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Seek Ye first the Kingdom of god, And His righteousness

And all these things shall be added unto you —

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia!

Postlude

PRIORITIES AND PERSPECTIVE

Luke 12:13-34

- I. Priorities: Illustrated through a parable on greed. (13-21)
 - A. A person's life is more than the total of their possessions.
 - B. Parable of a materially successful man ... but spiritually poor.
 - C. The Point: Desire to be rich toward God.

- II. Perspective: Your heart will follow your treasure. (22-34)
 - A. The unfruitfulness of worry – yet we all participate at times.
 - B. Lessons of God's grace in creation.
 - C. The Point:
 - 1. Seek his kingdom.
 - 2. Do not be afraid – by focusing on that which can not be taken from you.
 - 3. Your contentment in life will be determined by what you truly value.

- II. Application:
 - A. Take a moment to consider your 'spiritual' wealth.
 - B. Take a moment to consider your life's 'treasure.'

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Introit

Call to Worship Unison Reading Adapted from Psalm 86:1-4

Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

² Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

³ Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long.

⁴ Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

*Hymn *He Is Exalted*

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high;

We will praise Him!

He is exalted, forever exalted, and we will praise His name!

He is the Lord, forever His truth shall reign.

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

*Invocation

*Hymn No. 1 *Joyful, Joyful, Ae Adore Thee* (vs. 1 & 4)

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee, hail Thee as the sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;

Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;

Father-love is reigning o'er us; brother-love binds man to man.

Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;

Joyful music lifts us sunward in the triumph song of life.

Scripture Reading Luke 12:13-21

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me."

¹⁴ Jesus replied, "Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?" ¹⁵ Then he said to them, "Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

¹⁶ And he told them this parable: "The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. ¹⁷ He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.'

¹⁸ "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.'

¹⁹ And I'll say to myself, 'You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.' "

²⁰ "But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

²¹ "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

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PRIORITIES AND PERSPECTIVE

Luke 12:13-34

Priorities

*Hymn No. 25 *Immortal, Invisible*

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Immortal, invisible, God only wise,

In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,

Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,

Almighty, victorious—Thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life Thou givest—to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest—the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish—but naught changeth Thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore Thee all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render—O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

The Offering

Offertory

Scripture Reading Luke 12:22-34

²² Then Jesus said to his disciples: “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: They do not sow or reap, they have no storeroom or barn; yet God feeds them. And how much more valuable you are than birds! ²⁵ Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ “Consider how the lilies grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them.

³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor.

Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Sermon Continued

Perspective

Morning Prayer

Hymn of Response No. 371 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* (vs. 4)

Have Thine own way, Lord, Have Thine own way.
Hold o'er my being absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit till all shall see
Christ only, always, living in me!

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