Emmanuel Episcopal Church
Evening Prayer
November 11, 2026

Martin of Tours

Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. (Psalm 141:2)

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

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

Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
People **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Gracious Light

Light of the world,
in grace and beauty,
Mirror of God's eternal face,
Transparent flame of love's free duty,
You bring salvation to our race.

Now, as we see the lights of evening,
We raise our voice in hymns of praise;
Worthy are you of endless blessing,
Sun of our night,
lamp of our days.

Psalm 11

In the Lord have I taken refuge; *
how then can you say to me,
"Fly away like a bird to the hilltop;

**For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the string, *
to shoot from ambush at the true of heart.**

When the foundations are being destroyed, *
what can the righteous do?"

**The Lord is in his holy temple; *
the Lord's throne is in heaven.**

His eyes behold the inhabited world; *
his piercing eye weighs our worth.

**The Lord weighs the righteous as well as the wicked, *
but those who delight in violence he abhors.**

Upon the wicked he shall rain coals of fire and
burning sulphur; *
a scorching wind shall be their lot.

**For the Lord is righteous;
he delights in righteous deeds; *
and the just shall see his face.**

**Glory to the Father,and to the Son,and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Lesson **Joel 2: 12-19**

A Reading from the Prophet Joel

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly; gather the people. Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast. Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy. Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep. Let them say, "Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations. Why should it be said among the peoples, 'Where is their God?'"
Then the Lord became jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. In response to his people the Lord said: I am sending you grain, wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied; and I will no more make you a mockery among the nations.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle B. The Song of Pilgrimage ***Ecclesiasticus 51:13-16,20b-22***

Before I ventured forth,
even while I was very young, *
I sought wisdom openly in my prayer.

**In the forecourts of the temple I asked for her, *
and I will seek her to the end.**

From first blossom to early fruit, *
she has been the delight of my heart.

**My foot has kept firmly to the true path, *
diligently from my youth have I pursued her.**

I inclined my ear a little and received her; *
I found for myself much wisdom and became adept in her.

**To the one who gives me wisdom will I give glory, *
for I have resolved to live according to her way.**

From the beginning I gained courage from her, *
therefore I will not be forsaken.

**In my inmost being I have been stirred to seek her, *
therefore have I gained a good possession.**

As my reward the Almighty has given me the gift of language, *
and with it will I offer praise to God.

The Second Lesson **Luke 15: 1-10**

A Reading from the Gospel According to Luke:

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go

after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. "Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Canticle D. A Song of the Wilderness **Isaiah 35: 1-7, 10**

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, *
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

**It shall blossom abundantly, *
and rejoice with joy and singing.**

They shall see the glory of the Lord, *
the majesty of our God.

**Strengthen the weary hands, *
and make firm the feeble knees.**

Say to the anxious, "Be strong, do not fear! *
Here is your God, coming with judgment to save you."

**Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, *
and the ears of the deaf be unstopped.**

Then shall the lame leap like a deer, *
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

**For waters shall break forth in the wilderness *
and streams in the desert;**

The burning sand shall become a pool *
and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

**The ransomed of God shall return with singing, *
with everlasting joy upon their heads.**

Joy and gladness shall be theirs, *
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Martin of Tours *was one of the most influential Christian leaders of the fourth century. Remembered for his compassion, humility, and commitment to serving the poor, he became a model of Christian charity and an important figure in the development of monasticism in Western Europe.*

Martin was born around 330 to pagan parents. Martin's father enlisted him in the army at the age of 15. One winter day he saw an ill-clad beggar at the gate of the city of Amiens. Martin had no money to give, but he cut his cloak in half and gave half to the beggar. After seeing Christ in a dream related to the cloak, he became a Christian and, thereafter, vowed to serve Christ instead of Caesar. In 371, he was elected bishop of Tours.

Martin's feast day of November 11th (the day of his burial in the year 397) offers an opportunity to reflect on the relationship between faith and compassion. His story reminds us that holiness is not necessarily found in positions of authority or material wealth, but in our willingness to recognize Christ in those who are most vulnerable. November 11 is also the date of Armistice Day, commemorating the end of World War I in 1918. Although this is a separate observance, the shared date is an interesting historical coincidence.

We share reflections on the day's scripture and readings.
What do you notice?
What is speaking to you?
What difference does it make?
Where are we being called to share our cloak today?

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Suffrages A

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day
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.**

Collect for Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397
Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice and set him as a bishop in your church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that, at the last, we may be found clothed with righteousness in

the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace
Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission
Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen**.

We offer intercessions and thanksgivings from our heart
either silently or aloud or in the chat function.

We pray for healing for those on the parish prayer list, including: Andrew, Debbie and Evelyn Bourne, Peter Brown, Ally Bush, Lydia Cedrone, John Claya, Jacob DeCarlen-Bumiller, John DeNatale, Donna, Erica, Kristen Goddard, Michelle Hager, CJ, Ginny Johnson, Jonathan, Chris Kelsey, Kevin MacKenzie, Diane Manning, Mark Martino, Sara Murphy, Olivia, Mo Pollman, Rebecca, Carolyn and Jeff Robinson, Keith Santarelli, Sheila and Josh, Jamie Souliotis, Trudy, Amy Walsh, Kelly Wood, and Alan Wright.

A General Thanksgiving **BCP p. 101**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom BCP p. 102

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**
(2 Corinthians 13:14)