Today's Lessons: The Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost, Proper 27

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Micah 4:1–5

Reader A reading from the Prophet Micah.

In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the LORD of hosts has spoken. For all the peoples walk, each in the name of its god, but we will walk in the name of the LORD our God forever and ever.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85:7–13

7 Show us your mercy, O LORD, *
and grant us your salvation.

8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Colossians 3:12-15

Reader A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Colossians.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Matthew 5:43–48

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven; for he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the righteous and on the unrighteous. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers and sisters, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Today's Readers:

Lessons: Helena Thornton

Prayers: CJ King

Today's Music

Prelude	Peace I give to you	Reigh Factor
Opening Hymn		Hymn #649 v. 1 & 4
Offertory Anthem	If Thou But Trust In God To Guide Thee	Neumark/Bach
Communion Music	Lord, I need you	arr. by Mark Hayes
Sending Hymn		Hymn #674
Postlude	Let there be peace on earth	S. Miller and J. Jackson

Please pray for

Those in need of healing: Pat (Mulkern), Louise (LeBeau), Lena (Gray), Pat (Snyder), Ellen (Chapman), Stephanie (Robinson), Hardy (Shelton, III), Cheryl (True), Jenny (Gettel), Holli, Ida (Davenport), Samuel (Kirton), Lynn (Kenney), William (Schulenberg), Wayne (Brehob), Siobhan (Hanna), and George (Johnson).

For the churches of Diocese of the Michigan: St. Patrick's (Madison Heights).

For the churches of our companion Diocese of the Dominican Republic: Mount of Transfiguration (Jarabacoa).