

The Carillon



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My Dear Friends in Christ,

This month you will be asked to formally and concretely pledge your support for the great mission which God has given to Caroline Church. The mailing you received last month gave you some details on the ways your money supports ministries at Caroline Church. You heard from several parishioners how Caroline Church has changed their lives for the better. This month you will have the opportunity to pledge your support, in time, talent and treasure, towards the good works we do here in the Three Village Community through our parish.

As you think and pray about your pledge, I hope you will seriously consider giving a significant percentage of your time, talent and treasure toward God's work in the world. The tithe is the Biblical standard for giving, and has been embraced by the Episcopal Church for many years.

We commit ourselves to boldly claim God's abundant provision in our lives; to offer extravagantly our time, talent, and money to do God's work. We need to confront our fears of scarcity; to embrace a new vision of stewardship through a joyful response to God's extravagant gifts; and to empower the mission of Christ through generous giving.

The strong, and often sacrificial, support of members and friends of Caroline Church makes possible for us to:

- ♦ offer our four worship services (including Children's Chapel in the MCS building) with distinctly different liturgical styles each Sunday
- ♦ have two choirs and many occasions of special music
- ♦ teach the Christian faith through offering a wide variety of programs, studies, groups, and special speakers.
- ♦ provide a strong ministry to children, youth, families and young adults
- ♦ serve those in need and provide a ministry of Christian witness to the Three Village Community
- ♦ in all that we do, to be a welcoming and life-changing Christian community

When we make a decision to either tithe or work toward a tithe by increasing our giving one, two, three, or four percent, we may have several fears that come upon us. But to make the decision to commit yourself to moving toward the tithe is to commit yourself to earnestly and seriously follow Christ. It is a decision that once made, you will feel good about. I am hard pressed to number an ex-

titer of time, talent and treasure. I think that is because there is great joy in giving – deep and abiding joy that comes when we know we are doing something good, loving and right.

Please, before you fill out your Estimate of Giving card for 2013 – consider seriously the spiritual implications of what you are about to do. Pray, discuss, and then write. On November 18 you will have the opportunity to place your Estimate of Giving card in the offering plate where it will be blessed and offered along with those of fellow members of Caroline Church. A mailing with an Estimate of Giving Card should have reached you this week – if not, cards will be available on Celebration Sunday, November 18.

May God's Holy Spirit guide you in your decision.

For Christ's kingdom here and now,

Fr. Richard+



Our Caroline Church Vision Statement:

*To help people encounter the living God together
and live transformed lives for Christ.*



Our Mission Statement

** We, the parishioners of Caroline Church of Brookhaven, are committed to Jesus Christ, to His teaching, His life, death and resurrection, in our call to serve and worship Him, in the tradition of the Anglican Communion.*

** We strive to share our faith and blessings for the furtherance of His kingdom in an environment of love, understanding, and support, through prayer, worship, Christian education, and fellowship.*

Our Anglican Heritage

Margaret of Scotland

Margaret, despite her appellation, was born a Saxon in 1046 and raised in Hungary. She came to England in 1066 when her uncle, King Edward the Confessor, died and Margaret's brother, Edgar Atheling, decided to make a claim to the English throne. The English nobles preferred Harold of Wessex over Edgar, but later that year Duke William of Normandy made it all rather a moot point by invading England and establishing himself as King. Many members of the English nobility sought refuge in the court of King Malcolm III Canmore of Scotland, who had himself been an exile in England during the reign of Macbeth. Among the English refugees were Margaret and Edgar. While King Malcom was hospitable to all his new guests, he was rather more hospitable to Margaret, marrying her in 1070 to make her Queen of Scotland.

Margaret impressed not only Malcolm but many other members of the Scottish Court both for her knowledge of continental customs gained in the court of Hungary, and also for her piety. She became highly influential, both indirectly by her influence on Malcolm as well as through direct activities on her part. Prominent among these activities was religious reform. Margaret instigated reforms within the Scottish church, as well as development of closer ties to the larger Roman Church in order to avoid a schism between the Celtic Church and Rome. Further, Margaret was a patroness both of the célidé, Scottish Christian hermits, and also the Benedictine Order. Although Benedictine monks were prominent throughout western continental Europe, there were previously no Benedictine monasteries known to exist in Scotland. Margaret therefore invited English Benedictine monks to establish monasteries in her kingdom.

