THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — NOVEMBER 17, 2024 WELCOME! THE SERVICE ORDER OUTLINES OUR WORSHIP. HYMNS CAN BE FOUND IN THE BLUE HYMNAL.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD BY KAREN MCCARTHY IN LOVING MEMORY OF HER FATHER, ROBERT E. MILLER, AND IN HONOR OF THEIR SHARED NOVEMBER 19TH BIRTHDAY.

READINGS: DANIEL 12:1-3; PSALM 16; HEBREWS 10:11-14, 19-25; MARK 13:1-8

OUR READERS: CHERYL MAC DONALD AND AJ HAWKS

Organ: Adagio, BWV 564 – Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Hymn 48: O Day of Radiant Gladness; tune - Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.



The Lord be with you. And also with you. Let us pray.

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.

A Reading From The Book Of Daniel

In our Hebrew scripture lesson, Daniel is given a vision of the end of human history. This oracle of hope makes use of imagery common to apocalyptic visions.

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "When order fails and the countries are at war, at that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever."

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

In Psalm 16, contentment, refuge, and joy are found in the presence of the Lord. The cantor sings the refrain, all repeat, and sing as indicated at R.



O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; it is you who uphold my lot. My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; indeed, I have a goodly heritage. R. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; my heart teaches me, night after night. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand I shall not fall. R. My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; my body also shall rest in hope. For you will not abandon me to the grave, nor let your holy one see the Pit. R. You will show me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore. R.

A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

In this New Testament lesson, we learn that Christ's sacrifice is the effective provision for all time and all people.

Even though the priests, through rite and ritual, offer to God again and again the same sacrifices, yet their repetition alone can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "He sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering of himself he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day of God approaching.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

All stand The cantor sings "alleluia"; all repeat, and sing again after the verse.



V. Be faithful until death, says the Lord, and I will give you the crown of life. R. Alleluia (3x)

The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was leaving the temple, never to enter it again, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**Sermon -- The Rev. Michael Bradley, Rector

Our Affirmation of Faith - What do we believe?

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the needs of the world, calling to our loving God, and responding, "Hear our prayer."

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Clinton Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of Southern Africa
Our special prayer list: Berc Backhurst, Catherine Greening, Tom Casey, Lori Pranior, Ed Haug, Lynn Kerber,
Karen Schulze, Donald Burton, Christopher.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. *Silence is kept, then all pray together*: Have mercy upon us; Have mercy upon us, most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God's peace be with you always. And also with you. The people may greet each other briefly.

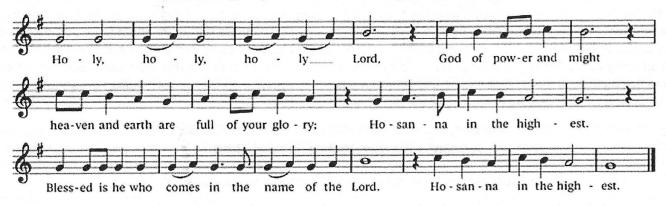
HOLY COMMUNION

All are invited to receive Communion. The bread is placed in the palm of your right hand. You may dip the bread in the wine or sip the wine from the chalice. Instead of Communion and to receive a blessing, keep your hands folded.

Anthem: Simple Gifts – arr. Robert Lehman, b. 1960

'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free; 'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be, And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight. When true simplicity is gain'd, to bow and to bend we shan't be asham'd, to turn, turn will be our delight, Till by turning, turning we come 'round right.

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise. Faithful and abiding God, we give you thanks . . .we sing the praise of your unending glory:



The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

After the breaking of the bread:



The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith, and be filled with thanks.

Communion Hymn 51: We, The Lord's People, Heart And Voice Uniting; tune - Decatur Place

After all have received, please stand and pray together:

Everliving God; We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are the living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Now send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, descend upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**Let us go forth in the Name of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 665: All My Hope On God Is Founded; tune - Michael

Organ: Fugue, BWV 564 - Bach

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