Call Us Out to Praise You
Tune: Briggs

Collect

**O God,
from whose abundance
all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed:
give us courage to use our talents
as generously as you have given them,
so that, being faithful to your purpose,
we may share in your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**
Opening Prayers (1997) alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

Reader A reading from 1 Thessalonian [5:1-11]

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no

escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

Chant No. 4



To you I lift / up my eyes,*
to you enthroned / in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand / of their
masters,*
and the eyes of a maid to the hand / of her mistress,
so our eyes look to the / Lord our God,*
until he shows / us his mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O / Lord, have mercy,*
for we have had more than enough / of contempt,
too much of the scorn of the in-/dolent rich,*
and of the derision / of the proud.

The Gradual Hymn CP 177

A Spendthrift Lover is the Lord. Tune: Beach Haven

The Gospel

All stand, as able, for the proclamation of the Gospel.

Deacon The Lord be with you

People **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew [25:14-30]

People **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

‘For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one

who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 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.” 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.” 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.” 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.” 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; so, I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.” 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? 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. So, take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. 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. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

At the conclusion of the Gospel, the Deacon says,

The Gospel of Christ.

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

Preparation Hymn CP 80

We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus

Tune: St. Christopher

Hymn during the Communion: CP 360

*Bless the Lord, My Soul,
and bless God’s holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul,
who leads me into life.*

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