

# ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost—November 18, 2018

## The Collect

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.**

## Old Testament Reading: Daniel 12:1-3

The Lord spoke to Daniel in a vision and said, "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."

## Psalm 16

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| 1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you;*<br>I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord, my good above all other." | 7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel;*<br>my heart teaches me, night after night.  |
| 2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land,*<br>upon those who are noble among the people.                 | 8 I have set the LORD always before me;*<br>because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.   |
| 3 But those who run after other gods*<br>shall have their troubles multiplied.  | 9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices;*<br>my body also shall rest in hope.   |
| 4 Their libations of blood I will not offer,*<br>nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.                         | 10 For you will not abandon me to the grave,*<br>nor let your holy one see the Pit.  |
| 5 O LORD, You are my portion and my cup;*<br>it is you who uphold my lot.   | 11 You will show me the path of life;*<br>in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.! |
| 6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land;*<br>indeed, I have a goodly heritage.  |  |

### **Epistle Reading: Hebrews 10:11-25**

Every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that 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 he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," he also adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. 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 approaching.

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 13:1-8**

As Jesus came out of the temple, 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."

Sermon

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