



**"She out of  
her poverty has  
put in everything  
she had."**

**MARK 12:44**

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**Sunday, November 9, 2024**

**The Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

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Service Theme

**LIVE A LIFE OF STARTLING GENEROSITY**

Perhaps you have heard the axiom, "Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow we die." In other words, while you still can, use what you have in order to enjoy life to the fullest. If this life is all there is, St. Paul agrees that would be a good philosophy. Paul wrote, "If the dead are not raised, 'Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die'" (1 Corinthians 15:32). However, note the "if." Paul was saying that the epicurean approach to life makes sense only if this life is all we have. But it isn't. Jesus will raise us from the dead and take us to live in his home, a place of perfect comfort and beauty. Knowing that, we are set free from the need to live a self-indulgent life now. Instead, we can be generous people, using the wealth that God has given us to serve both him and others. We can live a life of startling generosity.

# 751 O God, Your Hand the Heavens Made

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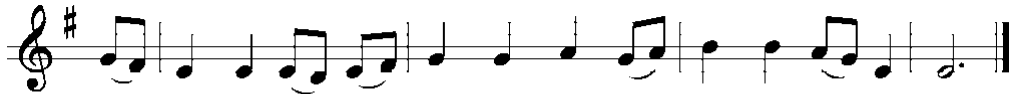
1 O God, your hand the heav-ens made and all that they con - tain;  
2 To us are giv - en gifts di - vine, all tal - ents you have sent;  
3 De - liv - er us from self - ish aims, true stew - ards we would be;



the world ap-peared at your com-mand, and in it now you reign.  
in - spire us now to use them well your king-dom to ex - tend.  
en - dow us with a deep de - sire to live un - self - ish - ly.



The rest - less sea, the land, the sky your hand - i - work de - clare;  
We hold each gift a trust from you nor claim it as our own;  
A full ac-count-ing we must give and see you face to face;



the touch of your cre - a - tive pow'r is pres - ent ev - 'ry - where.  
we grate - ful - ly ac - knowl - edge, Lord, all things are yours a - lone.  
let us ap - proach your throne with joy, sup - port - ed by your grace.

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## Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## Confession

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**Almighty and merciful Father,**

**we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.**

**We have followed what we have devised and desired  
in our hearts.**

**We have offended you and sinned against your holy  
law.**

**We have done those things that we should not have  
done,**

**and we have not done those things that we should  
have done.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord!**

**Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,**

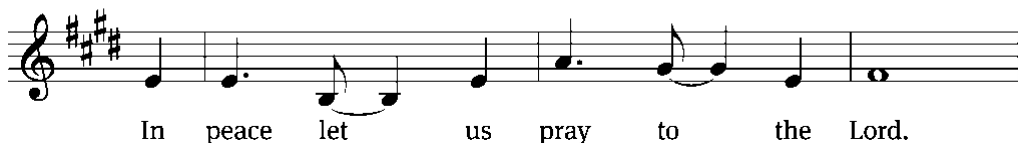
**according to your promises in Christ Jesus.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

God, our merciful Father, has forgiven all our sins. He sent his Son, Jesus Christ, to be our Redeemer and Savior. Jesus paid the penalty for our guilt by his death on the cross and freed us from death by his resurrection from the grave. We have peace with God now and forever.

**Amen.**

## **Lord, Have Mercy**



For the peace from a - bove and for our sal -  
va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well - be - ing of the Church of God,  
and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

For this ho - ly house and for all who of - fer here their  
wor - shin and praise. let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mer - cy.**

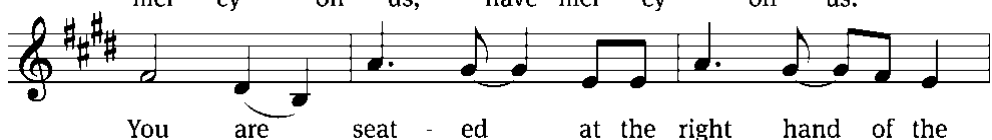
Help, save, com - fort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
A - men.

# Glory to God in the Highest

Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, al -  
might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.  
Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the  
high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and peace to his  
peo - ple on earth. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly  
Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sin of the world; have



mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.



You are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer, re - ceive our prayer.



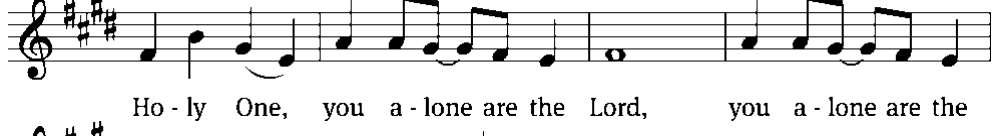
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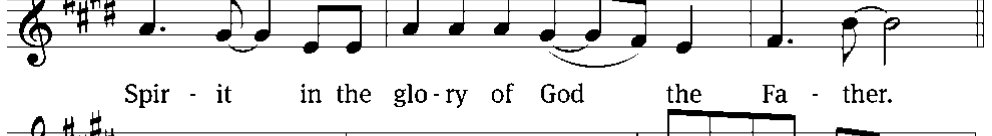
peo - ple on earth. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the



Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther.



Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the



high - est! Glo - ry, glo-ry to God, and



peace to his peo - ple on earth.

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## The Word

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in you. Grant us so firmly to believe in your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

1 Kings 17:8–16

*A widow generously offers up the last bit of food she has to serve the prophet Elijah.*

<sup>8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Get up! Go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there. I have commanded a woman there, a widow, to provide for you.”

<sup>10</sup>So he got up and went to Zarephath. He came to the city gate, and there he saw a widow gathering sticks. He called to her and said, “Please give me a little water in a jar, so that I can have something to drink.”

<sup>11</sup>When she went to get it, he called to her, “Please bring me a piece of bread.”

<sup>12</sup>She said, “As surely as the LORD your God lives, I have no food except a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a pitcher. See, I am gathering a couple of sticks so that I can go and prepare it for myself and my son, so that we can eat it and then die.”

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Do not be afraid. Go and do just as you said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from the flour and bring it out to me. Then go and make another for you and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says. The jar of flour will not run out and the pitcher of oil will not become empty until the day the LORD sends rain to water the surface of the ground.”

<sup>15</sup>So she went and did exactly as Elijah said. He and she, as well as her household, were able to eat for many days.

<sup>16</sup>The jar of flour did not run out, and the pitcher of oil did not become empty, just as the LORD had said through Elijah.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 111A LORD, I Must Praise You

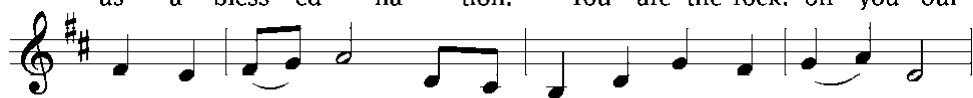
*Psalm 111A*



1 LORD, I must praise you when I stand in won - der at your  
2 Noth - ing but good you give to those who fear you; ev - er  
3 You sent your peo - ple long - de - sired sal - va - tion, mak - ing



might - y works and splen - dor. There is no oth - er God, no  
near those who re - vere you. To you the hun - gry come for  
us a bless - ed na - tion. You are the rock: on you our

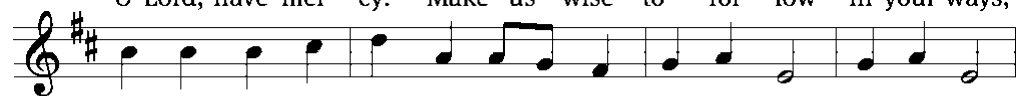


one a - bove you, yet so close to those who love you.  
dai - ly feed - ing, and the poor for jus - tice plead - ing.  
hopes are found - ed; safe we dwell, by love sur - round - ed.

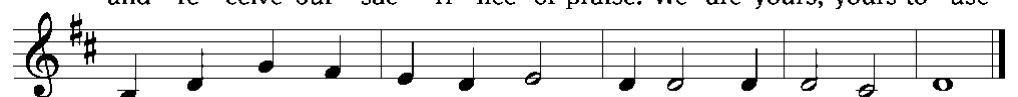




O Lord, have mer - cy! All your works de - clare your maj - es - ty  
O Lord, have mer - cy! All your deeds are hon - est and sin - cere;  
O Lord, have mer - cy! Make us wise to fol - low in your ways,



in an end - less grand dox - ol - o - gy; e - ven more would I praise  
all your vows as true as they ap - pear. Per - fect love, rar - est kind,  
and re - ceive our sac - ri - fice of praise. We are yours, yours to use



your com - pas - sion, love, and grace. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
all I need in you I find. O Lord, have mer - cy!  
for your dream as you may choose. O Lord, have mer - cy!

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## Second Reading

## 2 Corinthians 8:1–9

*The believers in Macedonia demonstrate startling generosity in collecting an offering to help fellow Christians in need.*

<sup>1</sup>Now brothers, we want you to know about the grace of God that was given in the churches of Macedonia: <sup>2</sup>In a severe test of trouble, their overflowing joy and their deep poverty overflowed into an abundance of their generosity. <sup>3</sup>I testify that of their own free will they gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability, <sup>4</sup>pleading with us with an urgent request for the gracious privilege of joining in this service to the saints. <sup>5</sup>And they did this not as we had expected, but in keeping with God's will they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us. <sup>6</sup>As a result we urged Titus, since he had already made a beginning, to bring to completion this gracious gift on your part.

