Please stand as the hymn begins Opening Hymn: Women of faith

Voices Found, 26



Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.* 

**Collect** Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## A Reading from Hebrews

Please be seated.

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

The Word of the Lord. *Thanks be to God*.

#### Psalm 82 Deus stetit

- 1 God stands in the council of heaven; \* And gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \* and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \* defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \* deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; \* all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \* and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \* and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \* for you shall take all nations for your own.

## The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, Lord Christ.

What woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents." The Gospel of the Lord. *Praise to you, Lord Christ*.

The Homily Ms. Heather Agosto

The Nicene Creed

Please stand

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

Remain standing, or kneel

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, especially Susan, Raymond, Audrey, Bill, Evelyn, Doug, Zhenya, Ahnya, Linda, Chris, Rachel, Mary, Carol, Michael, Patrick, and Bonnie's grandson. I ask your prayers for the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

I ask your prayers for parishioners who are away on vacation. Pray that they may be refreshed and strengthened in body, mind and spirit.

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Officiant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* 

**The Peace** The peace of the Lord be always with you. *And also with you.*The people of God share a sign of peace with one another.

Please be seated

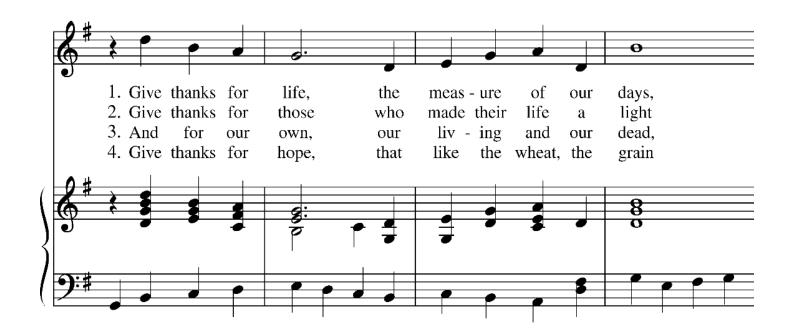
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Go in peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. *Thanks be to God*.

Closing Hymn Give thanks for life, vv. 1, 3

Wonder, Love, & Praise, 775





#### **Serving Today**

Reader: Barbara Butler

Cantor: Rob Vernon Pianist: Kathy Shanklin

Officiant: Br. Philip Muniz Preacher: Heather Agusto

We are honored to have you worshiping with us this morning. If this is your first time with us, please do introduce yourself to the priest after Mass. We would love to get to know you better.

Summer Mass Schedule: One Weekend Mass from July 3- September 11, Sundays @10:00 am

### **Confirmation, Reception and Renewal of Vows:**

Information regarding Confirmation for Youth and Adults is in the Narthex (church entrance). The brochure for Adult Confirmation includes information for those who would like to join St. Martin's Episcopal Church who have already been confirmed in a church with apostolic succession. Please register by August 7. Please see Father Rob if you have any questions.

**NEXT SUNDAY** we celebrate the feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God (transferred from August 15).

#### Please remember in your prayers:

- Susan Cacciatore, Len's former wife, has entered hospice.
- Raymond Okonsky, Denise's father.
- Audrey and Bill Valiant
- Evelyn.
- Kathy Picazio asks for prayers for Doug Newton, his wife, Zhenya, and her adult daughter.
- Bonnie Whalen requested prayers for her 28 yr old grandson.
- Linda Virtue
- Chris Semanchik
- Jane Linn's, granddaughter-in-law, Rachael.
- Mary Irwin
- Patrick

#### **Today's Hymnwriters**

Today's opening hymn was written and composed by Carol E. Peterson, who is the Director of Music at Scottsdale Presbyterian Church in Mesa, Arizona. She previously served for 12 years in an Episcopal congregation, where she composed 5 hymns that are included in the Episcopal Church's new hymnal *Voices Found*. She is also involved in missionary work in Ethiopia.

Today's closing hymn was written by New Zealand hymn lyricist, Shirley Murray. Her hymns are noted for her use of inclusive language, and for her innovative use of Maori.

# Coming this Fall: Wellness Wednesdays 6:45-7:45 pm

First Wednesdays: Rosary Group Second Wednesdays: The Loving Lab:

Becoming empowered to love others, by

learning to love oneself through self care practices.

Third Wednesdays: Story Cafe:

A time of coffee/tea and sweets with a focused sharing of reflections on fiction and non-fiction stories meant to strengthen our faith and nurture

Our relationships with one another.

September 21 reading: *Parker's Back*, Flannery O'Conner October 19: Essay on *Self-Reliance*, Ralph Waldo Emerson

November 16: How to Be Grateful in Every Moment

(But Not for Everything), David Steindl-Rast

Fourth Wednesdays: Spirit Lab: Discovering spiritual practices which

nurture our spirits and connect us to God

and one another.

September 28: Praying in a Labyrinth

October 26: Reiki

November (30): Gratitude

## Also coming this Fall:

Grace for All- a prayer support group for LGBTQ+ Christians. Stay posted for more details