

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2023 11.00 am**

**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost**

**The Sacrament of Holy Baptism**

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**Welcome & Intimations**

**Introit**

**Call to Worship**

**Hymn 251 I, the Lord of sea and sky,**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.

I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.

I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.

My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*  
Daniel L. Schutte(b.1947)

**Call to Prayer**

**Prayer of Approach and Confession**

**Children's Address**

**Hymn 547 What a friend we have in Jesus,**

1       What a friend we have in Jesus,  
all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear!  
All because we do not carry  
everything to God in prayer.

2       Have we trials and temptations,  
is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
cumbered with a load of care?  
Jesus is our only refuge:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you,  
you will find a solace there.

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**Judges 4:1-7**

**Anthem**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
St. Matthew 25:14-30

**Sermon**

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayers of Intercession

**Hymn 501 Take this moment, sign, and space;**

Take this moment, sign and space;  
Take my friends around;  
Here among us make the place  
Where your love is found.

Take the time to call my name,  
Take the time to mend  
Who I am and what I've been,  
All I've failed to tend.

Take the tiredness of my days,  
Take my past regret,  
Letting your forgiveness touch  
All I can't forget

Take the little child in me  
Scared of growing old;  
Help me here to find my worth  
Made in God's own mould.

Take my talents, take my skills,  
Take what's yet to be;  
Let my life be yours, and yet  
Let it still be me.

John L. Bell(b.1949) & Graham Maule(1958-2019)

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The Apostles' Creed

**Our Father which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.**

**Thy Kingdom come.**

**Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for  
ever. Amen.**

**Hymn 644 O Jesus, I have promised**

1 O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end;  
be now and ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if you are by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if you will be my guide.

- 2 O let me feel you near me:  
the world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
the tempting sounds I hear;  
my foes are ever near me,  
around me, and within;  
but, Jesus, draw still nearer,  
and shield my soul from sin.
- 3 O let me hear you speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
True guardian of my soul.
- 4 O Jesus, you have promised  
to all who follow you,  
that where you are in glory  
your servant shall be too;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve you to the end:  
now give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

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## Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)