



ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH

To seek God, and be Christ's body in the world
November 11, 2018—8:00 (Rite I) & 10:00 a.m. (Rite II)
ST. MARTIN'S DAY—PLEDGE SUNDAY
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

8:00 AM—Rite I

THE WORD OF GOD

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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The Collect of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons - **TODAY'S READINGS** (see pages 2-3 for the full readings)

1 Kings 17:8-16



Psalms 146



Hebrews 9:24-28



Mark 12:38-44

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All things come from Thee O Lord and of thine own have we given thee. (1 Chronicles 29:14)

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10:00 AM—Rite II

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE:

"Poeme"

Lani Smith

OPENING HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #574 *"Before thy throne, O God, we kneel"*

St. Petersburg

THE WORD OF GOD

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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COLLECT FOR PURITY (all together)

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GLORY TO GOD: The 1982 Hymnal #S-280 (front section)

Robert Powell

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People: And also with you.*

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Please be seated.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: 1 Kings 17:8-16

The word of the Lord came to Elijah, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE: Psalm 146 *(The congregation will alternate verses with the reader)*

1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! whose hope is in the Lord their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The Lord shall reign for ever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that

the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. *People: Thanks be to God.*

Please stand.

SEQUENCE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #656 (vs 1-2) "Blest are the pure in heart" Franconia

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. *People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

GOSPEL: Mark 12:38-44

As Jesus taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. *People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

REPRISE HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #656 (vs 3-4) "Blest are the pure in heart" Franconia

Please be seated.

SERMON

Jay Harper

THE APOSTLES' CREED (said by all)

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Please stand or kneel.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reader: That we may turn to God for guidance and direction as we strive to serve one another and the Church with the gifts God has entrusted to our care. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we may more easily choose to serve rather than to be served, to give rather than to take, to contribute rather than to consume. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we may learn to more deeply trust God to provide us with all that we need. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we may learn to see the difference between the simple things we need and the many things we want. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That, like the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may say "Yes" to what God calls us to do, always remembering that God has done great things for us. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That, through our good stewardship, we may build up God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we may recognize the many blessings the poor and needy bring to us even as we seek to share our blessings with them. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we may come to more fully realize that everything we have is a gift from God and we are called to generously share these gifts with all who are in need. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we may learn to see ourselves as God's beloved children who have been called to work in God's kingdom and spread God's love throughout the world. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we may find more time to pray, to give thanks for all of God's blessings and ask for guidance in best using the gifts entrusted to our care. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That as we look upon the world, we may see the unseen, love the unlovable, and bind up the brokenhearted wherever we find them. Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Reader: That we have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble especially members of our community, including Kay, Julie, Dolly, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Bob, Shirley, Mike, John, Cloudy, Carlie, Myrtie, John, and Terry. *(People may add their own petitions.)* Open our hearts, Lord,

People: To serve you with joy.

Celebrant: Loving God, we come to you in thanksgiving, knowing that all that we are and all that we have is gift from you. Speak your words into the depths of our souls, that we may hear you clearly. We offer to you this day all the facets of our lives, whether it be at home, at work, or at school - to be patient, to be merciful, to be generous, to be holy. Give us the wisdom and insight to understand your will for us and the fervor to carry out our good intentions. We offer our gifts to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbors. Help us to reach out to others as you our God have reached out to us. We ask these things in the name of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen**

CONFESSION *(said by all)*

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ABSOLUTION

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THE PEACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM:

"The Light of God's Love"
Featuring the children of SMC

Mark Burrows

PRESENTATION HYMN:

The 1982 Hymnal #380 (vs 3) *"Praise God from Whom all blessings flow"* *Old 100th*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: God's Spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.*

Celebrant: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Those who are able, please stand or kneel.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come in glory.

Celebrant: Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honour, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said by all)*

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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION

All those who hunger for God are welcome to come forward for the bread and the wine, or a blessing.

COMMUNION HYMN:

"Lento"

Frederic Chopin

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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BLESSING

Celebrant: Our help is in the name of the Lord; ***People:*** *The maker of heaven and earth.*

Celebrant: Blessed be the Name of the Lord; ***People:*** *From this time forth for evermore.*

Celebrant: The blessing, mercy, and grace of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. ***People:*** *Amen.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN: The 1982 Hymnal #686 *"Come, thou fount of every blessing"* Nettleton

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!*

POSTLUDE:

"Praise the Lord of All Creation"

Gregg Sewell

WELCOME

— Thank you for worshipping with us today! —

WELCOME

Dear visitors, be sure to sign our guest book and fill out our welcome card in the church and give it to one of the ushers. We'd love to get to know you better, so please consider joining us for coffee hour after this service.

May God's love fill you as you begin a new week!



WE REMEMBER VETERANS

Dear God, this day we ask a special prayer for all of our brave and faithful veterans of the Armed Forces of our country, both those who returned from conflict, and those who did not. Those who fought and those in supporting roles. Bless their willingness to sacrifice for others so that all of our human family may be drawn closer to your ideal of peace among us.

