



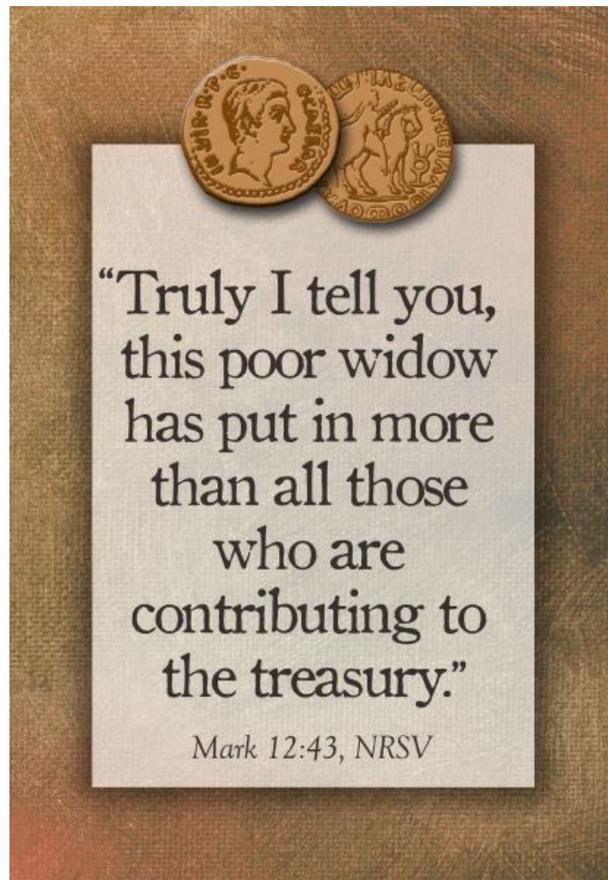
ST. MARK'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

NOVEMBER 11, 2018 AT 10:00 A.M.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INTRODUCTION

Widows are visible everywhere in today's readings. Jesus denounces those scribes who pray impressive prayers but devour widows' houses. He commends the poor widow who in his view gave far more than the major donors. Jesus doesn't see her simply as an object of compassion or charity. She, like the widow of Zarephath who shares her last bit of food with Elijah, does something of great importance.



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25TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

**Please stand if able*

P: Pastor; A: Assisting Minister; C: Congregation

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Joy Hefner

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Gary Haddock

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom. **Amen.**

P: One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: O God, our merciful redeemer,

C: We confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out. We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for ☩ his sake, God forgives you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people of God. **Amen.**

***SHARING THE PEACE** P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

***GATHERING HYMN**

"You Servants of God"

ELW #825

***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

ELW p. 120

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth..."

ELW p. 121-122

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: O God, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

LESSONS

1 Kings 17:8-16; Psalm 146; Hebrews 9:24-28

Kermit Nash

***HOLY GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

"Alleluia, Alleluia, ..."

ELW p. 124

***GOSPEL READING**

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

Mark 12:38-44

P: The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE SERMON

Rev. Gary Haddock

***HYMN OF THE DAY**

"O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate"

ELW #722

***APOSTLES' CREED**

ELW P. 127

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

A: Lord in your mercy. **C: Hear our prayer.**

Kermit Nash

MEAL

THE OFFERING / OFFERTORY

Joy Hefner

*OFFERING PRESENTATION / RESPONSE "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #182

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Kermit Nash

A: Creator God, you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER V

ELW p. 65-66

*LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

P: Lord, teach us to pray...

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion Invitation: We welcome all who are baptized to the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Communion is served by Intinction. You will be given a wafer, which you then dip into the chalice of wine. If unable to come forward, stand where you are, and you will be served there. Children who are baptized are welcome to commune.

*AGNUS DEI (LAMB OF GOD)

ELW p. 135

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

*DISTRIBUTION HYMN

"Just As I Am, without One Plea"

ELW #592

*POST COMMUNION BLESSING

After all have returned to their places, the congregation stands and the presiding minister says these words:

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in His grace. **C: Amen.**

*POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Kermit Nash

A: Sovereign God, in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen.**

SENDING

*BLESSING

*SENDING HYMN

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

ELW #890

VETERANS RECOGNITION

CONGREGATION MEETING CALL TO ORDER

*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Sound the good news. **C: Thanks be to God.**

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FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in celebration of the marriage of Morgan Wright and Gustavo Loza on November 10, by Trent and Maria Wright.



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.

PSALM 146

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God all my life long. Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help. When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish. Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever; who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD watches over the strangers; he upholds the orphan and the widow, but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations. Praise the LORD!

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.

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."

LITURGY -THE WORK OF THE PEOPLE

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