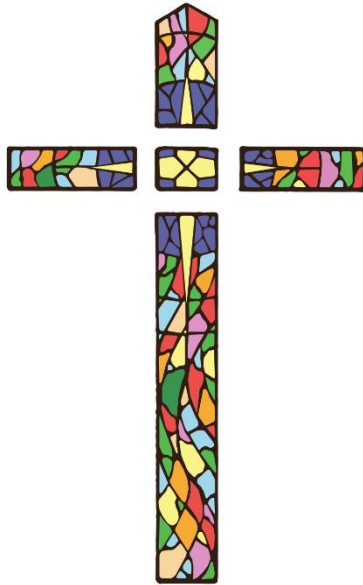


The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023 - 10 a.m. Rite II



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Lectionary Readings and Music

Processional Hymn: Praise my soul, the King of Heaven
(410) vss 1,2,4

Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

First Reading Exodus 14:19-31

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea.

The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand

over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.”²⁷ So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea.²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained.²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore.³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 114

¹Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *

the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

²Judah became God’s sanctuary *

and Israel his dominion.

³The sea beheld it and fled; *

Jordan turned and went back.

⁴The mountains skipped like rams, *

and the little hills like young sheep.

⁵What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *

O Jordan, that you turned back?

⁶You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *

you little hills like young sheep?

⁷Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,
⁸Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

Second Reading Romans 14:1-12

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: O Jesus Christ, may grateful hymns be rising (590) vs. 1 before and vs. 2 after

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” ²²Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his

entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Offertory Hymn: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (390)
vss 1,2,4

Communion Hymn: Father, we thank thee who hast
planted (302) - all

Final Hymn: Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing (334) - all

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Amanda Vandervort, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, Connie Proctor, Bob & Diane Rogalcheck, Heidi Partain, Jane Goerss & family, Ken Fringer, Laura Wolff, Marlon Brooks, Mark Savage, Sarah, Nancy Modrow, Nancy Schaper, Tom Beechey, Carol Doss, Ken Fornoff, Lisa Stevens, Joan Miller, Raggles - the dog, Charlie - the dog, Brian Lennon, Heather, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Joan Soske, Jan Landon, Sharon Shields, Paige Fitterer, Kurt von Peenen, Steve Nicolici, Hunter Sale, Baesley Dahlstrom, Stefan, Rich Schlogel, Ellie, Greg and John Rasmussen.

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group

For all who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, the earthquake in Morocco and the floods in Libya, as well as human tragedies, for refugees, all who are affected by gun violence, systemic racism, and everyone impacted by the COVID-19 virus.

For all Veterans and those currently serving in the military, especially: Oriana & Richardson Naki, William Revell, Mike Bozza, Ben Suecheck, Ryan Staats, Alex Smolik, Michael

Webb and all who serve in any military, those wounded in action, and all in harm's way.

For those who grieve the recent death of loved ones.

...and those we now name (*pause*)

And the repose of the souls of
Shylo - the cat
Humphrey - the dog
Janice Wissert

Announcements

Videographers needed!

With Sue moving at the end of September, new videographers to stream and record each Sunday's 10AM service and for services during December are needed. Filming is easy. A few minutes of instruction and you are an expert. If we get 3 or 4 volunteers, then each person would do only 1 Sunday a month. Special services will be discussed later. Please speak to Bob Modrow and/or Bob Smolik.



Delegates representing St. Martin's to Diocesan Convention Needed

After three years of virtual conventions, the Episcopal Diocese of Chicago will gather in person on November 17 and 18 at the Westin Chicago Lombard for the **186th Diocesan Convention**. Convention is the annual business meeting of the diocese, during which we elect leaders, consider resolutions, and hear reports from across the

diocese and the wider church. This year, there will also be opportunities for worship, connecting, and learning. We need 3 delegates and 2 alternate delegates to send to the Convention. Please click the link above or talk to Rev. M.E. to learn more or say “YES! Send me!”



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Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 7, 2023

12:00 pm



Pet First Aid/CPR Demonstration
by Barb Koffski



Adopt a new pet from
Heartland Animal Shelter

Raffles



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Seeking Choir Members for the upcoming season

The new choir season will begin soon! We invite you to come and join this wonderful group of singers as we prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons!

Rehearsals will take place after the service and will begin Oct. 1. We would love to have some new members! No choir experience is necessary! Please



reach out to Karen Wilberg by text at (847) 903-4645 or email (kwilberg28@gmail.com) if you would like more information!

Pet First Aid/CPR Class

Saturday, October 14

12:00 - 3:00 pm



A comprehensive class where you will learn when and how to perform CPR on dogs and cats, plus so much more.

Tickets \$50.00 per person (50% donated to the church)

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/713953864227?aff=oddtcreator>

Contact Barb Koffski at 312-246-9598

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SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, November 4, 2023

1:00 p.m. to 4 p.m.



Next Sunday Afternoon!

Sunday, September 24 @ 2:00 pm

5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche

Followed by Q & A with the cast and light refreshments

Tickets on sale:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/699286222917?aff=oddtcreator>

September is Suicide Prevention Month

Suicide is the...



2nd

leading cause of death among youth aged **10-14**



2nd

leading cause of death among adults aged **25-34**



2nd

leading cause of death among youth aged **15-24**



4th

leading cause of death among adults aged **35-54**

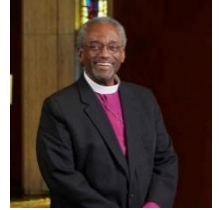
If you are struggling, you are not alone.

If you or someone you love needs help,
call the Suicide Prevention Lifeline at **988**.

SOURCE: The Centers for Disease Control, the National Institute of Mental Health, the National Alliance on Mental Illness
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Prayers Continue for Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

The upcoming surgery of **Presiding Bishop Michael Curry** has been postponed until **September 20** due to a conflict with the surgeon's schedule. Bishop Curry will continue working from home until his surgery and afterward as he recovers from surgery. His estimated recovery period is two to three weeks, after which he is expected to resume his regular work schedule. Please continue to hold Bishop Curry, his family, and his entire medical team in your prayers.



Mark Your Calendar

Sunday, **September 24** ~ 2:00 pm ~ Fundraiser Play:

(5 Lesbians Eating a Quiche)

Saturday, **October 7** ~ Pet Blessing

Saturday, **October 14** ~ CPR for Pets

Sunday, **October 15** ~ Q4 Townhall

following the 10:00 am service

Thursday, **November 2** ~ 6:00 pm ~ Fundraiser Film

(Philadelphia 11)

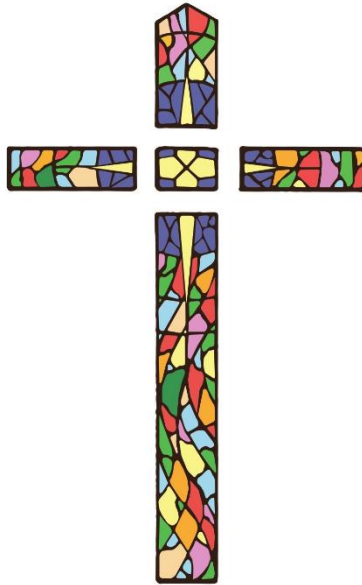
Saturday, **November 4** ~ Designer Bag Bingo

Sunday, November 5 ~ All Saints Day

Sunday, November 12 ~ St. Martin's Day

Saturday, **November 18** ~ Craft Fair

Go to the Saint Martin's Website for a link to tickets for all ticketed events: saintmartinschurchdp.com



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