<sup>7</sup>But just as you overflow in every way—in faith, in word, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you also overflow in this gracious gift.

<sup>8</sup>I do not say this as a command, but to test how genuine your love is, by comparing it with the eagerness of others.

<sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that although he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 9:11



#### Refrain



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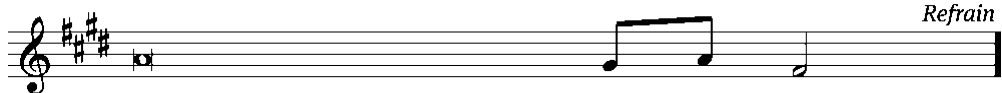


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#### Tone



You will be enriched in ev - 'ry way



so that you can be generous on every oc - ca - sion.

## Gospel

Mark 12:41–44

*Jesus points to a poor widow as an example of startling generosity.*

<sup>41</sup>Jesus sat down opposite the offering box and was watching how the crowd put money into it. Many rich people put in large amounts. <sup>42</sup>One poor widow came and put in two small bronze coins, worth less than a penny. <sup>43</sup>He called his disciples together and said to them, “Amen I tell you: This poor widow put more into the offering box than all the others. <sup>44</sup>For they all gave out of their surplus, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all that she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

**How the Widow Brought Her Off’ring** *To the tune of CW 711*

- 1. How the widow brought her off’ring  
To the temple, to the Lord!  
All she had she offered freely,  
Hands and heart in one accord.**
- 2. Small it was by human standards—  
Pennies—nothing in our sight.  
Large it was by heav’nly measure,  
To the Savior pure delight.**
- 3. “What to give?” we ask and wonder.  
“What to offer? What to bring?”  
“See this woman,” says the Savior,  
“She brought all, brought ev’rything!”**
- 4. Give us faith, give us your Spirit!  
Give us trust in you, our Friend!  
Give us hearts to love you, Jesus,  
Hands our all to you to lend!**

5. Lending is it, for you tell us  
You will handsomely repay.  
Yes, what grace, what love, what mercy  
We can see from day to day!

### **Sermon - Mark 12:41-44**

**Jesus loves offerings that are . . .**

- 1) Given out of love.
- 2) Given in faith.

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father  
Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **Offering**

## **Prayer of the Church**

Almighty God and Father, we thank you for all your mercies, especially for the gift of your Son, through whom you have revealed your gracious will. We praise you for the Holy Spirit and his working through the means of grace.

**Plant your Word in our hearts, and cause it to produce fruit in our lives.**

Strengthen and defend your Church, that by your Word and sacraments faith may grow and love toward all may increase.

**Support all who spread the light of your truth throughout the world.**

Keep our children in the grace of their baptisms. Enable their parents to train them in lives of faith.

**Raise up Christians to serve you in the ministry of the Word and in all godly walks of life.**

Preserve our nation in justice and honor. Guide and bless all who make, administer, and judge our laws.

**Give them wisdom that they may promote justice and hinder evil.**

Let your blessing rest on planting and harvest, commerce and industry, medicine and science, the arts and culture. Protect all who travel, and care for those whose work is difficult or dangerous.

**Be with all who devote themselves to any useful task.**

Comfort all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity. Remember those who suffer persecution for the faith. Have mercy on those for whom death draws near.

**Grant them your love, and take them into your tender care.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you, who now rest from their labors, *especially Mary Lamlá*. Console those who are mourning or living with sadness.

**Keep us in the true faith, and bring us at last to the joys of heaven.**

**Remembrance Day Prayer**

King of kings, we remember with solemn gratitude those who have fallen in the wars of this world and their sacrifice on our behalf. Bring comfort to all who still mourn and miss them. Lead us to do whatever we can to help them in their loneliness and need. May the memory of these fallen servicemen and women never be taken for granted among us. Instead, help us make good use of the freedom they fought to protect by living in peace and harmony with one another.

Hear us, Lord, as we pray in silence.

*Silent prayer*

Grant us these things, Father, for the sake of Jesus, who died and rose again.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

## Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

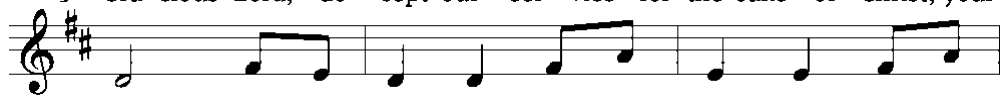
Amen.

