

# TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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Worship Focus  
Live with Generosity

**LET'S GO >>**

**>> TEACH, REACH, GROW**

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# Order of Service for TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Order of Service

Setting One

## ✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

695 – Take My Life and Let It Be



- 1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
- 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
- 3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly for my King;
- 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would I with - hold;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.  
take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sag - es from thee.  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

- 5 Take my will and make it thine,  
it shall be no longer mine;  
take my heart, it is thine own,  
it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

*Please stand*

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

**Amen.**

**CONFESSION**

CW 154

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Be seated**

## **SONG OF PRAISE**

*Junior Choir sings.*

## 626 – My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

- 1 *My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to him who bore my pain,  
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace  
and gave me life again,  
who crushed my curse of sinfulness  
and clothed me in his light  
and wrote his law of righteousness  
with pow'r upon my heart.*
- 2 *My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to him who walks beside,  
who floods my weaknesses with strength  
and causes fears to fly,  
whose ev'ry promise is enough  
for ev'ry step I take,  
sustaining me with arms of love  
and crowning me with grace.*
- 3 *My heart is filled with thankfulness  
to him who reigns above,  
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,  
whose ev'ry thought is love.  
For ev'ry day I have on earth  
is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all,  
to love and follow him,  
to love and follow him.*

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

*Be seated*

## ✠ The Word ✠

### 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>1</sup>KINGS<sup>17:8</sup>Then the word of the LORD came to him: <sup>9</sup>“Go at once to Zarephath in the region of Sidon and stay there. I have directed a widow there to supply you with food.” <sup>10</sup>So he went to Zarephath. When he came to the town gate, a widow was there gathering sticks. He called to her and asked, “Would you bring me a little water in a jar so I may have a drink?” <sup>11</sup>As she was going to get it, he called, “And bring me, please, a piece of bread.”

<sup>12</sup>“As surely as the LORD your God lives,” she replied, “I don’t have any bread—only a handful of flour in a jar and a little olive oil in a jug. I am gathering a few sticks to take home and make a meal for myself and my son, that we may eat it—and die.”

<sup>13</sup>Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid. Go home and do as you have said. But first make a small loaf of bread for me from what you have and bring it to me, and then make something for yourself and your son. <sup>14</sup>For this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: ‘The jar of flour will not be used up and the jug of oil will not run dry until the day the LORD sends rain on the land.’ ”

<sup>15</sup>She went away and did as Elijah had told her. So there was food every day for Elijah and for the woman and her family. <sup>16</sup>For the jar of flour was not used up and the jug of oil did not run dry, in keeping with the word of the LORD spoken by Elijah.

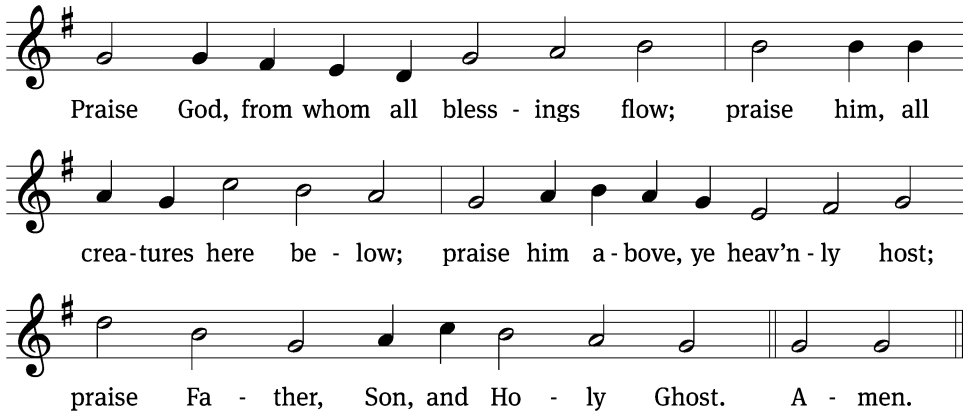
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



