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Next Week:

Psalm 16

Daniel 12:1–3

Hebrews 10:11–25

Mark 13:1–13

Bible Readings for Pentecost 25B, November 11, 2018

Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

My soul, praise the Lord.

²I will praise the Lord all my life;

I will sing to my God as long as I live.

³Do not trust in nobles,

in a son of man, who cannot save.

⁴When his breath leaves him, he returns to the ground;

on that day his plans die.

⁵Happy is the one whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord his God,

⁶the Maker of heaven and earth,

the sea and everything in them.

He remains faithful forever,

⁷executing justice for the exploited

and giving food to the hungry.

The Lord frees prisoners.

⁸The Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord raises up those who are oppressed.

The Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord protects resident aliens

and helps the fatherless and the widow,

but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.

¹⁰The Lord reigns forever;

Zion, your God reigns for all generations.

Hallelujah!

Bring a friend, make a friend!

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the Lord came to him: ⁹“Get up, go to Zarephath that belongs to Sidon and stay there. Look, I have commanded a woman who is a widow to provide for you there.” ¹⁰So Elijah got up and went to Zarephath. When he arrived at the city gate, there was a widow gathering wood. Elijah called to her and said, “Please bring me a little water in a cup and let me drink.” ¹¹As she went to get it, he called to her and said, “Please bring me a piece of bread in your hand.”

¹²But she said, “As the Lord your God lives, I don’t have anything baked—only a handful of flour in the jar and a bit of oil in the jug. Just now, I am gathering a couple of sticks in order to go prepare it for myself and my son so we can eat it and die.”

¹³Then Elijah said to her, “Don’t be afraid; go and do as you have said. But first make me a small loaf from it and bring it out to me. Afterward, you may make some for yourself and your son, ¹⁴for this is what the Lord God of Israel says, ‘The flour jar will not become empty and the oil jug will not run dry until the day the Lord sends rain on the surface of the land.’”

¹⁵So she proceeded to do according to the word of Elijah. Then the woman, Elijah, and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The flour jar did not become empty, and the oil jug did not run dry, according to the word of the Lord he had spoken through Elijah.

Hebrews 9:24–28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with hands (only a model of the true one) but into heaven itself, so that he might now appear in the presence of God for us. ²⁵He did not do this to offer himself many times, as the high priest

enters the sanctuary yearly with the blood of another.

²⁶Otherwise, he would have had to suffer many times since the foundation of the world. But now he has appeared one time, at the end of the ages, for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment—²⁸so also Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Mark 12:38–44

³⁸He also said in his teaching, “Beware of the scribes, who want to go around in long robes and who want greetings in the marketplaces, ³⁹the best seats in the synagogues, and the places of honor at banquets. ⁴⁰They devour widows’ houses and say long prayers just for show. These will receive harsher judgment.”

⁴¹Sitting across from the temple treasury, he watched how the crowd dropped money into the treasury. Many rich people were putting in large sums. ⁴²Then a poor widow came and dropped in two tiny coins worth very little.

⁴³Summoning his disciples, he said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴For they all gave out of their surplus, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had — all she had to live on.”

Collect of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Grant us so firmly to believe in Your Son Jesus that our faith may never be found wanting; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.