

ST. STEPHEN'S

ALL SAINTS' DAY

November 1, 2020

Welcome! We are excited to share in this service with you. You can see in our order of worship that you too can participate through presence and response.

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The Word of God

Prelude

Elegy

Alexandre Guilmant

12 March 1837–29 March 1911

One Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

All **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Hymn 231/2

**By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy Name, O Jesus, for evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious, that they might wear the crown
and ever shine in splendor reflected from your throne.**

**Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the noble throng
who wear the spotless raiment and raise the ceaseless song:
for them and those whose witness is only known to you—
by walking in their footsteps we give you praise anew.**

**Then let us praise the Father and worship God the Son
and sing to God the Spirit, eternal Three in One,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.**

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The Collect of the Day

One The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

One Let us pray.

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.

All

Amen.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-3,9-10,22

Cantor sings Antiphon; All sing Antiphon.

Cantor sings psalm verses; All sing Antiphon as indicated.



- 1 I will bless God at all times; *
praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in God; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of God; *
let us exalt the Name together.

Antiphon

9 Fear God, you that are saints, *
for those who fear lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.

22 God ransoms the life of servants, *
and none will be punished who trust.

Antiphon

Alleluia

Cantor sings 1st part of Alleluia; All sing entire Alleluia.

Cantor sings verse; All sing Alleluia.



Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden; and I will give you rest.

The Gospel *Standing*

Matthew 5:1-12

One The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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."

One The Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Response

The Rev. Drew Downs

The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends,
we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death,
and raised with him to newness of life.
I call on you, on this Feast of All the Saints,
to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism,
by which we once renounced Satan and all his works,
and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?
People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit,
and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins,
keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader As we recall the greatness of creation and the witness of those blessed ones who have gone before us, let us offer prayers to God who adorns the poor with victory.

Leader With the angels and archangels and the spirits of the blessed,

People **Lord, have mercy.**

With Mary, mother of Jesus and bearer of God,

Lord, have mercy.

With the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs,

Lord, have mercy.

With all the saints, witnesses to the gospel,

Lord, have mercy.

For Michael our presiding bishop, Jennifer our bishop,

Drew our priest, Deby our deacon, and Joanna our postulant.

Lord, have mercy.

For the Church of the Province of West Africa,
the Dioceses of Brasilia, Haiti, and South Sudan,
and All Saints, Indianapolis.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy gathering,
for our 7th Street neighbors,
and the people of God in every place.

Lord, have mercy.

For all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages.

Lord, have mercy.

For candidates for public office.

Lord, have mercy.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering,
especially persons affected by Covid-19,
aliens and refugees, widows and orphans,

and those without clothing or shelter,

Lord, have mercy.

For those who have asked our prayers:

Sheila Carl, Sally Newlin, Ray Snyder, Linda Hegedus,
Robin Rolt, Megan Price, Richard Hillier, Jonnee Western,
Terry Persinger, John Bonner, Lane Clark, Martha Hafner,
Ellie Thomas, Joe Kuhn, Justin Mendoza, Aaron Campbell,
Kay Griswold, Joan Hubbard, David Mier, Patrick Murphy,
Martha Layton, Don Layton, and Jeff Vicars.

Lord, have mercy.

For our city and those who live in it,
and for our families, companions, and all we love.

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating birthdays, especially Meric England (11/01).

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating baptismal anniversaries,
especially Ben Bush (11/01), Edward Bryan (11/02),
Kelsey Bryan (11/02), and Elizabeth Wagley (11/05).

Lord, have mercy.

For those celebrating confirmation anniversaries,
especially Craig McKee (11/04) and Megan Allen (11/06).

Lord, have mercy.

For the dead and those who mourn,
and for our ancestors, and all who have gone before us in faith,
especially

Jim Petrulis	Jean Veach
Anne Temple Lambert	Robert Wilson
Jil Ida Wilson	June Wilkins
Joan Nasser	

Please add your own remembrances, either silently or aloud

Lord, have mercy.

Lifting our voices with all creation,
with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Stephen, and all the saints,
let us offer ourselves and one another
to the living God through Christ.

To you, O Lord.

Presider

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the triumph of Christ in the lives of your saints.
Receive the prayers we offer this day and help us to run our course with faith, that we
may swiftly come to your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Peace

One The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Hymn 293

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.

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Spiritual Communion

One Let us pray as one:
All **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the
Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your
resurrection.**

**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.**

– From Washington National Cathedral; material adapted from Prayer of
St. Alphonsus de Liguori (1696-1787) and *A Prayer Book for the Armed
Services 2007*

Lord's Prayer

One As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Post-communion Prayer *Said by all*

One Lord of the Feast,
All **we thank you for gathering us as your people. We call to remembrance the many
times we have been fed at your table and we lament our distance now. Be present
Lord Jesus as you were present with your disciples, be known to us in the
breaking of the bread, and may your Holy Spirit sustain us and all your Church
until we can gather together again. We ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.**

All Saints' Blessing

Celebrant May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints,
be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the
age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears
your prayers for them.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and
victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness
to the truth against all adversity.

People **Amen.**

Celebrant And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you for ever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

One Alleluia, Alleluia, Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude

March Anglaise

Scotson Clarke

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