



Collect for Purity

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**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.**

Song of Praise, S278     *See pen card for music.*

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Glory to God (Canticle 20)

*Mathias*

*The following is sung, all standing.*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

### The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## The Lessons

### 1 Kings 17:8-16

*A Reading from the first book of Kings.*

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

## Psalm 127

*Remain seated. The choir first introduces the Antiphon, then the congregation joins the choir in singing the Antiphon each time.*

### Antiphon

The image shows a musical score for the antiphon 'Watch over us, O LORD.' It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are: 'Watch o - ver us, O LORD.' The word 'o' is hyphenated to 'ver'. The music ends with a double bar line.

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- 1 Unless the Lord builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the Lord watches over the city, \*  
in vain the sentries keeps his vigil. **ANTIPHON**

3 It is in vain that you rise so early  
and go to bed so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for to the beloved the Lord gives sleep. **ANTIPHON**

4 Children are a heritage from the Lord, \*  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy are the warriors with a quiver full of them! \*  
they shall not be put to shame  
when they contend with their enemies in the gate.  
**ANTIPHON**

*The people remain seated.*

## Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

*A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.*

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

*All stand.*

Sequence Hymn

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God of the women

*Slane*

- 1 God of the women who answered your call,  
Trusting your promise, giving their all,  
Women like Sarah and Hannah and Ruth  
Give us their courage to live in your truth.
- 2 God of the women who walked Jesus' way,  
Giving their resources, learning to pray,  
Mary, Joanna, Susanna and more

May we give freely as they did before.

3 God of the women long put to the test,  
Left out of stories, forgotten, oppressed,  
Quietly asking: “Who smiled at my birth?”  
In Jesus’ dying you show us our worth.

4 God of the women who ran from the tomb,  
Prayed with the others in that upper room,  
Then felt your Spirit on Pentecost Day  
May we so gladly proclaim you today.

5 O God of Phoebe and ministers all,  
May we be joyful in answering your call.  
Give us the strength of your Spirit so near  
That we may share in your ministry here.



## The Gospel: Mark 12:38-44

*All stand.*

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Reverend Nancy L.J. Cox

The Nicene Creed

*All 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.**

*All remain standing.*

## The Prayers of the People

*From Hear Our Prayer, by Jon White and Lisa Graves*

Intercessor:     May we pray for the needs of the world, calling to  
our loving God, Lord in your mercy, *hear our  
prayer.*

Lord, you called the widow generous and spurned  
the gifts of those who gave to you only to be

deemed holy by others. Give us hearts of generosity that seek ways to give to your church, your missionaries, your people in need, and in lavish delight to those most in need. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Lord, give to our national and community leaders a desire to give generously of their time, their talents, their ideas, and their faith. Remind every person in authority that leadership requires a generous spirit but even more, a generous heart. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Lord, give to those who are anxious this day, a sense of your nearness, that they might feel your comfort. Ease our burdens and worries, give us peace and patience and a way forward. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Lord, give to us a reverence for your creation and a keen desire protect and advocate for the preservation and sustenance of the natural world.

*The people are invited to add their thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Lord, bless those who are facing long term illness, loss of independence, diagnosis and testing, a hope that, in you, all things are made new, and no life is insignificant in your eyes. We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers. *The people are invited to add their petitions, followed by silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Lord, give to the dying your peace and comfort and bring them to abide with you in your heavenly kingdom. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Gracious God, thank you for hearing our prayers. Use us in our turn, to help fulfill the prayers and needs of others. *Silence.*

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.*

## Confession of Sin

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## The Absolution

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

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*All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

*A note about receiving Holy Communion: In the Episcopal Church, we understand that Christ is “really present” in the bread and wine provided from God’s table. All who claim Christ as Lord are always welcome to receive the sacrament of Holy Communion in this church. Children are welcome to receive communion at the discretion of their parents. Come forward at the direction of the ushers. Receive the consecrated wafer in the palm of your outstretched hand from the first person who comes to you. To receive a gluten-free wafer, please cross your hands palms down. You may drink from the larger cup/ chalice which the next person will offer you. Receive the consecrated wine by guiding the offered cup to your lips and sipping. Those who distribute the wine will wipe the chalice with a food safe sanitizer and turn it for the next person after each person receives. You may also decide to take the wafer only. If you choose not to receive communion, you may cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing as your presence is a blessing to all of us. Once you have been blessed or received communion, you may offer a short prayer and then return to your seat. If physical limitations make it difficult to come forward, please let an usher know that we may have the honor of bringing communion to you.*

### Offertory Sentence

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*The Celebrant says*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*



## Offertory Anthem

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old

Your hands, O Lord, in days of old were strong to heal and save;  
They triumphed over pain and death, o'er darkness and the grave.  
to you they went, the blind, the mute, the palsied and the lame,  
The leper set apart and shunned, the sick and those in shame.

