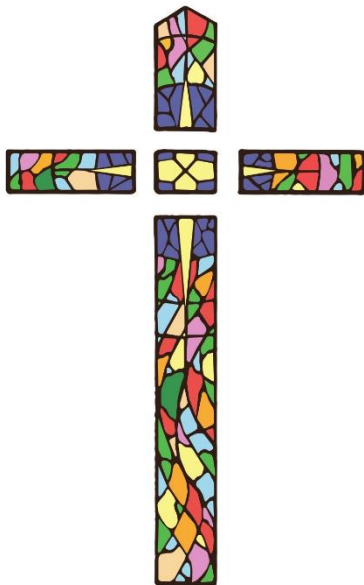


The Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 - 10 a.m. Rite II



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Lectionary Readings and Music

Processional Hymn: Simple Gifts (554)

Collect of the Day

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

First Reading: Judges 4:1-7

¹The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. ²So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. ³Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

⁴At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. ⁵She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. ⁶She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. ⁷I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.' "

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 123

¹To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

²As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *

and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

³So our eyes look to the LORD our God, *

until he show us his mercy.

⁴Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,

⁵Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *

and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

¹Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and

sisters, you do not need to have anything written to

you. ²For you yourselves know very well that the day of the

Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³When they say,

“There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will

come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant

woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴But you, beloved, are

not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵for

you are all children of light and children of the day; we are

not of the night or of darkness. ⁶So then let us not fall asleep

as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷for those

who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk

at night. ⁸But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and

put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the

hope of salvation. ⁹For God has destined us not for wrath

but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus

Christ, ¹⁰who died for us, so that whether we are awake or

asleep we may live with him. ¹¹Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The reading concludes

Lay Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Hymn: God is Love, and Where True Love is
H576 - vs 1,2 before; vs 3 after**

God is love, and where true love is
God himself is there.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling.
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting.
Let us fear and love him, holy God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in one another.

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord but one spirit.
Banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ, our God, be always present here among us.

Gospel Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴[Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven will be as when] a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them;¹⁵to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the

ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²²And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

Sequence Hymn continued:

Grant us love's fulfillment, joy with all the blessed,
when we see your face, O Savior, in its glory.
Shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,

be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

Latin; tr. James Quinn (b. 1919), alt.

Offertory Hymn: O Jesus, I have promised (655)

Communion Hymn: Before thy throne, O God, we kneel
(574) - vss 1,2

Final Hymn: God my King, thy might confessing (414)
vss 1,5,6

COMMUNITY PRAYER LIST

Please pray for: Amanda Vandervort, Ann Davis, Charles Sterner, 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, Lisa Stevens, Joan Miller, Raggles - the dog, Charlie - the dog, Brian Lennon, Presiding Bishop Michael Curry. Joan Soske, Jan Landon, Sharon Shields, Paige Fitterer, Kurt von Peenen, Steve Nicolici, Hunter Sale, Stefan, Ellie, Greg and John Rasmussen, Craig Ramos, Mary Malebranche O'Brien, May Jenkins, Candy Mealer, Nancy Fornoff and Rachel Swanson.

For the members of the Des Plaines Chronic Pain Group

For all who are suffering because of recent natural disasters, as well as human tragedies, especially the carnage in the Holy Land, 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*)

Claire Nimmer
Gordon Albright
Mahalo - the cat
The Rev. Linda Packard

Announcements

Thank you to Mary Savage and Dee Vihnanek for hosting coffee hour today. If you can help on a future Sunday, contact Noreen Coussens at 224-567-3974 or sign up on the bulletin Board in Strauss-Betker Hall.



What is St. Martin's recycling?

All things film!



Pop tops from cans

Please pray for peace in The Holy Land

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God of our longing,
Remember those who wait and hope for peace.
Hear our prayer and our lament
for our brothers and sisters in Israel and Palestine.
With them, we share a common story,
set in a common homeland.

