



# The Cloak

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from Saint Martin's Church

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## Greeting

*Out beyond ideas of wrong doing and right doing, there is a field. I'll meet you there.*

*When the soul lies down in that grass,  
the world is too full to talk about.*

*Ideas, language, even the phrase each other  
doesn't make any sense.*

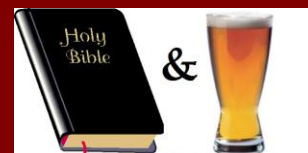
~ Rumi

Rumi was a 13th-century Persian Sunni Muslim poet, jurist, Islamic scholar, theologian, and Sufi mystic. For centuries his writing has transcended national borders and ethnic divisions- he is beloved of Iranians, Tajiks, Turks, Greeks, Pashtuns, other Central Asian Muslims, and the Muslims of South Asia. His poems have been translated into every major language and he has been described as the best selling poet in the United States. Maybe this is because his poetry looks beyond the usually petty or self-destructive ways human beings seek to wound or dominate one another, and instead insistently calls out our common humanity. I think Jesus would have been a fan.

Peace & blessings,  
Chris+

## Bible & Beer TONIGHT!

The Bible & Beer get-together is tonight, Thursday, November 16th at 7 p.m. at the Black Powder Tavern, 1164 Valley Forge Rd, Wayne. Come join in the spirited discussions. All viewpoints are welcome!



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## Sunday School



**Feed Your Spirit**



Sunday School is at 9:30 am this week in the larger school room at the end of the hall. We continue with a new round of interpreting scripture stories using Legos. Our focus has shifted to the Old Testament for the next few weeks, so it is a wonderful opportunity for children to use their imaginations to make the bible stories a part of their lives.

Our Lego approach is open to children of all ages (3-103). Each Sunday the nursery is also open. Contact Ms. Deb (smartinsradnor@gmail.com) if you have questions or would like to learn more about the St. Martin's Sunday morning programs.

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**This Week  
at  
St. Martin's**

**Thursday**

Bible & Beer  
at the Black  
Powder Tavern  
7 p.m.

**Sunday**

Rite I  
Worship  
8 a.m.

Choir Rehearsal  
9:00 a.m.

Sunday  
School and Chapel  
Chat  
9:30 a.m.

**Hurricane Relief - \$1 Challenge**

7 Sundays in the year to go, so let's keep the momentum going by putting \$1.00 each week in the hurricane relief collection plate on your way to receive communion. All donations will be sent to Episcopal Relief & Development at the end of the year to assist those affected by the various hurricanes in the U.S. and the Caribbean.



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**Baptism**



Come share in the  
Baptism Celebration of  
**Emma Jane Bishop**

Friday, November 24th  
*(the day after Thanksgiving)*  
3:00 p.m.

St. Martin's Church  
The Rev. Frank Allen, Celebrant

*Reception to follow in the Gurley Room*

Emma Jane Bishop will be baptized on Friday, November 24th (the day after Thanksgiving) at St. Martin's Church at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. Frank Allen will celebrate and preach. All are invited to a reception in the Gurley Room immediately following the service.

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Rite II Worship  
with music  
10 a.m.

**Monday**

Vestry Meeting  
7 p.m.

**Wednesday**

Holy Eucharist  
12:10 p.m.

NO Bible Study

**Thursday**

**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**  
*(office is closed)*

## Holiday Photo Shoot

**Holiday Photo Shoot**

Vincent Dixon  
Photographer  
VincentDixon.com

\$100 requested donation to benefit Stand With Iraqi Christians

Saturday, November 25th  
9am-5pm

St. David's Church  
763 S Valley Forge Rd, Wayne  
610-688-7947

There will be a Family Portrait Holiday photo shoot with Vincent Dixon at St. David's Church on Saturday, November 25th from 9am-5pm. Vincent is an internationally known photographer ([VincentDixon.com](http://VincentDixon.com)). There is a \$100 requested donation, ALL of which will go to Stand With Iraqi Christians. This is a wonderful "give and receive" opportunity to get holiday photos to gift, frame, post, and send!

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## St. Nicholas Celebration

St. Martin's Church will hold a special Holy Eucharist service on Saturday, December 9th at 5:00 p.m. with a Potluck Supper to follow. We will celebrate the generosity of St. Nicholas with a special guest, festive music, and seasonal activities.

*You are invited to  
A Family Celebration of  
The Feast of St. Nicholas*

A special  
Holy Eucharist Service  
& Potluck Dinner

Saturday, December 9th  
5:00 p.m. with dinner to follow

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## Pilgrim's Prayer A PRAYER FOR NOVEMBER



November. The changing of the seasons. The coming of winter. The calendar year ending. The church year beginning. We remember the saints as November begins. We give thanks and we remember that Jesus has called us

all to be saints.

November gives us that day of gratitude. When we feast and welcome friends and family to the table. When we remember who first fed us at the table. When we count our blessings and remember those who we can bless.

November ends with Christ as King. That final Sunday of the church year when we proclaim the greatness of Christ. When we reflect on where we've been this year and where we're going. When we remember that Christ is the alpha and omega, the beginning and end...

Guide our ways and point us to the light that never fades. So that a dark, November night can be our healing and our balm. Amen.

Read the full prayer by **Kimberly Knowle-Zeller** on the "Episcopal Café" Website. And visit the site for additional reflections.

<https://www.episcopalcafe.com/a-prayer-for-november/>

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## Upcoming Events



### **Bible & Beer**

**TONIGHT!** Thursday, 11/16, 7 p.m. at the Black Powder Tavern, Wayne

### **Vestry Meeting**

Monday, 11/20, 7 p.m.

### **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

Thursday, 11/23, Office is closed

### **Emma Bishop's Baptism**

Friday, 11/24, 3 p.m.

### **Holiday Photo Shoot to benefit SWIC**

Saturday, 11/25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

### **Confirmation Gatherings**

Sunday, 11/26, 4:30 p.m. (Chapter 4 continued)

### **St. Nicholas Celebration & Supper**

Saturday, 12/9, 5 p.m. & 6 p.m.

### **SAVE THE DATE...**

### **Christmas Pageant**

The annual pageant will be held on December 24 at the 10am worship service (a one-time change from the past, because this year Christmas Eve, the 24th, is a Sunday.) Christ Church, Ithan, will be joining us at St. Martin's.

# Read and Ponder this Week's Scriptures



The scripture readings for this Sunday are:

Judges 4:1-7

Psalm 123

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Matthew 25:14-30

## 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.

## The Old Testament

Judges 4:1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

## The Response

Psalm 123

1 To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.

2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,

3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,

5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

## The Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

## The Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

*Optional parts of the readings are set off in square brackets.*

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We invite your input into The Cloak. If you would like to contribute your voice to "From the Congregation," or if you would like to share a prayer, an idea, an essay, a photo, or something else, please let us know!

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