



Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and he saw also a certain poor widow put in two mites. So Jesus said “Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings to God; but she, out of her poverty, put in all the livelihood she had.

- Luke 21:1-4

THE ACT OF WORSHIP

The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
November 17, 2019
Ten-thirty o'clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

The worship of God begins this morning as you enter the Sanctuary. You are encouraged to use these moments for meditation, reflection and prayer. Following the service, greet our visitors and share your fellowship with those around you.

The Meditation of Preparation

Dear Lord, we need this hour with you to acknowledge your generosity and your love, and to seek your guidance as we face the challenges of the coming week. Help us, as we prepare for this hour of worship, to be still and let go of every distraction that would separate us from you. Amen

Prelude "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" Ford

The Call to Worship "Be Glad in the Lord" Hopson

Be glad in the Lord, all you saints; be glad and rejoice:
Give thanks and remember God's holiness.

*The Processional Hymn No. 2: "Holy, Holy, Holy" *NICAEA*

*The Litany of Praise Sam McMullan

Leader: The Lord be with you;

People: And also with you.

Leader: "Praise the Lord, call upon God's name;
declare God's deeds among the peoples.

**People: Make mention that God's name is exalted.
Sing to the Lord,**

Leader: For the Lord has done excellent things;
this is known in all the earth.

**All: Cry out and shout, O inhabitants of Zion,
for great is the Holy One of Israel in your midst!"**

-Isaiah 12:4-6, adapted

*The Gloria Patri No. 807: "Glory Be to the Father" *MEINEKE*

*The Prayer of Invocation Sam McMullan

The Greeting Charles Poole

The Lessons Isaiah 12:1-6
II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

The Meditation of Confession

We confess our sins to you, O Lord, knowing that you already know all about them. We confess them so we can learn from them, as you shine the light of your forgiveness into the dark recesses of our souls. We confess our sins so we can receive your forgiveness and use it as we seek to forgive others and to forgive ourselves.

Thanks be to God!

The Silent Prayer

The Assurance of Pardon

The Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer Lesley Ratcliff

INTERCESSION AND DEDICATION

*The Offertory Hymn No. 568: "Take My Life and Let It Be Consecrated" *HENDON*

*The Offertory Prayer Sam McMullan

The Offertory "God the Father, Be Our Stay" Manz

*The Doxology *OLD HUNDREDTH*

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The Gospel Luke 21:5-19 Lesley Ratcliff

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Anthem "My Eternal King" Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not because I hope for heav'n thereby.
Nor yet because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst nails and spear, and manifold disgrace.

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ. Should I not love Thee well?
Not for the hope of winning heav'n or of escaping hell;
Not with the hope of gaining aught, Not seeking a reward;
But as Thy self hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!

E'en so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Solely because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

The Sermon "Thank-you" Charles Poole

COMMITMENT

Northminster is an open fellowship that wants to share its gift of life and ministry with others. During the Time of Response, this church extends to you an invitation to membership by your request for baptism, by letter from a sister church, or by statement of your Christian experience in another denomination. If you would like to unite with this covenant community, please express this desire by coming forward at this point of the service.

TIME OF RESPONSE

As you leave God's house, store the blessings of this hour in your heart where you can revisit them and be refreshed.

*The Recessional Hymn No. 578: "Come, All Christians, Be Committed" *BEACH SPRING*

*The Benediction Charles Poole

*The Postlude "Praise the Lord" Martin

**The congregation will please stand.*

The Lectionary passages for November 17 are found on the following pages in the Pew Bible:

Isaiah 65:17-25 ~ pages 607-608

Isaiah 12 ~ pages 558-559

II Thessalonians 3:6-13 ~ page 962

Luke 21:5-19 ~ page 856