On the more secular side, Margaret introduced continental fashions, manners, and ceremony to the Scottish court. The popularization of continental fashions had the side-effect of introducing foreign merchants to Scotland, increasing economic ties and communication between Scotland and the continent. Margaret was also a patroness of the arts and education. Further, Malcolm sought Margaret's advice on matters of state, and together with other English exiles Margaret was influential in introducing English-style feudalism and parliament to Scotland.

Margaret was also active in works of charity. Margaret frequently visited and cared for the sick, and on a larger scale had hostels constructed for the poor. She was also in the habit, particularly during Advent and Lent, of holding feasts for as many as 300 commoners in the royal castle.

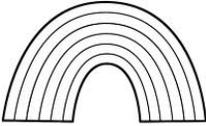
King Malcolm, meanwhile, was engaged in a contest with William the Conqueror over Northumbria and Cambria. After an unsuccessful 1070 invasion by Malcom into Northumbria followed by an unsuccessful 1072 inva-

sion by William into Scotland, Malcom paid William homage, resulting in temporary peace. William further made assurance of this peace by demanding Malcolm's eldest son Donald (by Malcolm's previous wife Ingibjorg) as a hostage. Time passed, William the Conqueror died, and The Conqueror's son William Rufus took the throne of England. Hostilities again arose between Scotland and England, and in the ensuing unpleasantness Malcolm was killed along with Edward, the eldest son of Malcom and Margaret.

Margaret had already been ill when Malcolm and Edward went off to battle. Her surviving children tried to hide the fact of their deaths, for fear of worsening her condition. But Margaret learnt the truth, and whether due to her illness or a broken heart, Margaret died four days after her husband and son, on November 16, 1093.

The death of both King and Queen led, unfortunately, to yet another unpleasant disagreement, this time over who should take their places on the throne. Margaret herself was declared a saint in 1250, particularly for her work for religious reform and her charitable works. She herself was considered to be an exemplar of the just ruler, and also influenced her husband and children to be just and holy rulers. She was further declared Patroness of Scotland in 1673.

We celebrate Margaret's life and influence on the church throughout the Anglican Communion on her Feast day, Friday, November 16.



Ultreya!

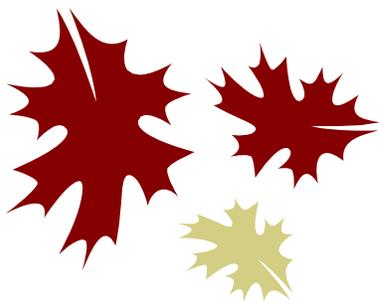
Ultreya is a Spanish word, meaning Onward! It was in common use by pilgrims to greet and encourage one another along the way. All Parishioners and their friends are welcome to join us on the 4th Friday of the month for Ultreya. It is a shared time of fellowship, singing and spiritual encouragement.

Ultreya will be CHANGED from regularly scheduled 4th Friday to November 16th at 7:30pm because of the Thanksgiving holiday. Please come join us for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Please call Sue Seel for information.

Annual Acolyte Recognition Day

All acolytes are asked to attend this year's Annual Acolyte Recognition Day on November 11th. We welcome our new acolytes Emily Bishop, Lucia Buscemi, Katrina DiSclafani and Sarah Hull to our acolyte ministry guild. With them all acolytes will renew their commitment to this vital ministry of service at the altar of Caroline Church. There will also be a special brunch and an annual meeting held directly after the service in the Marco Smith building. You will have an opportunity to ask about the requirements to become a Master Acolyte. All acolytes should pray that Our Lord will inspire other teens to join our Acolytes Corp. Your Acolyte Director Mr. Duy Nguyen, and I are looking forward to this special day in your honor. *RDV*



Caroline Church Remembrance Day

A special day to celebrate and remember the men, women, and children who came before us.



Join us as we place a flower of remembrance on each grave.



There will be a brief presenta-
tion prior

to the placing of flowers and coffee and cake following.

Sunday November 4th
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 Please RSVP to Lainey Cash
ecash1520@yahoo.com
 (631) 751-3541

Donations will be accepted for the purchase of flowers.

