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# ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Our bishop is the celebrant and preacher today.

PRELUDE Shall We Gather at the River arr. Sam B. Owens (1928-1998)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 287 For all the saints Sine Nomine Verses 1-4, 7, 8

#### THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Bishop There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Bishop One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Let us pray.

# THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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.** 

#### A READING FROM THE BOOK OF 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."

Reader The word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

# PSALM 34;1-10,22

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; \*
  his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; \* let the humble hear and re joice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \* let us ex'alt his Name to gether.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me \* and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, \* and let not your faces be a shamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LÖRD heard me \* and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, and he will de liver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*

   happy are they who trust in him!



9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*
for those who fear him lack nothing.



- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*
  but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.
- 22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \* and none will be punished who trust in him.

# A READING FROM 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader The word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.** 

# **SEQUENCE HYMN 293**

I sing a song of the saints of God

**Grand Isle** 

### THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5:1-12.

People 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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Bishop

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

#### PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop says

The Candidates will now be presented

Presenter I present these candidates for confirmation and reception.

The Bishop asks the candidates

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidates I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidates I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

After all have been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these

persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

The Bishop then says these or similar words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

# THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Bishop Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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.

Bishop Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the

breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin,

repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.** 

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as

yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Bishop Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the

dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help**.

#### PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATES

The Bishop then says to the congregation

Let us now pray for these persons, who have renewed their commitment

to Christ.

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

*Leader* Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

A period of silence follows.

Then the Bishop says

Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their Baptism. Send them forth in the power of the Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

# **CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION**

# Confirmation

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant *N*. with your Holy Spirit; empower *her/him* for your service; and sustain *her/him* all the days of *her/his* life. **Amen.** 

# Reception

*N.*, we recognize you as a member of the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, and we receive you into the fellowship of this Communion. God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you. **Amen.** 

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over these your servants; let your Holy Spirit ever be with them; and so lead them in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that they may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### THE PEACE

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

# THE HOLY COMMUNION The Holy Eucharist, Prayer A

# OFFERTORY ANTHEM O Thou, whose all-redeeming might

arr. David Blackwell (b. 1961)

- O Thou whose all-redeeming might Crowns every saint in glory bright, On this commemoration day Hear us, good Jesu, while we pray.
- Contending for thy holy name Thy servants earned their saintly fame, Which pious hearts praise revere In constant memory year by year.
- Earth's fleeting joys they counted naught, For higher, truer joys they sought, And now, with Angels round thy throne, Unfading treasures are their own.
- O grant that we, most gracious God, May follow in the steps they trod; And, freed from every stain of sin, As they have won may also win.
- To thee, O Christ, our loving King, All glory, praise, and thanks we bring; Whom with the Father we adore, And Holy Ghost for evermore. Amen

**OFFERTORY HYMN 656** 

Blest are the pure in heart

Franconia

The people remain standing.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them to the Lord.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Bishop 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. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. 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:

\*\*Celebrant and People sing\*\*

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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. Then the Bishop continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. 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:

Bishop and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Bishop continues

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.** 

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **People and Bishop** 

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,

# THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD FRACTION ANTHEM

for ever and ever. Amen.

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Bishop and People

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Bishop says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **COMMUNION DUET**

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber (b.1948)

Jane Andersen & Susan Sloan, sopranos

Merciful Jesus, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. O Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them eternal rest

# A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION SAID BY THOSE NOT PRESENT AT HOLY COMMUNION

Bishop In union, O Lord, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. **Amen.** 

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Bishop Let us pray.

Bishop and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### THE BLESSING

*The Bishop blesses the people.* 

RECESSIONAL HYMN 625 Ye holy angels bright

Darwell's 148th

#### **DISMISSAL**

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**POSTLUDE** 

**The Emperor's Fanfare** Antonio Solar (1720-1783)

Thanks to Dan Bishop, Jane Andersen, Susan Sloan and the All Saints Choir for providing today's music.

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The Altar Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for 7 years of ministering with and to the vibrant, generous, joyful, loving people of All Saints by the Rev. Leslie J. Hague.

I thank my God for every remembrance of you, always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. (Phil. 1:3-5 NRSV)

The Sanctuary Candle this week is given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of my parents Sophie and Chester Antczak, and in thanks for their unconditional love, by Bill Antczak.



Please join us online or in person each Wednesday at 12:05 p.m. for our WEDNESDAY HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023
THE COMMEMORATION OF AMMONIUS

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Please join us in person or online each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for our VESPERS ~ EVENING PRAYER RITE II

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2023

THE COMMEMORATION OF LEO THE GREAT

BISHOP OF ROME, 461

Please join us online each evening, except Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. for our SERVICE OF COMPLINE.

BLESSINGS TO ALL CELEBRATING THIS WEEK OF NOVEMBER 5–11

Birthdays Bill Antczak, Bob Byrd, Douglas Hasty, Judith Jones,

**Jack Landers, Matt Reiss** 

Anniversaries John Newton and Mowry Spencer



TO THOSE BEING CONFIRMED AND RECEIVED INTO THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH TODAY!

Bill Antczak; Gary Arnold; Brian Hunt; Gerry Iacullo; Andy Li; Cathy Lucas; Paul Odom; Olivia Ogles; Mark Olson; Chuck Taylor; Tony Tsagris



# Rooted in Abundance: Understanding the gifts of time, talent and treasure at All Saints

All Saints Episcopal Church will have a town hall, Rooted in Abundance, on Zoom on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 6:30pm. All are welcome! The town hall will be recorded for those who are unable to attend. Information is forthcoming regarding agenda and link.

You'll hear from our Treasurer, Rich Clarke, who will share reports about our financial health and wellbeing as we enter the last part of the church and fiscal year. We will then put it all in context as we discuss stewardship and our annual pledge campaign, Rooted in Abundance. All will have the opportunity to ask questions and to give feedback.

# ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW) MEETING



The meeting will be next week, Nov. 12th
at 12:00 in the Parish House
to plan the agenda for the coming months.
All the women of All Saints are invited to attend.

# SIT AND KNIT FOR A BIT

Will meet next Sunday, November 12th, from 2 to 4 pm in the Parish House. Sit and Knit for a Bit is meeting once a month on the second Sunday of each month.