

The Rich Fool



WELCOME TO THE STORY

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

A Story that Invites Us

All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

PRELUDE . . . *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

WELCOME

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ is with you.

All: And also with you.

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Please Stand

CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross,
the sign marked at baptism.

P: Generous, compassionate God, you call us to live in peace with one another, sharing the good gifts you give us with all of your creation.

All: Yet, we hang on tightly to our possessions, fearing that we will not have enough.

P: You call us to remember that we are one in Christ, and to treat one another with love and respect.

All: Still, we argue over little things, expecting you to tell us that we are right and that others are wrong.

P: You call us to rely on you, and to put our trust in your eternal love.

All: Forgive us when we turn away from you.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God has promised to fill us with good things, to satisfy our hunger and thirst with love and grace. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

All: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God calls to us from the wilderness of our lives.

All: We cry out to God to save us from all that we fear.

L: God satisfies all who hunger, and gives water to all who thirst.

All: We hunger and thirst for God.

L: Come and give thanks, for God is good.

All: We come to worship the God who calls us.

OPENING HYMN . . . “Morning Has Broken” vs. 1, 3

Text: Eleanor Farjeon - Tune: Gaelic tune - ELW #556

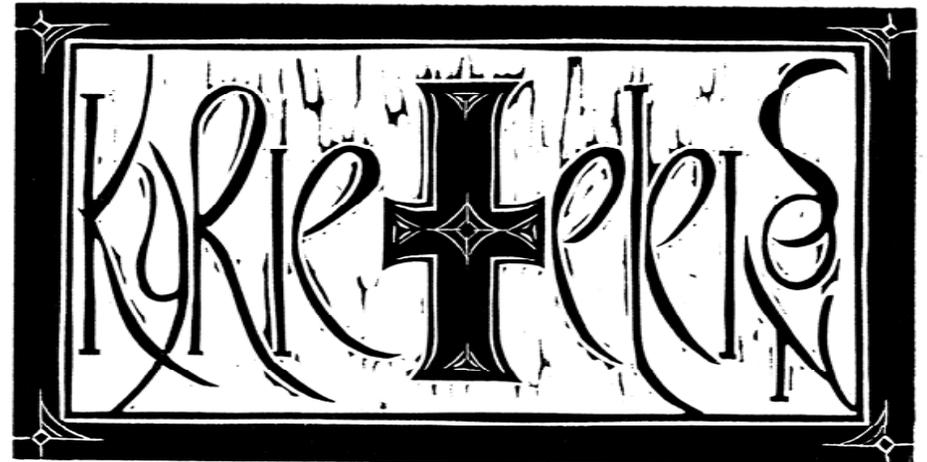
Favorite Hymn of Sharon Pickering and Kathy Miedema

1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing;
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing,
black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird.
born of the one light E - den saw play!
Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - 'ry morn - ing,
Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!
God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day!

GREETING

P: The grace that is Christ's gift to us, the love of God, and the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace is with you all.

All: And also with you. Amen.



KYRIE ELEISON . . . “Lord, Have Mercy”

Refrain



Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e-lei-son, ev-'ry day.

L: For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the unity of all; for this holy house, for all who worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: That we may live out your impassioned response to the hungry and the poor; that we may live out truth and justice and grace, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For peace in our hearts, for peace in our homes, for friends and family; for life and for love, for our work and our play, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain

L: For your Spirit to guide; that you center our lives in the water and the Word; that you nourish our souls with your body and blood, let us pray to the Lord, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Refrain



HYMN OF PRAISE . . . “Glory to God”

Refrain



All: Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

1 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. *Refrain* Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

2 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; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer.

Refrain Glo-ry to God in the high-est, the high-est, and

peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 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.
 A - men. A - men. A - men.
Final refrain
 Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's
 peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -
 est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives.

All: Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Be Seated

The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

READING . . . Colossians 3:1-11

Life in Christ includes a radical reorientation of our values. Just as the newly baptized shed their old clothes in order to put on new garments, so Christians are called to let go of greed and take hold of a life shaped by God's love in Christ.

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please Stand



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
 words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.
All: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL . . . Luke 12:13-21

In God's reign, the "rich will be sent away empty." Jesus uses a parable to warn against identifying the worth of one's life with the value of one's possessions rather than one's relationship with God.

Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But

God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

P: The Gospel, the good news of God
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Be Seated

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . Pastor Tim

Please Stand

HYMN . . . "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" vs. 1, 2

Text: Joseph Scriven - Tune: Charles C. Converse - ELW #742

Favorite Hymn of Arthur Kuhlmann

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
 What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged—take it to the Lord in prayer.
 Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
 all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness—take it to the Lord in prayer.