Make common also a will to forgive,
to reconcile,
to make a just peace for the sake of the ancestors,
for the sake of the children.

Open ears, eyes and hearts
And make a way toward justice
In our war-torn world.

God all merciful, you dwell in all human hearts
And the Holy Land is wherever you make your home.
Heal these broken places where prophets preached
Where Moses and Jesus and Muhammad kept faith with you.
Be a sure support for those who work toward reconciliation
And make us all, however far away,
Steadfast in their cause.

Amen

Vestry Meeting
Tuesday November 21
Parish House 6:30 pm
Remember, your voice matters!



Advent at St. Martin's

There will be several ways to observe the upcoming Advent season. The Reverse Advent Calendar Food Bags will be back, as will a daily devotional. The Advent Series will be primarily a worship opportunity. Everyone is welcome to share a hot beverage and talk about the day's assigned reading after the service.

Beginning on November 30, join us in the sanctuary at 7:00 p.m. to participate in and sing Marty Haugen's *Holden Evening Prayer*. It is traditionally done during Advent to provide an opportunity to come together for song and contemplation, giving us space to slow down, sing lovely music together, and reflect on the wonder of the Advent season.

Join SMEC choir, Karen, and Rev. M.E. at Christ Church UCC for this festive opportunity to SING!



CHRIST CHURCH
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An open & affirming and WISE for mental health congregation.

presents

*A Community
Holiday Sing-Along*

December 6, 2023 at 6:30 pm
1492 Henry Ave, Des Plaines, IL

Admission is FREE.

*We encourage bringing a food item from this list to donate to
The Backpack Project of Des Plaines.

*Heavy/Hearty Soups - Stews (beef or chicken) - Chapstick
- Chili with/without beans - Fragrance free lotion

Enjoy refreshments and treats afterward.

Guest Performers
Hana Fujisaki
Christ Church UCC's Organist
Karen Wilberg
St. Martin's Music Director & Organist
Rev. Dr. William G. Grice III
acoustic guitar



Co-Sponsor

Attention: Cookie/Treat Bakers Needed

St. Martin's is co-sponsoring the Community Holiday Sing-Along and there is a reception after the program. It would be most neighborly to bring treats to share. Please email/speak to Rev. M.E. if you will bake (rev.m.e.eccles@gmail.com).

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, November 30 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Advent Series

Wednesday, December 6 ~ 6:30 pm ~ Community

Holiday Sing-Along

Location: Christ Church UCC

Corner of Cora & Henry in Des Plaines

Thursday, December 7 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Advent Series

Thursday, December 14 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Advent Series

Thursday, December 21 ~ 7:00 pm ~ Blue Christmas

Sunday, December 24 ~ 10:00 am ~ Advent 4

Sunday, December 24 ~ 4:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve music

~ 5:00 pm ~ Christmas Eve service

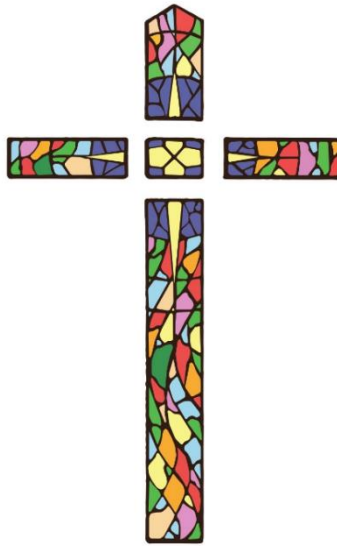
Monday, December 25 ~ 10:00 am ~ Christmas Day service

Sunday, December 31 ~ 2:00 pm ~ New Year's Eve Family

Event

Pledge Cards

Thanks to everyone who returned their Pledge Cards 2024 last Sunday. Please remember to bring them in or mail them back. Your pledge helps to inform our budget for the coming year. We appreciate all that you do.



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