SMC CALENDAR

Sunday, November 11—PLEDGE SUNDAY

8:00am ST. MARTIN'S DAY-Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
10:00am ST. MARTIN'S DAY-Holy Eucharist Rite II

Tuesday, November 13

9:30am Makin' Music

Wednesday, November 14

9:30am Makin' Music
12:15pm Holy Eucharist
7:00pm AA St. Martin's Church

Friday, November 16

9:30am Makin' Music
10:00am Women's AA

Sunday, November 18

8:00am Holy Eucharist Rite I
9:00am Choir Rehearsal
9:30am Sunday School for all ages
10:00am Holy Eucharist Rite II
11:30am Vestry Meeting

THIS WEEK AT BOLINGBROKE

Monday, 11/12— 10am: OEA Meeting
 8pm: Counterparts Singers

Friday, 11/16— 10am: AA Meeting

SERVING TODAY

8:00am—

Usher: Chuck Myers

Reader/Chalice/Acolyte: Pam Faber

10:00am—

Usher: Fran Pettit

Reader/Chalice/Acolyte: Matt Wynn

Music: Emily Watkins, Jeaneane Chisolme,
and the SMC Choir

Altar Guild B: Carisa Gring, Alisan Henderson,
Jinger Hartsfield, Pattie Booker

Flowers: Cowan's Flowers

Coffee Hour Hosts: Kathy & Matt Wynn

DIOCESAN EVENTS

Veterans' Mass

Sun Nov 11, 2018 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

St. Luke's Episcopal Church

5421 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144

This is a healing service for veterans to share their stories. Service with Eucharist to follow. Contact Canon Toneh Smyth for questions, tsmyth@diopa.org.

Faith with a Twist (yoga)

Sat Nov 17, 2018 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

St. Christopher's Church

226 Righters Mill Road Gladwyne, PA 19035

Faith With A Twist is a special training workshop for Christian-based yoga. The cost is \$75 per person. There is a special reduced book price available for "Faith with a Twist" if bought in bulk. It details a 30-day journey into Christian yoga. Continuing Education credits available to Yoga Alliance certified teachers. Contact Rev. Hillary Raining, hillaryraining@saintchristophers.org, for more information or to register.

DioPA Youth All-Nighter

Friday, November 30, 2018

Philadelphia Sports Club at Highpoint in Chalfont, PA

11:00 PM - 6:00 AM - Grades 6-12

\$35 per youth, includes snacks & beverages

(scholarships available)

A night for youth from all over the diocese to join together for fun and games. Activities include: basketball, soccer, rock climbing wall, volleyball, swimming, laser tag, inflatable jousting, video games, and more.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/278503642775354/>

WE PRAY TODAY

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Daniel our Bishop; for Chris our Rector; for Donald, our President; for Tom, our Governor and for all who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially Kay, Julie, Dolly, Renee, Kenneth, Rita, Shirley, Mike, Cloudy, Carlie, Myrtie, John, Terry, and Kendall.

WE GIVE THANKS

For all those celebrating birthdays this month, *especially Brynn Penny and Ralph Nigro.*

WE ACKNOWLEDGE

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of those who have died, especially *Adolph S. Folta.*

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transforming generosity

Unexpected Messengers of Jesus

11 NOVEMBER 2018

BY CATHY CLEMENT

My job was to ask grown-ups for money to support kids. Abused and neglected kids, to be exact, who had been removed from their homes and who were now in “the system.” It was a secular institution, but I considered it ministry.



What I didn't expect was to meet a boy — a regular kid — who said he wanted the children who were invited to his birthday party to bring gifts for my kids instead. Or the little girl who brought me her piggy bank.

Our reading (Mark 12:38-44) is the familiar Widow's Mite story. How is it that the smallest gift recorded in the Bible is the most famous? Here Jesus is, 48 hours before his crucifixion, and he decides to sit in the court of the women to watch people make their gifts. As usual, Jesus sides with the marginalized and takes a seat not with the rich and powerful but with the “less than.” And hours before his death he draws our attention to giving.

An aside: Sixteen of Jesus' 38 parables have to do with money. One in 10 verses in the Bible involves money. Two thousand verses touch upon money, compared to 500 that have to do with prayer and 500 with faith.

Back to the story. Widows have always been the most vulnerable to poverty, and so the Bible takes particular care to provide for them — to keep them connected to their husband's family (v. 19); to protect them from predatory clergy (v. 40), and not to be neglected but to be visited and honored.

So, after Jesus reminds us of these provisions, he takes a seat and watches. The widow puts in “two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, ‘I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything — all she had to live on.’”

What would Jesus say to us? Well, I think I've already heard him when a young boy gave away his birthday presents and when a little girl brought me her piggy bank. In seeking to know what Jesus would say I just have to pay better attention to the acts of generosity around me that are THE WORD OF THE LORD I too often fail to hear.

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For reflection ...

- † What acts of generosity in your life came from unexpected sources?
- † How have they called you to your own acts of unexpected generosity?