All Saint's and All Soul's Day

Praying for the departed appears in many places in our Book of Common Prayer. Although there is a weekly opportunity for remembering the dead in the Prayers of the People in the Holy Eucharist, our Prayer Book Calendar lists November 1st as All Saints' Day and November 2 as Commemoration of All Faithful Departed - All Souls Day.

All the departed will be remembered aloud as part of the intercessions for the Burial of the Dead at our Holy Eucharist service on Thursday, November 1 at 12:30 p.m. The names will also be reproduced in the Sunday bulletin on All Saints' Sunday, November 4.

We would like to remember in prayer, those who are serving in the Armed Forces.



Afghanistan:

Michael Cardamone, Adam Fullerton,
 Roy Raguso, Mike Hanna, Kevin O'Donahue
 Kevin LoRusso

**May God protect them, bless them,
 and bring them home soon.**

20s/30s Group

Last month we went to see "Argo." Coming up, Greg and Janene Timm will host a family-friendly game night at their house, 12 Linda Lane, Setauket, on December 1st at 6:00pm. Please bring a dish or bottle to share and your favorite game. The Timms have lots of play space for the kiddos!

Please join our Facebook group: Caroline Twenties and Thirties. Contact Lindsay at 561-3767 or at lindsay.baldwin.porter@gmail.com or Janene at 675-0879 to RSVP. Or better yet, RSVP on Facebook!

Liturgical Calendar October

Baptism: Evelyn Ann Dolan



Please Join Us at the 40th Annual Epiphany Ball

Lombardi's On The Sound
Pt. Jefferson

January 26th, 2013

6:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres

7:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m. dinner with dancing

Cost: \$60.00 per person

Paid, non-refundable reservations must be returned by Monday, January 13th, 2013.
Checks should be made payable to Caroline Church and mailed with this completed form to
the office: Caroline Church, One Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

How many people in your party _____ x \$60.00 each= _____ check enclosed

I/We would like to sit with: _____

*Sit down dinner is a 4 course affair
featuring:*

~ FIRST COURSE ~

Penne Filetto diPomoduro

~ SALAD COURSE ~

Tuscan Garden Salad

~ MAIN COURSE ~

(Choice of one)

Lombardi's Sliced Steak

Chicken Francaise

Fish duJour

Seasonal vegetables

House potatoes

Rolls, butter

~DESSERT~

House Cake

Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks

We are accepting reservations NOW!!



Thanksgiving Services

The Three Village Interfaith Clergy Association is once again organizing a community wide Thanksgiving Eve worship service. All members of Caroline Church are encouraged to come and worship with our sisters and brothers from the three Abrahamic faiths and give thanks and praise to God for our many blessings. This interfaith service will be held on **Tuesday**, November 20 a 7:00 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship at Stony Brook, located at 380 Nicolls Road, just north of the Setauket Fired Department Nicolls Road Station. Our 2012 Thanksgiving theme is "Teach Your Children Well," a celebration of the religious values our children learn among us and carry in their hearts into our future. We gather in gratitude for the gifts of healing and hope our children bring to the world. A combined interfaith choir and adults and youth will speak. Gather your guests and friends and join us.

We will also have a Holy Eucharist **Thanksgiving Day** service with hymns on Thursday, November 22 at 10:00 am at Caroline Church. As you prepare your grand feasts for friends and family or map out your trip to visit relatives, we encourage you to first join with your parish family in giving thanks to God for the many blessings he has bestowed upon you and your loved ones.



My Offering for Christmas Memorial Flowers



In memory of _____

As a Thank Offering for _____

Name: _____ Envelope No. _____

Amount: \$ _____

Christmas Decorations

Christmas is coming up very quickly and as we begin to think about Christmas presents, let us not forget about adorning our church with the beauty of Christmas flowers. If you would like to make a gift of flowers for the altar on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, please fill out the above form and return it to the Parish Office, One Dyke Road, Setauket, NY 11733, no later than **December 9th, 2012**. Please make checks payable to CAROLINE CHURCH, with "Christmas Flowers" noted in the memo portion of the check. Let us not only remember our loved ones who have gone before us, but let us be thankful for the loved ones in our midst now, and for the joy of family and friends around us.



