



St. John's Episcopal Church
All Saints' Day
Sunday, November 5th, 2023

Prelude

Opening Words

They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. ~ **Revelation 7.15**

Entrance Hymn #287 ~ *For all the Saints* (verses 1-4)

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and
win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Word of God

Officiant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen.*

The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Psalm 24

Refrain: **Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

The Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it.
For he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

Refrain

Who can ascend the mountain of the Lord? Or who may stand in his holy place?
One whose hands are sinless, whose heart is the clean, Who desires not what is vain.

Refrain

He shall receive a blessing from the Lord, a reward from God his savior
Such is the race that seeks him, That seeks the face of the God of Jacob.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come to me, all who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest says the Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Officiant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. John Beach

Invocation of the Saints

We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past.

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Abraham, the father of believers, and Sarah his wife:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Samuel, and Hannah his mother:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Isaiah and all the prophets:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Mary, the mother of our Lord:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Peter and Paul and all the apostles:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Mary and Martha, and Mary Magdalene:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For Stephen, the first martyr:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For all the martyrs and saints in every age and in every land:

We give you thanks, O Lord.

For the precious souls of departed loved ones and friends:

Joanne M. Felci, James A. Felci, Mildred P. Felci, Vincent M. Federici

Agnes & Coley Rochefort, Anna & Peter Manoogian

Grace & Harold Belyea, Al & Bea DiGiacomo, Susan DiGiacomo, Oriol Pi-Sunyer

Mr. & Mrs. William Cox Jr., Mr. & Mrs. William Cox Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Richard Tarr,

Marilyn Tarr Schiappa, Mr. & Mrs. James Dunton

Barbara & Mel Witham, Douglas Palazzo, Josephine & Joseph DiTrapano

William St. Clair, Heather McLellan, Valerie & Victoria Bidmead, Courtney Nicolo

George & Audrey LeMay, Denise LeMay, Cam Carmichael

Charles & Mildred Confalone, Scott C. Fluet, Richard & Debra Dotolo, Marion Green,

Sam Gates, Mark Chase, Robert & Elsie Ashley, Ralph K. Fairchild

Russell Cutter, Eugene & Josephine Poti, Nancy & John Guerrera

James & Doris Smith, Virginia & Paul Day, Jean & Joseph McBride, Cathy Ferreira

Holmes and Margaret Hurl, Charlie & Margie Aston, Marcia Hurl Foote, Helen Chase

Donna Maklary, Clarence & Margaret Rogers, Judy Rogers, Christine Senftleben,

Abraham & Ethel Hashem, Charles & Hermione Mears

In your mercy, O Lord our God, give us, as you gave to them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first-born of many from the dead.

Confession of Sin

Let us speak the truth about ourselves to our neighbors and to God, acknowledging what we have done and what we have left undone.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Anthem during the preparation of the Altar

The Holy Communion

Prayer over the Gifts

Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**
Officiant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is meet and right to do so.**

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Officiant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Minister and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

Officiant Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Officiant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Officiant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Officiant Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.

The Invitation to Holy Communion

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The Officiant invites the following prayer to be said by all.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Behold the living bread come down from heaven: Those who eat of it will never die.

Anthem during Communion

Prayer after Communion

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever.

Officiant Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen**

The Blessing

It is not enough that we love our God. For, if that love be *true*, we will also love our neighbors-not sparingly, but earnestly, joyfully, abundantly! Move gently among the people of God, ready to offer them not only the gospel, but your heart and soul and mind and strength. May God bless you and keep you.

Recessional Hymn #293 ~ *I sing a song for the Saints of God*

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still;
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Officiant Sent to proclaim God's kingdom with power and to serve others with humility, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Weekly Prayer List

(Please notify the office of any changes)

Elin Babin, David Bell, Ron, Paul Brophy, Norma Cahill, Marie Connors, Barbara Cox, Don DiGiacomo, Robin Dix, Beth (Manoogian) DuPlessie, Jim & Tim Eldridge, Joanne Felci, Paul Felci, Ruth Garrett, Peggy Gibbs, Allison Gray, Patti Greene-Botticeli, Carolyn Hashem, Tom Hashem, Bruce Higgins, Louis Hoelzl, Doris Kelly, Jeanne Kelly-Smith, Phyllis Laidlaw, Dennis Lancaster, Janet Lancaster, Rachel Lesch, Robert Long, Melissa McSheffery, Janet Macrina, Matt, Lori M., Mary & Dante, Harriet Miraglia, Erica Moore, Gisela Moore, Jeanine Morris, Fran Muise, Sara Murray, Sandy St. Clair, David St. Clair, Nancy Scarry, Terrie Sevier, Ray Shaw, Malcolm Silva, Gail Smith, Diane Walker, Nancy White, Walter, Baby Viviana, and Rachel.

Announcement(s)

Yard Sale Contributions

If you have items to donate for the yard sale (downstairs), please drop them off by **Thursday, Nov. 30th** so our helpers have time to sort everything. *Thank you so much!*

Fair Volunteers

Please contact Donna Manoogian or the church office if you have time on **Saturday, December 2nd** to help with set-up (Friday 12/1), clean-up, yard sale, etc. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Participants in this Service:

The Rev. John Beach, Priest-in-Charge
Stephen Sikorski, Music Director
John Rogalski, Worship Leader & Julia Aston, L.E.M.

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