

SCRIPTURE READINGS

God's universal principle about giving is this:
Give willingly from the heart.

*"You are to receive the offering for me
from each man whose heart prompts him to give" (Exodus 25:2)*

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 1:4-20

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the Lord had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the Lord had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the Lord. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the Lord. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the Lord, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O Lord of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head." As she continued praying before the Lord, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the Lord. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer. They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the Lord remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the Lord."

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

1 SAMUEL 2:1-10

Hannah prayed and said,

"My heart exults in the Lord;
my strength is exalted in my God.

"There is no Holy One like the Lord,
no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,
let not arrogance come from your mouth;
for the Lord is a God of knowledge,
and by his actions are weighed.

The bows of the mighty are broken,
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired
themselves out for bread,
but those who were hungry
are fat with spoil.

The barren has borne seven,
but she who has many children is forlorn.

The Lord kills and brings to life;
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

The Lord makes poor and makes rich;
he brings low, he also exalts.

He raises up the poor from the dust;
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes
and inherit a seat of honor.

For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's,
and on them he has set the world.

"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;
for not by might does one prevail.

The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered;
the Most High will thunder in heaven.

The Lord will judge the ends of the earth;
he will give strength to his king,
and exalt the power of his anointed."

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

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. 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.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

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 birthpangs."

**WE REMEMBER BEFORE GOD ALL PEOPLE
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD WHOSE LIVES HAVE BEEN
DISRUPTED BY VIOLENCE OR WAR.**

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO WORK FOR PEACE
AND FOR NEW BEGINNINGS.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✧ As we pray, let us remember George; Kim & Dan; Al; Samantha; Charlie Kate & her family; Alfonso; Anthony; Larry & Leslie; Norrin; Bruce & Laurie; Debbie; Kelsey; Brody; Shoney; Robert; Lori; Keira .

FROM DAN BASCHE

Soon the Angel Tree will be up with the kids tags for the taking. Our gifts will likely be all the child receives for Christmas, so if you want to help, but the cost of all 4 items makes it difficult, please consider partnering with someone and split the cost. There may be some who wouldn't mind just the paying part or just the shopping part, or love wrapping gifts to where it works out well for everyone -- talk to people over coffee before or after our services. You can also talk to me if you fall a little short, as I may know of someone who can help make that child's Christmas special. Thank you!! (PS: We have about 1 month to get gifts to the families.)

Thank you so much for all the extra Halloween candy you've brought! I have enough for November, December AND January! There is a great and varied selection also -- you are going to make a lot of folks very happy. Also you have been very generous with all the winter clothes and blankets for the less fortunate at the soup kitchen! We will continue to collect and hand out until early February. Thank you all for showing the love of Christ to His very needy children in these "cooler" months.

FAITH THROUGH THE ARTS A new twist on our usual opening reception -- December 8, 6 PM -- "*TEXTILES BY ERIKA*". Light refreshments and beverages of choice, both non-alcohol and wine, will be served. Erika's beautiful quilted hangings will be on sale and make a great Christmas gift (available at time of purchase)! Cash or checks made out to St John the Baptist/memo line "FTTA/Erika are accepted. NOW for the twist: On Sundays, November 25 and December 2, see any member of the FTTA ministry and get a raffle ticket. Keep the whole thing and when you come to the reception, we will take one half and put it in the hat. The winning ticket will win the prize. You MUST be present to win! Good luck!

OUR LONG TIME AND CHERISHED PROVIDER OF 'FUZZY FRIENDS' HAS ONCE AGAIN BROUGHT US STUFFED ANIMALS FOR THE CHILDREN WHO COME INTO THE FOOD PANTRY. A few of them have already found loving homes this past week. We still need your help! If you have gently used (or new) stuffed animals, we would love to share them with the kids who come in.

Our altar flowers are given
In joyous thanksgiving for our families

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

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| Today | Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 AM |
| | Card signing between services (PH) | 9 AM |
| | Nursery care | 9:30–11:15 AM |
| | Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) | 9:45 AM |
| | Youth Group (CH 6) | 9:45 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite II | 10 AM |
| | Praise Band Practice | 11:30 AM |
| Tue. | Tuesday Night Bible Study | 6 PM |
| | Joyful Noise practice | 7 PM |
| | Bunco (PH) | 7 PM |
| Wed. | Holy Eucharist Rite II | 6:30 PM |
| | Chancel Choir Rehearsal | 7:15 PM |
| Thu. | OFFICE CLOSED | |
| | Thanksgiving Dinner | 11 AM |
| Fri. | Thrift Shop (CH7) | 9 AM—1 PM |
| | Military Veterans/Meal Prep (K) | 10 AM |
| Sat. | Veteran's Ministry meeting (PH) | 9 AM |
| | Thrift Shop (CH7) | 9 AM—1 PM |
| | FTTA Art Reception (Erica Warren) | 6 PM |
| Sun. | Holy Eucharist Rite I | 8 AM |
| | DOK Renewal of Vows (both services) | |
| | DOK meeting (CH 3) | 9 AM |
| | Nursery care | 9:30–11:15 AM |
| | Sunday School (CH 2 & 8) | 9:45 AM |
| | Holy Eucharist Rite II | 10 AM |
| | Praise Band Practice | 11:30 AM |

FOOD PANTRY
Spam; cookies, canned ravioli,
cereal, brownie mix

BLESSING BAGS
Travel size or individually wrapped please
travel sized chips, travel sized pretzels,
travel sized Goldfish, Rice Krispie treats