## 748 Brothers, Sisters, Let Us Gladly

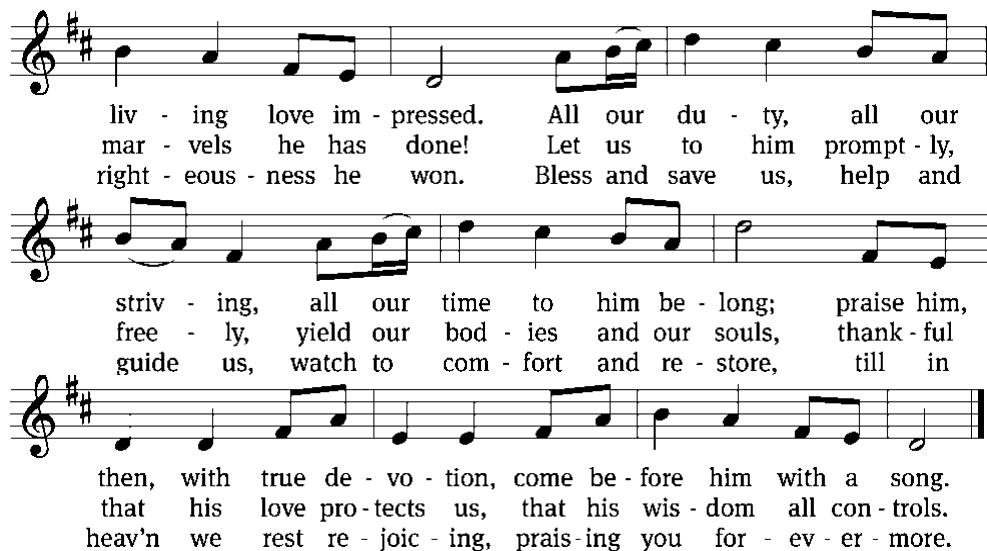
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1 Broth - ers, sis - ters, let us glad - ly give to God our all, our  
2 By his mer - cy, by his boun - ty, by the gift of Christ, his  
3 Gra - cious Lord, ac - cept our ser - vice for the sake of Christ, your



best: ser - vice heart - y, thor - ough, hon - est, with a  
Son, what great good - ness he has shown us, what high  
Son; lo, our hope a - bides now on - ly in the



liv - ing love im - pressed. All our du - ty, all our  
mar - vels he has done! Let us to him prompt - ly,  
right - eous - ness he won. Bless and save us, help and  
striv - ing, all our time to him be - long; praise him,  
free - ly, yield our bod - ies and our souls, thank - ful  
guide us, watch to com - fort and re - store, till in  
then, with true de - vo - tion, come be - fore him with a song.  
that his love pro - tects us, that his wis - dom all con - trols.  
heav'n we rest re - joic - ing, prais - ing you for - ev - er - more.

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## **Announcements**

### **Church Cleaners**

November 17 – Matthew // November 24 – Andrew

### ***Barrhaven Christmas Parade***

Divine Word is again entering a float in the Christmas Parade. In addition, this year we will be hosting an open house (from 5:30-7:30) at the church with hot chocolate, soup and caroling. There are lots of ways for you to join in this exciting outreach opportunity.

1) Walk in the parade or ride on the float. Be part of the excitement of presenting the Christmas story to Barrhaven. Riders are in costume. Walkers hand out flyers and candy to the 1000s of spectators.

3) Be a warm, welcoming presence at church. Help prepare food. Sit and socialize.

4) Invite your friend and neighbor to watch the parade with you and come to church after for the open house. Take a bag from this summer to help you in your personal evangelism.

5) And of course, keep this outreach event in your prayers, that the Lord would bless our efforts to share the great love of our Saviour to our friends, neighbors and community.



## DIVINE WORD'S TWO-WEEK CALENDAR

- Su (10) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
11:45 am Divine Sisters Meeting
- We (13) 5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" (BIC)
- Th (14) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)
- Fr (15) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study: Romans  
4:30 pm Confirmation (D)
- Sa (16) 12:00 pm WELS-Canada AGM
- Su (17) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship (with Communion)**  
11:30 am Coffee Fellowship  
**3:00 pm Worship in Poltimore**  
4:00 pm Meet for Parade  
6:00 pm Open House after Parade
- Tu (19) 6:00 pm Elders Meeting  
7:00 pm Council Meeting
- We (20) 4:00 pm Communicating Christ (BIC)  
5:30 pm "Test the Spirits" (BIC)
- Th (21) 6:00 pm Illumine (at St. Paul's)  
6:30 pm Youth Confirmation (W)
- Fr (22) 3:00 pm Online Women's Bible Study: Romans  
4:30 pm Confirmation (D)  
6:00 pm Friday Fellowship
- Sa (23) 1:00 pm Divine Word Long Range Planning  
4:00 pm St. Paul's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Social
- Su (10) 9:00 am Sunday School / Bible Class**  
**10:30 am Worship**  
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