Theophilus Healing Mission A Chapter of the Order of St. Luke the Physician

Our next Healing Service will be Friday, November 2nd at Bethel AME Church in Setauket at 7:30 pm. We will not have a meeting this month. We will be going to hear the Rev. Canon Mark Pearson at the Cathedral of the Intercessor in Malverne Friday night and Saturday, November 16th and 17th. Canon Mark has been speaking on Healing Ministry for over 25 years. He is a noted author and world wide speaker. He also speaks on Meyer Briggs Personality Types and on the Holy Spirit. He and his wife Dr. Mary have a residence healing ministry at 'Institute For Christian Renewal' in Kingston, New Hampshire.

We are excited that the South Shore Chapter is re-starting their OSL Chapter. We attended their Healing Mission at St. Mark's, Islip at the end of October. Bishop Alex McCullough was a wonderful speaker. Also new and Associate members were inducted into OSL.

Ginny and Ann,
Theophilus Healing
Ministry Chapter



Come to Sunday Morning Prayer

On Sunday, November 25th at the 11:15 a.m. Service, we will celebrate said Morning Prayer. We have been worshipping in this ancient fashion on a quarterly basis. Please join us for this hour of prayer and adoration of Our Lord Jesus as we praise him for the blessings we have received.



Sonshine Ministries

The Sonshine Ministry is here for **YOU!** Let us make your life easier as you or a loved one recuperates. Many fellow parishioners are on hand to bring a hot meal to your home. All that's required is to **ASK!** If you, or someone you know is in need of this ministry, please contact Dianne Johnson, 473-7913; Claire Mis 689-1210 or cmis@hotmail.com; or Barbara Delfyett at 751-3658.

C.Y.C. Youth Group

We've had a great turn out at our first few meetings! Our theme for the year is "Who Am I?" We'll be discussing aspects of our identity as individuals, family members, and Christians.

Please remember that each first Sunday the youth will sit together for 9:30 church up in the balcony. The youth voted to alternate between going out for lunch and cooking in after church on those Sundays, and November will be an out-to-lunch month. Please make sure your youth has around \$10 to \$12 for lunch.

The youth helped serve at the Stewardship Dinner on November 18th, in lieu of our regular meeting.

Please arrive at 4:00 to set up. On November 11th and 25th we will meet from 4:00 to 6:00 in the Cave.

Lindsay



Ladies Christmas Brunch

St. George's Golf Club

Sunday

December 9th, 2012

12:30pm

Cost: \$39.00

All Ladies of the church and their friends are invited to join us as we prepare to Celebrate the upcoming Birth of the Christ Child at this Christmas Brunch.

We will be collecting items for a much needy cause.
[watch for more details as the time gets closer]

New this year: We realize that as we get closer to the holidays our wallets get thinner. We are now offering you the choice to pay in advance or in payments before December 9th. That means now! Send in your payment (s) to Janet in the office and she will keep track of it. *Make sure you mark your check for "Ladies Brunch".* We would love for you to join us.



Caroline Church Pie Order Form

The CYC Youth Group is off to a great start with our Pie Fundraiser. Pies available for sale will be Apple, Pumpkin, Coconut Custard, Strawberry Rubarb, Fruit of the Forest and Lemon Meringue. Samples of pies will be available at coffee hour **November 4th**. All pies are 10" in size, unbaked, frozen and will be available for pick up on November 18th between services. Cost is \$14.00 per pie. Orders must be in by **November 11th**. Make checks payable to Caroline Church.

Please note: if you want 'BAKED' pies, let us know and you may make arrangements to pick them up at the Good Steer.

<u>Pie</u>	<u>Qty</u>		<u>Total Cost</u>
Apple Pie	___	x \$14.00 =	\$ _____
Pumpkin	___	x \$14.00 =	\$ _____
Coconut Custard	___	x \$14.00 =	\$ _____
Strawberry Rubarb	___	x \$14.00 =	\$ _____
Fruit of the Forest	___	x \$14.00 =	\$ _____
Lemon Meringue	___	x \$14.00 =	\$ _____
Total:	___	x \$14.00 =	\$ _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Paid: Cash ___ Paid Check # _____

Pay at time of Pick Up: _____

This is a CYC Youth Group Fundraiser.

Coffee & Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess

Sign up for 2012/2013

Please feel free to sign up for this wonderful time of sharing. Open to families, organizations or individuals who would like to share their 'hostess' gifts. The sign up list is on the clip board in the MCS building. You may either just sign up on the list, call the parish office at 941-4245 or contact Len Calone at 928-2019.



