

MATTHEW 25:1-13

1“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; 4but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. 5As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. 6But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ 7Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. 8The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ 9But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ 10And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ 12But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ 13Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”



— THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR —
Twenty-Third Sunday After Pentecost

— ELEVEN O’CLOCK —

LECTIONARY SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE DAY

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Psalms 78:1-7

Matthew 25:1-13

TODAY’S WORSHIP

Today’s Livestream service is broadcast live. All music is sung by Chancel Choir member, William Ferguson. Our preacher today is Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans.

LIVESTREAM MINISTRY

Services are broadcast, recorded and archived each Sunday via LiveStream and are available on the Brick Church website at www.brickchurch.org. For more hymn recording from E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs,” visit our online audio companion to the book at, www.brickchurch.org/a-legacy-of-sacred-songs.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

All programming is virtual unless otherwise indicated

Event Time	Event Name
Sunday, 08 November 2020	
All Day	Virtual Brick Church Fair
9:00 AM to 10:30 AM	8th Grade Confirmation Class
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Adult Ed. Lecture Series
10:00 AM to 10:40 AM	Sunday School Zoom Grade 3 - 7
11:00 AM to 12:15 PM	Sunday Worship
1:00 PM to 2:00 PM	Co-Ed Bible Study
1:00 PM to 3:00 PM	High School Gathering
Monday, 09 November 2020	
All Day	Virtual Brick Church Fair
8:00 AM to 10:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Monday Class
Tuesday, 10 November 2020	
All Day	Virtual Brick Church Fair
4:30 PM to 5:30 PM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Tuesday Class
Wednesday, 11 November 2020	
All Day	Virtual Brick Church Fair
6:00 PM to 6:20 PM	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service
Thursday, 12 November 2020	
All Day	Virtual Brick Church Fair
7:45 AM to 8:45 AM	Men’s Bible Study
9:15 AM to 10:15 AM	Women’s Bible Study
10:00 AM to 11:30 AM	Keep Fit 2020-21 - Thursday Class
Friday, 13 November 2020	
All Day	Virtual Brick Church Fair
Saturday, 14 November 2020	
All Day	Virtual Brick Church Fair

THE FLOWERS in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Randall Turlington Ferguson by Pamela H. Ferguson.



NEXT SUNDAY’S PREACHER will be The Rev. Adam D. Gorman.

THE GATHERING

PRE-SERVICE HYMNS

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

(See music at the end of this bulletin or page 7 of E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs”)

St. Denio

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

(See music at the end of this bulletin or page 8 of E. Deane Turner’s “A Legacy of Sacred Songs”)

Hymn to Joy

PRELUDE

“Chant de paix” (*Neuf Pièces*)
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN SOLO

“Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”
(See music at the end of this bulletin)

Llangloffan

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When our courage wears thin, O God, strengthen our resolve to choose You each day.
When we grow weary in our waiting, steel us for the long watches of the night – for we long to be found ready when You appear in Your glory. Fill our lamps with Your grace, that we might share Your light with our children and with the generations that follow.
Amen.

KYRIE

David N. Johnson (1922-1987)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION

The children being baptized today are:

Elin Amelia Barnet
daughter of Kiersten Salander Barnet and Bruce Alexander Barnet

Grace Bellows
daughter of Amanda Brickell Bellows and Marcus S. Bellows

Elder Helen B. Pennoyer will assist with today’s baptisms.

BAPTISMAL QUESTIONS AND PRAYER

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise...

BAPTISM

BLESSING AND WELCOME

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION AND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

Helen Lynch

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

(See scripture text at the end of this bulletin)

SERMON

“A Life of Wisdom”

The Rev. Dr. Thomas E. Evans

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The Confession of 1967: 9.23)*

The new life does not release a person from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, or fear. People still have to struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, as they mature in love and faithfulness in their life with Christ, they live in freedom and good cheer, bearing witness on good days, and evil days, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others.

DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP AND INVITATION TO OFFERING

Beth Bell

OFFERTORY SOLO

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy (1809-1847)

“If With All Your Heart Ye Truly Seek Me”

If with all your heart ye truly seek Me, Ye shall ever surely find Me, Thus saith our God.

William Ferguson, tenor

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING, INTERCESSION, AND PETITION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray...

THE SENDING

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Con molto maestoso, *op. 65, no. 3*”
Keith S. Tóth, *organist*

Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy

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ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11

Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987

Welsh folk melody
Adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3. To all, life Thou giv - est, to both great and small;
4. Thou reign - est in glo - ry, Thou rul - est in light,

In light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
Nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, Thou rul - est in might;
In all life Thou liv - est, the true life of all;
Thine an - gels a - dore Thee, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
Thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

Al - might - y, vic - to - rious, Thy great name we praise.
Thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
Then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth Thee.
'Tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth Thee!

Hear the audio recording at <https://www.brickchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/Immortal-Invisible-God-Only-Wise-1.mp3>

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HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Henry van Dyke, 1907; alt.

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824
Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore Thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
2. All Thy works with joy sur - round Thee, Earth and heaven re - flect Thy rays,
3. Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus Which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

Hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore Thee, Open - ing to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, Join - ing all in heav - en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; Drive the gloom of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, Flower - y mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, Vic - tors in the midst of strife,

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, Fill us with the light of day.
Chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, Call us to re - joice in Thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward In the tri - umph song of life.

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Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers

LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D

Laurentius Laurenti, 1700
 Trans. Sarah Borthwick Findlater, 1854
 Alt. *The Hymnal* 1982

Welsh folk melody
 Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865
 As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

1. Re - joice! Re - joice, be - liev - ers, And let your lights ap - pear;
 2. See that your lamps are burn - ing, Re - plen-ish them with oil;
 3. Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing And dark-er night is near.
 Look now for your sal - va - tion, The end of sin and toil.
 A - rise, Thou sun so longed for, A - bove this sha-dowed sphere!

The Bride-groom is a - ris - ing And soon He will draw nigh;
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, The gates wide o - pen stand;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, We plead, O Lord, to see

Up, watch with ex - pec - ta - tion, At mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry, The Bride-groom is at hand!
 The day of earth's re - demp - tion, And ev - er be with Thee!