## PSALM

## Psalm 150 – Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all  
creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 8:1–9

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

<sup>2</sup>CORINTHIANS 8:1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. <sup>2</sup>In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. <sup>3</sup>For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, <sup>4</sup>they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. <sup>5</sup>And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. <sup>6</sup>So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. <sup>7</sup>But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

<sup>8</sup>I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. <sup>9</sup>For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*

# GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

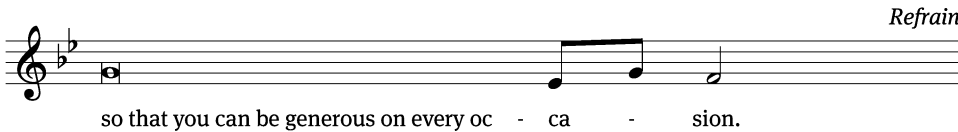
2 Corinthians 9:11



## Refrain



## Tone



# GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

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

<sup>MARK 12:38</sup>As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, <sup>39</sup>and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. <sup>40</sup>They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. These men will be punished most severely.”

<sup>41</sup>Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. <sup>42</sup>But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents.

<sup>43</sup>Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <sup>44</sup>They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Be seated*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

807 – All Depends on Our Possessing



1 All de - pends on our pos - sess - ing God's a - bun - dant  
2 He who to this day has fed me and to man - y  
3 Man - y spend their lives in fret - ting o - ver tri - fles  
4 When with sor - row I am strick - en, hope a - new my



grace and bless - ing, though all earth - ly wealth de - part.  
joys has led me is and ev - er shall be mine.  
and in get - ting things that have no sol - id ground.  
heart will quick - en; all my long - ing shall be stilled.



They who trust with faith un - shak - en in their God are  
He who ev - er gent - ly schools me, he who dai - ly  
I shall strive to win a trea - sure that will bring me  
To his lov - ing - kind - ness ten - der soul and bod - y



not for - sak - en and will keep a daunt - less heart.  
guides and rules me, will re - main my help di - vine.  
last - ing plea - sure and that now is sel - dom found.  
I sur - ren - der, for on God a - lone I build.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Mark 1:38

## Let's Go!

1. Teach
2. Reach
3. Grow

Please stand

## ✠ The Confession of Faith ✠

### NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate. He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.*

*Offerings can be given in any of these ways:*

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



*Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.*



## PRAYER

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.**

## CLOSING HYMN

750 – We Give Thee but Thine Own



1 We give thee but thine own, what-e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun-ties thus as stew-ards true re-ceive



all that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad-ly, as thou bless-est us, to thee our first-fruits give.

*After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.*

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*Setting One from Christian Worship*

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Hymn 695 - Take My Life and Let It Be

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Tune: William H. Havergal, 1793–1870

Scripture references: Ro 6:13; 12:1,2; 2 Co 5:15

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Hymn 626 - My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness

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Scripture references: Ps 69:30; Col 2: 6,7; Ps 9:1

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Psalms 150 – Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Psalms 148 & 150; Isaiah 6:1-4; Ephesians 1:3; James 1:17; Revelation 4:8

Hymn 807 - All Depends on Our Possessing

Text: tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.; Andächtige Haus-Kirche, Nürnberg, 1676

Tune: adapt. Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758; Johann Löhner, 1645–1705