Grief Support Group

Anyone who has lost a loved one is cordially invited, even if your loss was years ago. Your attendance may be the spark to help someone else. We follow a basic structure and all sharing or discussions will be held confidential.

For additional information, please contact Fr. Richard at the parish office, or Don Muffly at 689-8804.



ECW Evening Branch

The ECW evening branch had an engaging meeting with two trainers from Energy Fitness who gave an informed talk about the importance of physical conditioning for women's health. Those present received a free month's pass with two training sessions. The talk focused on the health benefits of exercise for women. You didn't have to participate in a gym. Walking and other forms of exercise were strongly encouraged.

The next ECW meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th at 7pm in MCS Building. We will be making bows for the Christmas wreath sales. This a good fundraising activity for our group, so please come and join us as Linda Haring shares her expert skills of making large bows look easy. As always coffee and other treats will be available. We had a lot of fun doing this activity last year with good conversation and banter. Hope to see you there.

Mirjana Ellis, rmellis@optonline.net, 689-2627



Caroline Cares Campus Ministry

We are getting ready to send our Fall Care Packages to our students studying away from home. We will gather on Monday November 12th 7:30PM in the Marco Smith Building to fill boxes and prepare them for mailing. Our Wish List of the supplies we need will be posted in the Coffee Room beginning October 21st. We are so grateful for all the contributions we have received from the Parish Family in the past eight years, and hope you will continue to support this ministry to our young adults. They do so appreciate knowing that we are thinking of them.

We sent 25 packages to students this past Spring. Address updates, or new names can be sent to Eileen Roggemann at eroggemann@gmail.com. All donations should be brought to the Marco Smith building by Sunday November 11th. Please consider joining us on November 12th. Many hands make light work. If you have any questions please call Eileen Roggemann at 689-7209.

Brotherhood of St. Andrew

October was a very busy month for the Brotherhood. We saw a great turnout for our mystery theater and dinner evening - Thank You all for making this a success. We especially thank Clare Mis and Chris Muffly for the guidance and help with the menu, Julie Johnson for the table settings and cleanup and of course the table angels, Ellie, Lucia and Natalia Buscemi for keeping up with the needs of our guests.

Our Sunday football afternoon was a cliff hanger with the Giants pulling the game off in the last seconds. We look forward to doing this again with a Jet game. Last, our annual Barn Sale ends the October activities.

Looking ahead:

- ♦ Saturday November 10th 8:00am Morning Meeting with Video series: Faith under Fire
- ♦ Saturday November 17th 8:00am: Yard Cleanup location is TBD

Sunday November 25th 9:30 Service – Installation of New Members. Please note that we invite all brotherhood members to participate during this installation. If you don't usually attend the 9:30 service maybe you can make an exception?

God bless
Br. Mark



Caring For The Caregiver

At the Caring for the Caregiver committee meeting held on October 14th, it was decided to discontinue the second Wednesday of the month support group meeting and instead have two Saturday morning meetings. They will be on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 9:30-11:00am at the Caroline Parish House.

The next meeting will be on November 10th. A core group of Saturday attendees is developing and Saturday morning appears to be an easier time for caregivers to get coverage. Since the local churches have been a source of new attendees, a letter and flyer will again be sent out to them informing them of the change of meeting days.

The working committee for Caring for the Caregivers continues to seek helpers especially with flyer distribution. Call Virginia at 631-428-0902 if you would like to help or if you have further questions about the support group. Thanks for listening.

Annual Caroline Church Christmas Fair!!



Our traditional Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 1st from 9:30am to 3:00pm.

WE NEED YOUR HELP
(big or small)

In order to make it a success and to raise funds to help those in need during hard times.

Possible ways to help:

Set up/decorate tables

On Friday, November 30th from 9:30am to completion in the Marco C. Smith Building.

Donate items for:

- ⇒ Bake and Food table
- ⇒ Used Christmas decorations
- ⇒ New Gift Table
- ⇒ Jewelry Table
- ⇒ Crafts & Hand Knit tables

Whatever you can do to contribute, we will appreciate very much. Please bring your items upstairs to the machine room, as the building is used throughout the week for other groups. Thank you.

Pat Harding, President
Members of the ECW (MB)



Calling New Confirmands!

