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This Week's Readings

### Rector's Ramblings

Hear this wisdom from Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael Ramsey:

This is what Christianity, in its heart and essence, is about. Calvary was not a defeat which needed the resurrection to cancel it or avenge it or reverse it. No, Calvary was love's victory, God's power, God's reign. The resurrection came quickly to seal it, and to carry its effects onward into the subsequent centuries.

God is revealed in the event: the answer is given, the answer that in the suffering of the world God suffers, sharing, bearing, intimate with those who suffer if they will accept the intimacy which he offers them. There is a traditional doctrine that God is "impassible." Am I denying that doctrine? Essentially, I think not so. Is not the essential meaning of that old doctrine that God is perfect and supreme, and that his perfection can never be injured or reduced? God is never to be pitied, he is never thwarted or frustrated. If he suffers it

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### Midweek Activities

We will resume with reading the Didache (The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) next week.

### FRIDAY 11/22 - Fall Cleaning at St. Matthew's

On Friday, November 22nd the building will be closed so the Sanctuary floors can be professionally cleaned and sealed. Please plan NOT to enter the building on those days so that the surfaces can properly dry.

### Thanksgiving Schedule

There will be only one service on Sunday, November 24th. All of the St. Matthew's family will worship together at 9:30 AM and immediately after, celebrate Thanksgiving with a traditional potluck meal. A sign-up is posted in the main Hallway for meal organization.

### Qualified Charitable Distributions and Required Minimum Distribution Gifts

The tax law permits anyone 70½ or older to make a direct transfer of IRA balances up to \$100,000 per year to a charity like St. Matthews. For most donors, these qualified charitable distributions (QCDs) make it possible to net an ever-greater tax benefit because those dollars will never hit your adjusted gross income (AGI). Since you would have paid income taxes on that

is with a difference. He suffers not as one who is frustrated but in a suffering which flows from the love which is perfect and victorious. "I have overcome the world."

Where then does our faith stand? We believe indeed that God is omnipotent and sovereign. But his is always the sovereignty in the universe. In the imagery of the Apocalypse the Lamb (sacrificial self-giving) is on the throne (sovereignty). There is no throne except the throne where the Lamb is, the throne of Calvary. There we begin to see the path which we can follow through the jungle of our frightening experiences. Where we see acts of sacrifice and love in human lives, these are not "lost" or wasted. They are the way to the heart of God himself, and they are used within his purpose of the overcoming of evil.

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distribution, this strategy offers significant benefit to those who would have given that amount regardless. Added bonus: QCDs go toward satisfying your required minimum distribution (RMD). Bear in mind, though, that QCDs must come from IRAs; they cannot come from 401(k)s. Please contact your tax adviser as to whether this strategy is right for you. They can help advise you on the specific compliance rules to qualify and rollover strategies if your retirement funds are currently held in a 401(k) or similar investment. Also, most brokerage firms will assist you with these transactions and will either disburse the checks directly to the charities, or send the checks to you to pass along.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

#### **ITEMS-OF-THE-MONTH for November 2019.**

Thanks for your generous donations of food for the MIDWEST FOOD BANK's Thanksgiving meal giveaway for local residents in need known as The Big Give. Overall, 20 churches (including St. Matthew's) have collected an abundance of traditional Thanksgiving meal items. In light of the very generous donations of canned and boxed items received, the Food Bank would like to ask those still wishing to support The Big Give to purchase \$15 turkey cards at Hy-Vee and Schnuck's. To date, about half of the 2,500 needed turkeys have been donated. Please consider supporting this vital community need. **THANK YOU!** The Outreach Committee

Updated ways to assist Oakland School are found on their [PTO News](#)

#### **ALSO FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

As you go through your coat closet, do you find a jacket that you're tired of wearing but that is still in pretty good condition?

Do your kids' coats no longer fit?

Bring your gently used winter wear to church and put it in the big white box in the hallway opposite the main office. The Outreach Committee will deliver your donations to The Salvation Army for distribution to people in need. Thank you!

### **Ministry Links**

St. Matthew's Webpage  
The Episcopal Diocese of  
Springfield

### **The Daily Devotional Reading**

is available by clicking of the link below:  
[Good News Daily](#)

## Worship Serving Schedule

17-November 2019

7:30

Greeters: Doug & Dede Dyson

Lector: Kathryn Morris

E.M.: Emily Lavikoff

10:00

Acolyte: Shelley Carter

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Thurifer: John Stoffer

Lector: Valarie Jones

E.M.: Bob Kohlhase & Jack Pitts

Monday Counter: Pam Laws

Coffee Hour: Jonathan Martin & Megan Kustak

24-November 2019

9:30 ONLY

Acolyte: Jack Pitts

Crucifer: Christian Pitts

Lector: Karyn Smith

E.M.:

Monday Counter: Gary McGinnis

Coffee Hour: replaced with Thanksgiving Potluck

## St. Matthew's Weekly Activities as of November 17

*Coffee hour follows 10AM worship in Parish Hall*

Sunday-7:30 a.m.-Rite I

9:00 a.m.-Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (for Children)

9:00 a.m.-Outreach Committee meeting

10:00 a.m.-Rite II

5:30 p.m.-Evensong

6:00 p.m.-MLT meeting

Monday-9:00 a.m.-Home School Ed Classes \*

11:00 a.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

Tuesday-7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.-Quilters

Wednesday-7:00 a.m.-Morning Prayer

1:30 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*

5:30 p.m.-Mid-week Holy Eucharist

6:00 p.m.-Adult Study

Thursday -7:30 a.m.-Morning Prayer & breakfast  
9:00 a.m.-Moms in Prayer \*  
2:00 p.m.-Private Music Lessons \*  
Friday-ALL DAY - BUILDING CLOSED  
Saturday-

*Office Hours: Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
\* Authorized Group--St. Matthew's guests*

*If you have anything you would like added to the schedule or announcements in the bulletin and news letter please send an email reply to the newsletter, or call the office.*

### **Readings for November 17, 2019**

Hymns: #523, #516, #525

Old Testament

Malachi 4:1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

Psalm 98

*Cantate Domino*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, \*  
for he has done marvelous things.

2 With his right hand and his holy arm \*  
has he won for himself the victory.

3 The Lord has made known his victory; \*  
his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, \*  
and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; \*  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, \*  
with the harp and the voice of song.

7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn \*  
shout with joy before the King, the Lord.

8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, \*  
the lands and those who dwell therein.

9 Let the rivers clap their hands, \*

and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,  
when he comes to judge the earth.

10 In righteousness shall he judge the world \*  
and the peoples with equity.

### The Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

### The Gospel

Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up

your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

## **Birthdays & Anniversaries November 18 - 23**

*Anniversaries*

*Birthdays*

### **Dedications for this week:**

*The Memorial lamp is lit today in remembrance of  
Joseph Zingone*

### **Collect for the 26th Sunday after Pentecost, November 17th**

Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **Contact Information**

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