

# RESOURCE SHEET

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost  
15<sup>th</sup> November 2020

First Reading: Judges 4:1-10  
Psalm: Psalm 123  
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

*The readings may be followed by some discussion or silent meditation*

*A homily reflection by Fr Gary Bouma can be found here,  
and an audio recording here.*

*This hymn may be said or sung for reflection*

## HYMN

*Link for a recording to accompany the hymn*

1  
A new heart, Lord, create in me,  
A heart from sin and guilt set free;  
O close the gate and guard the door,  
That sin may enter in no more.

2  
To you my soul I open wide:  
come, Jesus, and in me abide,  
and from the temple of my heart  
make all unrighteousness depart.

5  
Then I will tell in grateful song  
the praises that to you belong;  
my joy will be, my whole life through,  
to consecrate myself to you.

3  
O let your Holy Spirit's light,  
with all your heavenly radiance bright,  
flow through my spirit like a flood,  
eternal source of every good.

4  
Thus to my cleansed and contrite heart  
your heavenly riches, Lord, impart,  
so that your wisdom, truth, and grace  
may make my heart a fruitful place.

Heinrich Georg Neuss (1654-1716) *tr.* Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812-97) TIS 559

*Suggested music for reflection*

'Lift Thine Eyes' by Felix Mendelssohn

*The following prayers are said, appropriate to the day*

Give us faith to be steadfast amid the tumults of this world:  
**knowing that your kingdom shall come and your will be done**

Teach us so to number our days:  
**that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

Be silent before the Lord God !  
**For the day of the Lord is at hand.**

Lord we pray that we may be found ready at your coming: may we heed your call and do your will. Guide your church that it may show forth your light and love; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of all creativity, bless those whose gifts bring joy and delight to this world: for musicians and artists, writers and craftspeople. Give wisdom and skill to those whose gifts work for the benefit of society: for scientists and research workers, creators and inventors. May we share your gifts justly and use them rightly. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of all health, look with your compassion on all those who are sick, in pain, recovering for operations or weary in mind or body. Meet the needs of all your people, and particularly from our own community: Marg, Ali, Patricia, Christine, Phil, Anne, Gail, Jean, Bill, Greg, Roger, Warwick, Andrew and Bob. Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We rejoice in the saints of God, all who share in your triumph over death and now have the glorious liberty of the children of God. We commend to you friends and loved ones now departed, remembering particularly this day Heloise Pereira, and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time: Phyllis St. Clair Cox, Lillian Hampton Turner, Hazel Shankly, Edward McDonald Walker, Thomas Vesian Wallace.  
May they rest in peace: **and rise in glory.**

### **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

Ever-living God, before the earth was formed, and even after it shall cease to be, you are God. Break into our short span of life and show us those things that are eternal, that we may serve your purpose in all we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*A recording by Yi-Shuen Chan on Organ of "Chorale Fantasia on When I Survey the Wonderful Cross" by CHH Parry*