All Saints Sunday
November 7, 2021

Service with
Holy Communion

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Confession and Absolution

P In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

P If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Service of the Word

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1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
   Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
   With them the darkness drear, their one true light.
3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faith-ful, true, and bold,
   All are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
4 Oh, blest communion, fellow-ship di-vine!
   Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of Glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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**Kyrie**

C Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy.

**Gloria in Excelsis**

1 To God on high be glory And peace to all the earth;  
2 To You, O sole-begotten, The Father's Son, we pray;  
3 For You alone are holy; You only are the Lord.

Good-will from God in heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!  
O Lamb of God, our Savior, You take our sins away,  
Forever and forever, Be worshiped and adored;

We praise and bless You, Father; Your holy name, we sing—  
Have mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our heart-felt cry,  
You with the Holy Spirit Alone are Lord Most High,

Our thanks for Your great glory, Lord God, our heav'nly King.  
Where You in pow'r are seated At God's right hand on high—  
In God the Father's glory. “A-men!” our glad reply.

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**Salutation and Collect of the Day**

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.
First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” 11 And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” 14 I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

15 Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.* They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Blessed are those whose strength is in you,* in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

1 John 3:1–3

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia and Verse

C Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia.

C These things are writ-ten that you may be-lieve that
Holy Gospel

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

1 Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 “Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried.

And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life ∞ of the world to come. Amen.
The Eighth Commandment

P What is the 8th Commandment?
C You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

P What does this mean?
C We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Sit

932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples

Sermon

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray to the Lord, our God and Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. For all God's chosen people whom He has knit together in the one mystical body of His Son, that He would give His whole Church in heaven and on earth His light and His peace, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.
For all who have been baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection, that they may die to sin and rise to newness of life and so pass with Him through the gate of death and the grave to their joyful resurrection, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have been nourished by the holy body and blood of God’s Son, that they may be raised to immortality and incorruption to be seated with Him at His heavenly banquet, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all ministers of the Gospel and for the congregations committed to their care, and for all those who assist that them in the work of ministry, they may proclaim the comfort of Christ’s sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection to all who grieve their sin and mourn their dead, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all in authority over us, especially those who work to bring peace and justice, that God would supply them with His blessing and that they may be inclined to His will and walk according to His commandments; and that He would grant wisdom to our citizens and courage and competence to our leaders, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For all who travel, for those in need, for the sick and injured, and for all who have asked for our intercessions, especially _____________, that God’s great mercy may relieve and comfort each, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

For the faithful in this vale of tears, that in the midst of things we cannot understand, we may believe and find comfort in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting, especially for those we have lost this year:

✠ Anna Krivak ✠ 1926-2020
✠ Olive Holder ✠ 1935-2021
✠ Ghulam Feroz ✠ 1942-2021
✠ Steve Kmec ✠ 1935-2021
✠ Masih Salik ✠ 1937-2021

For their families, friends and we who await joining them in Christ’s presence, let us pray to the Lord,

Lord, have mercy.

For all who commune, that in the blessed Sacrament they may gather with joy around the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, whom saints and angels adore around His eternal throne, let us pray to the Lord:

Lord, have mercy.

Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, O Lord, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.
Preface

P  The Lord be with you.
C  And also with you.
P  Lift up your hearts.
C  We lift them to the Lord.
P  Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C  It is right to give Him thanks and praise.
P  It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying::

Sanctus

C  Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sab-a-oth adored;
Heav’n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho-san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san-na to the Lord;
Tru-ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Lord’s Prayer

C  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
forever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

P  Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ° body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.” In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ° blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”
Pax Domini

P  The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C  Amen.

Agnus Dei

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Distribution

The Lord’s Supper is a gift from Christ, offered to those He is building together as one body. Members who have pledged themselves to each other and to the teaching at Ascension through the Rite of Confirmation are invited to receive (1 Cor. 1:10).

Those not members of Ascension but who would like to receive the Sacrament are invited to meet with Pastor after worship to discuss a period of instruction (Ephesians 4:20-24).

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White
O God, Our Help in Ages Past

1 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,

2 Under the shadow of Thy throne Thy saints have dwelt secure;

3 Before the hills in order stood Or earth received her frame,

4 A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone,

Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;
We fly forgotten as a dream Dies at the op’ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last And our eternal home!
The Dismissal

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart in peace.

C Amen.

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Benedicamus

A Let us bless the Lord.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C Amen.
Come, We That Love the Lord

1. Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be known; Join in a song with sweet accord, And thus surround the throne.
   joys abroad, May speak their joys abroad.
   worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.

2. Let those refuse to sing Who never knew our God; But children of the heav’nly King, May speak their joys abroad.
   gold en streets, Or walk the golden streets.
   Refrain
   We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
   We’re marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.

3. The hill of Zion yields A thousand sacred sweets Be before we reach the heav’nly fields, Or walk the golden streets.
   worlds on high, To fairer worlds on high.

4. Then let our songs abound, And every tear be dry; We’re marching through Emmanuel’s ground, To fairer worlds on high.
   Refrain
   We’re marching to Zion, Beautiful, beautiful Zion;
   We’re marching upward to Zion, The beautiful city of God.