Be Seated

Please Stand

APOSTLE’S CREED

L: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle’s Creed:

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

A Story that Feeds Us

INVITATION TO OFFERING

L: Jesus says, “Take nothing for the journey—no bread, no bags, no money.” Rather, bring yourselves, totally and completely. Bring your love, your gifts, your service, your leadership.

All: May this be so as we share our offerings of monetary gifts in this time together.

Be Seated

THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “Accept, O Lord the Gifts We Bring”



1 Ac - cept, O Lord, the gifts we bring to place up - on your ta - ble.
3 Our hopes and dreams, our toils and cares we lift in prayer be - fore you.



We do not wor - ship as we ought but on - ly as we’re a - ble.
Lord, by your grace now come to us, as hum - bly we a - dore you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: Bless these gifts,

All: that they may serve your world with power.

L: Bless our lives,

All: that we may serve your world with love.

L: Bless each of us,

All: that we may answer your call to lead and to serve where we are needed most. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

L: Treasuring your promise to hear us when we call, we pray for the church, those in need, and all of your creation. Your people struggle with the weariness and toil of living in a broken world. Work through your church to restore justice and mercy, and send rest and comfort to all who are bowed down. Trusting in God, our abundant provider, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Your world reflects your image in billions of unique ways. Touch every life—low and high, rich and poor—and sway every heart toward your merciful will. Trusting in God, our Sovereign, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Your people in this congregation praise you and pray for your almighty help. Comfort those who suffer from anxiety, depression, or stress. Provide for those in need. Trusting in God, our purpose and goal, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: Your communities near and far lack basic resources. Supply work, food, and health care for all who are in need. Bring relief to those who are overworked. Trusting in God, our help, let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: God of all, hear now the prayers of our heart said either silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

All: Have mercy, O God.

L: All these things and more we ask in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

L: God is with you.

All: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them up to God.

L: Let us give thanks to God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

P: Eternal God, in the abundance of your love you have caused all things to be;

All: from dust and spirit you have woven our humanity;

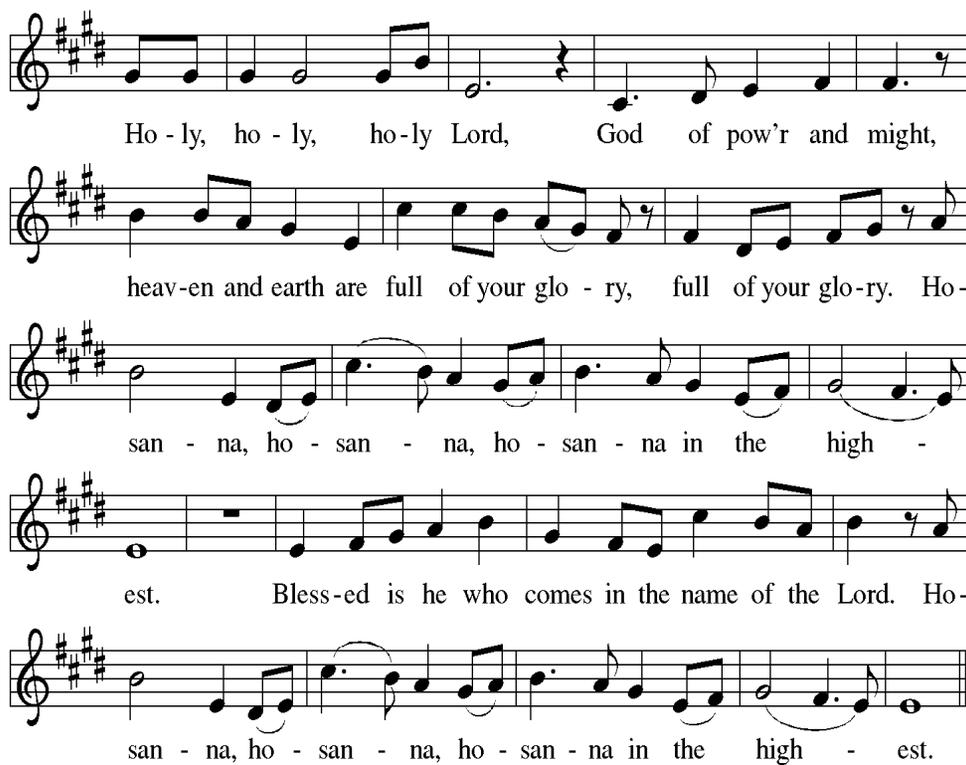
P: in all our wanderings you never cease to call us to fullness of life.

All: You gave us Jesus, son of Mary, the bread of life broken for the world;

P: he fed us and feasted with us, he healed us and suffered for us;

All: his dying and rising have set us free from the poverty of sin and the famine of death.