A new confirmation community is forming to explore our Episcopal tradition and help students articulate their Christian faith. Students will be prepared for the sacramental rite of Confirmation through specially designed classes, worship experiences, field trips, and retreats.

All young people who are sixteen or thereabouts and their parents are cordially invited to an orientation session with the clergy on Wednesday December 12, 2012, at 7:00 p.m. in the MCS building.

Please let Fr. Richard know of your interest as either a student or mentor prior to that time. We look forward to hearing from you!

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



	11/1	Patricia Brush Mark LaSorsa
	11/2	Theresa Williams Mary Doherty Lauren Herbst Gary Ruiz
	11/3	Greta Holm Ryan Granger
	11/4	Lenore Bence Sarah Keck
	11/5	Arline Irving Marian Haubold Patricia McGuigan Duy Nguyen Daniel Groth
H		
A		
	11/6	John Cincotta
	11/6	Deanna Lopez Jill D'Aleo
P		
	11/7	Blanche Davis
	11/8	Irene Gwinnett Bill Shane Dan Wueste Jessica Esernio
P		
Y		
	11/10	Matthew Dell'Aquila James Esernio
	11/11	Martha Underhill Arleen Spence- Gonzalez
	11/12	John Worrell
B		
	11/14	Laura Haring
	11/16	Joseph DiSclafani
	11/18	Janet Giacomini Don Gonzalez
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	11/19	Stephen Gristock
	11/20	Donald Dubowski
R		
	11/21	Joan Hatfield Roger Reyes
	11/24	Joseph Spadaro Richard Flynn John Sanislo Emily Bishop Christopher Nguyen
T		
H		
	11/25	Joseph D'Aleo Michael Granger Brent Klinzing
D		
	11/27	Nancy O'Neill Monica Manning
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	11/28	Alfredo Sobalvarro
	11/29	Marc Foucher
	11/30	Ruth Strassle Matthew Dattwyler Brian Hazell
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Sunday, November 11, 2012

OFFICE of STEWARDSHIP

Blessed to Be a Blessing Stewardship Reflection Series

Proper 27B ♦ Mark 12:38-44

...has put in everything she had..



A few years ago, the Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Botswana in Southern Africa invited me to lead a preaching mission at Holy Cross Cathedral in Gaborone, the capital city.

Worship in the Church in Botswana can be very traditional Anglican-Anglo Catholic in one moment, and then, in the very next moment, it includes spontaneous songs of faith born on Africa's soil and accompanied by dancing and clapping and rejoicing. At one point, though, we sang a hymn from *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, a venerable old English hymnal still in use around much of the Anglican world. It was an old familiar hymn that is also in *The Hymnal 1982* of the Episcopal Church.

Take my life and let it be, Consecrated, Lord, to Thee/ Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in endless praise.

The hymn continued, as it does in *The Hymnal 1982*, with successive stanzas offering the entirety of our lives to God: *Take my hands and let them move, at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet... Take my voice... my lips... my intellect... my heart... my will... Take myself and I will be, ever, only, all for thee.*

But then we sang a verse that is not in the hymnal of the Episcopal Church. This is what the missing verse says:

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.

I wish this verse was in the Episcopal Hymnal. Its absence from the hymnal of the Church, in the wealthiest nation on earth, is interesting. But maybe more important than that, this missing verse gets to one of the deep truths of the story of the widow's mite in Mark 12:41-44. Jesus was watching people give money to the temple. He noticed a pattern. Those with much gave little, when you consider how much they had. And a woman with little gave it all.

Take my silver and my gold, Not a mite would I withhold.

That missing verse is the key. "Not a mite would I withhold." The issue for Jesus had nothing to do with giving money to a religious institution. The issue had to do with lives given to God to be enfolded in the love of God, being lived in the way of God. An old song, popular before my time, sung variously by Billie Holiday, Louis Armstrong and Frank Sinatra, may well reflect what Jesus was getting at. The lyrics include these words:

All of me, why not take all of me/ Can't you see, I'm no good without you/ You took the part that once was my heart/ So why not take all of me

There was indeed a message in that missing verse.

The Right Rev. Michael Bruce Curry
Bishop
The Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina



Reflection Questions

- What does giving it all mean to you?
- How would you rejoice in doing so?
- How do you live in gratitude for the blessings you have received?

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