And then your touch brought life and health,  
gave speech and strength and sight;  
And youth renewed, with health restored,  
claimed you, the Lord of light.

And so, O Lord, be near to bless, almighty now as then,  
In every street, in every home, in every troubled friend.

O be our mighty healer still, O Lord of life and death;  
Restore and strengthen,  
soothe and bless with your almighty breath,  
On hands that work and eyes that see, your healing wisdom pour,  
That whole and sick and weak and strong  
may praise you evermore.

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## Presentation of Gifts

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: **And of thine own have we given thee.**

## The Great Thanksgiving

Sursum Corda

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*The People remain standing.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*The Celebrant adds a proper preface.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Memorial Acclamation S 135

*See pew card for music.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

The Great Amen

*See pew card for music.*

The Lord's Prayer

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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.**



glory. And since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.**

## Communion Hymns

Take my life, and let it be

Hymnal 1982 – 707

*Hollingside*

Blest are the pure in heart

Hymnal 1982 – 656

*Franconia*

## Lay Eucharistic Minister Prayer *(as needed)*

Celebrant: In order that all may receive Holy Eucharist,  
\_\_\_\_\_ will take the Eucharist to \_\_\_\_\_ today.

**All: In the name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these holy gifts that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's Body and Blood. We who are many are one body because we all share one bread, one cup. Amen.**

## The Post-Communion Prayer

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*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing

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Post-Communion Hymn

Hymnal 1982 – 594

God of grace and God of glory

*Cwm Rhondda*

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**



## Voluntary

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**The flowers on the altar today are given by  
Martin Ericson to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Dianne Gullion Ericson.**

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## Today's Announcements

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**Advent Small Groups starting!** We'll be reading and discussing *Not a Silent Night: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem* by Adam Hamilton.

Questions? Contact Chuck Collier. Here are the groups:

- Mondays – starting November 18 at 7 PM, at Mark and Karen Robinson's house
- Wednesdays – starting November 13 at 7 PM on Zoom
- Thursdays – starting November 16 at 3:30 PM on Zoom
- Thursdays – starting November 16 at 7 PM on Zoom

**You are invited to a Night of Italian Fine Dining on Wednesday, November 13**, starting at 5:30 PM, sponsored by the Episcopal Youth Community at All Saints', Concord. Please make your reservations soon to enjoy a delightful evening. Plates are by donation. All donations received help to fund the Youth Mission Trip to Costa Rica in July of 2025. RSVP on the church website!

**Mark your calendar for these events:**

- Center of Hope Night Shelter, November 17-23
- Thanksgiving Food Drive, on Sundays, November 17 and November 24 – Donation box in Welcome Center

## A Note on Today's Readings

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**Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church.** As we approach the end of the church year, our readings from the Gospel of Mark deal with the final days of Jesus' ministry. In that period, Jesus was in direct conflict with the religious leaders in Jerusalem. In today's passage Jesus contrasts the simple faith of a poor widow, expressed by her generous giving, with the show of religiosity put on by the scribes and the rich.

The first reading today is one of the stories of the prophet Elijah. In a time of famine, the generosity of a poor widow who shared with Elijah the tiny bit of food she had left is rewarded by God.

The passage from Hebrews, which we are reading through at this time, deals with the eternal nature of Jesus' priesthood. Unlike the symbolic sacrifices of the old priesthood, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and his resurrection and ascension has made him uniquely able to take away the sin of the world for all time.

The people of God in every age have gathered in the Eucharist to respond to salvation in generous and loving ministry to each other and the world. Made part of Jesus' own sacrifice in baptism, we are joined with his sacrifice in the Eucharist. Thus, our own sacrifices, like those of the two poor widows, are given the eternal significance of Jesus' own dying and rising. What is lacking in us through our own imperfection is made perfect in Christ.

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