Scripture references: Heb 13:5,6; Mt 6:19-34; Ps 143:8; Ps 37:5,6

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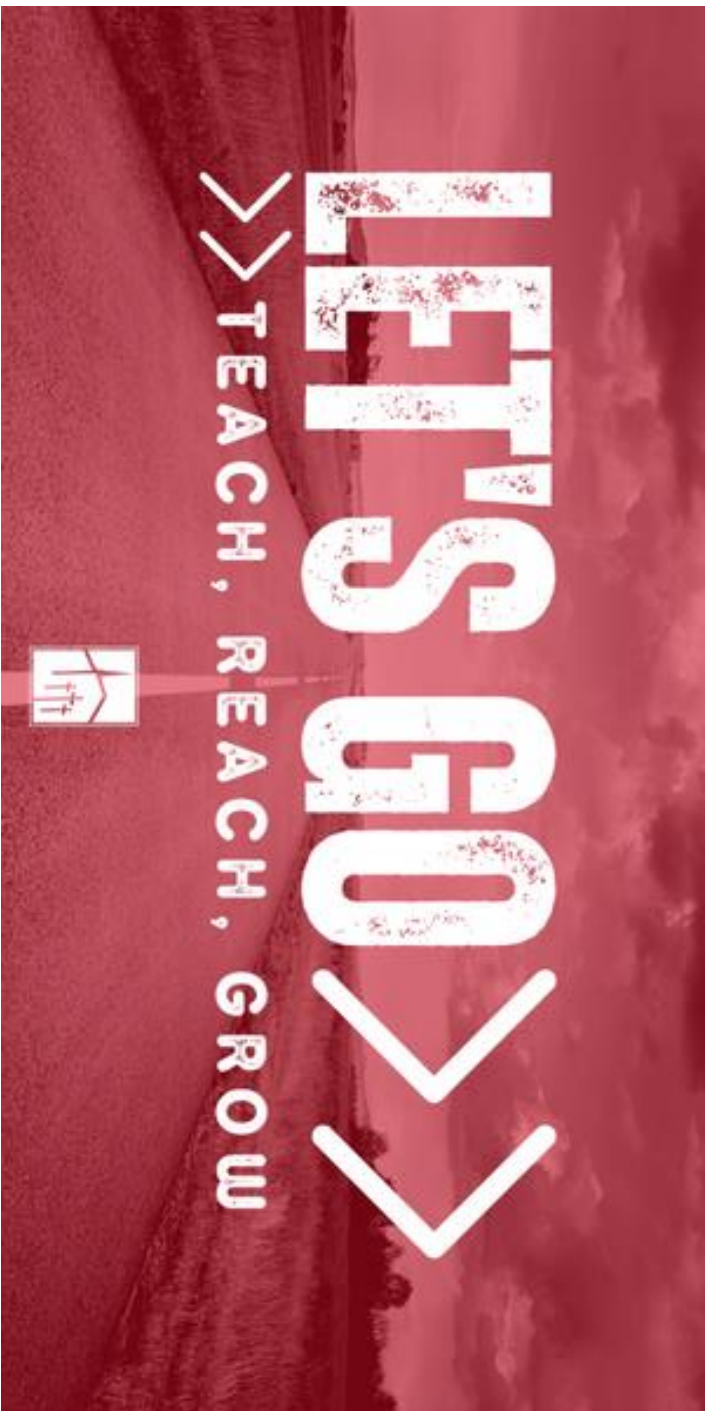
Hymn 750 - We Give Thee but Thine Own

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, abr.

Tune: William H. Monk, 1823–1889

Scripture references: Ps 24:1; Pr 3:9,10; 1 Co 4:2; 2 Co 9:7

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# HOLIDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2024

## *“The Gift of God”*



Nov. 30/Dec. 1	Advent 1	Regular schedule
December 4	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 7,8	Advent 2	Regular schedule
December 11	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 14,15	Advent 3	Regular schedule
December 18	Midweek Advent	7:00 p.m.
December 20	Children’s Service	6:30 p.m.
December 21,22	Advent 4	Regular schedule
December 24	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	3:30 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Lessons and Carols	7:00 p.m.
	Christmas Eve Candlelight Compline	11:00 p.m.
December 25	Christmas Day Festival	9:30 a.m.
December 28,29	Christmas 1	Regular schedule
December 31	New Year’s Eve with the Lord’s Supper	3:30 p.m.