P: Therefore, with all whom you have made, cherished, and called, with all who hunger for your kingdom and will not rest until all your children are fed, with the broken saints and redeemed sinners of all the ages, we take up the song of your praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: We ask that your Holy Spirit will fall upon us and upon these gifts, that these fragile, earthly things may be to us the body and blood of our lord and brother, Jesus Christ; who, on the night that he was betrayed, gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Calling them to his table, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: 'This is my body, which is

given for you. Do this to remember me.' In the same way after supper, he took the cup, saying: 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me.' As on that night, so here and now he offers himself in touch and taste beyond all words can hold. Great is the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

P: Therefore, in our eating and drinking we are filled with the life-giving presence of Christ;

All: we proclaim him as creation's host, transforming poverty into plenty in the reckless generosity of love.

P: Inspire us with the hope that one day death and greed will be no more and people without number will come from east and west, north and south to share the kingdom meal.

All: We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be yours, Mother of blessings, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: As you are one with us, O Christ, make us one with you as we pray as you taught...

All: 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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.



FRACTION RITE

P: Here is food that satisfies, the taste of communion. Here is wine pouring free, the washing away of fear. Here is life abundant, a table of peace for all.

All: May this peace be in us and among us, a sign of hope for a world renewed.

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Holy Communion is open to all.

Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Thy Holy Wings"

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg - Tune: Swedish folk tune - ELW #613

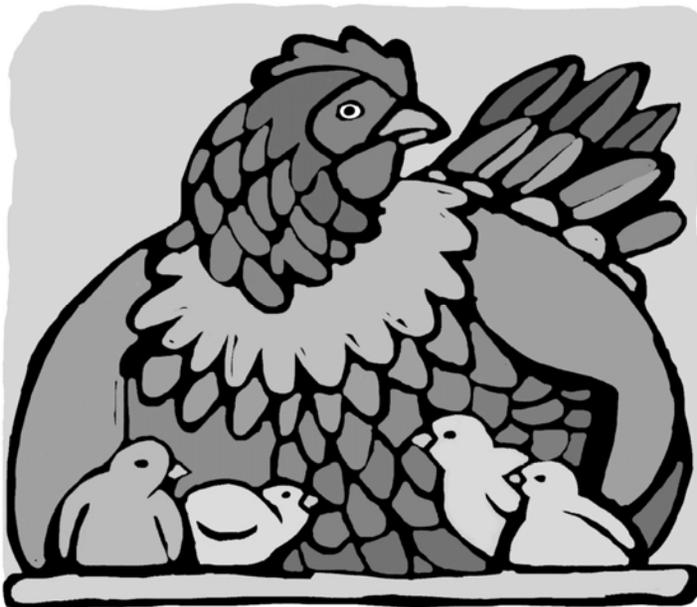
Favorite Hymn of Faye Williams and Sally Bentley

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.



COMMUNION HYMN . . . "I Am the Bread of Life"

Text & Tune: S. Suzanne Toolan - ELW #485

Favorite Hymn of Donna Lee

1 "I am the Bread of life. You who
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
 flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
 I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
 eat . . . of this bread, you shall . . . live for -
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
 live . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
 ev - er, . . . you you shall live for - ev - er."
 blood, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
 and I will raise you up on the last day."

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: Creator God, bless this gift of bread with the yeast of your love.

All: Flow through this gift of wine with your life-giving grace.

P: As we receive these gifts, make us one with you through the power of your Holy Spirit.

All: Nurture our lives, that we may be loaves of your generous abundance.

P: Pour your grace into our hearts, that we may be vines of loving nourishment for one another and for a world in need of growth and strength.

All: In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Loving God, in this meal you sustain the weary and heal the broken.

All: May the gift of your word made flesh, the body and blood of Christ, inspire our tongues to praise you and proclaim to the entire world the Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Be Seated



Please Stand

COMMISSIONING

P: Having clothed ourselves in Christ, let us be Christ to a world that hungers and thirsts for love.

All: In the name of the great giver of life, the one who is life itself and the breath of life; we go in peace to love and serve the world. Amen.

Those who desire extra time to exit
are invited to do so during the last hymn.

SENDING OUT. . . "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

vs. 1, 2

Text & Tune: Les Petites Soeurs de Jésus and L'Arche Community - ELW #808
Favorite Hymn of Sally Bentley



1 Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney;
2 Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.



I'll tell ev - 'ry - bod - y a - bout you wher - ev - er I go:
May all of my joy be a faith - ful re - flec - tion of you.



you a - lone are our life and our peace and our love.
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.



Lord Je - sus, you shall be my song as I jour - ney.
Lord Je - sus, I'll praise you as long as I jour - ney.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve God's people.

All: Thanks be to God!