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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE RT. REV. GREG RICKEL IS THE PRESIDERS AND PREACHER TODAY.

Call to Worship ~ 13 Bells

PRELUDE

Brother James' Air

arr. Dale Wood

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 517 How lovely is thy dwelling place

Brother James' Air

THE WORD OF GOD

Bishop

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.

Silence

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JEREMIAH 14:7-10,19-22

Although our iniquities testify against us, act, O LORD, for your name's sake; our apostasies indeed are many, and we have sinned against you. O hope of Israel, its savior in time of trouble, why should you be like a stranger in the land, like a traveler turning aside for the night? Why should you be like someone

confused, like a mighty warrior who cannot give help? Yet you, O LORD, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; do not forsake us! Thus says the LORD concerning this people: Truly they have loved to wander, they have not restrained their feet; therefore the LORD does not accept them, now he will remember their iniquity and punish their sins. Have you completely rejected Judah? Does your heart loathe Zion? Why have you struck us down so that there is no healing for us? We look for peace, but find no good; for a time of healing, but there is terror instead. We acknowledge our wickedness, O LORD, the iniquity of our ancestors, for we have sinned against you. Do not spurn us, for your name's sake; do not dishonor your glorious throne; remember and do not break your covenant with us. Can any idols of the nations bring rain? Or can the heavens give showers? Is it not you, O LORD our God? We set our hope on you, for it is you who do all this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

R. Goodson
(1655-1719)



PSALM 84:1-6

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! *
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find
it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, *
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

A READING FROM 2 TIMOTHY 4:6-8,16-18

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord,

the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 508

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Nova Vita

THE GOSPEL

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 18:9-14.

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

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

THE SERMON

THE RT. REV. GREG RICKEL

A quiet time for reflection follows the sermon.

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The Bishop says

The Candidate will now be presented

Presenter I present Mari Matsunaga for confirmation.

The Bishop asks the candidate

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate I do.

Bishop Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

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

After the candidate has been presented, the Bishop addresses the congregation, saying

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her 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.**

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.**

PRAYERS FOR THE CANDIDATE

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

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

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Bishop 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 this your servant the covenant you have made with her at her Baptism. Send her forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before her; 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

The Bishop lays hands upon each one and says

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

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with her; and so lead her in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that she 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

Eucharist Prayer 2

During the offertory anthem, we invite your offerings for All Saints' ministry of sharing God's love with the world. You may place your offering in the plates passed by the ushers or scan our QR code to give online



OFFERTORY ANTHEM **Now Sing We Joyfully unto God!** *arr. Ovid Young*

Gary W. Arnold, Baritone and Steven P. Vertz, Tenor

Now sing we joyfully unto God! We sing! So joyfully unto God, to God, so joyfully unto God!

DOXOLOGY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Presider and People (Sung; Hymn S-129)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself, yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me. "

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

Amen

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

Silence

FRACTION ANTHEM

Presider and People

S 155

The Holy Eucharist

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

This setting is not used in Lent.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; there - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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

Nearer, Still Nearer

arr. Ovid Young

Gary W. Arnold, Baritone and Steven P. Vertz, Tenor

Nearer, still nearer, close to Thy heart, Draw me, my Saviour, so precious Thou art; Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast, Shelter me safe in that haven of rest.

Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring, Naught as an off'ring to Jesus, my King; Only my sinful, now contrite heart. Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Said by the Presider and intended for use by those watching our Livestream.

Holy One, though I am unable to be physically present today with the worshipping community at All Saints Church, I have prayed with them as the Holy Eucharist has been celebrated. In my heart I feel connected to those worshipping at All Saints and with Christians throughout the world. Though I am unable to receive you sacramentally today, I know You are always spiritually present in my heart, in my soul, and in my every breath. For this I give thanks and praise. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS SEARCH FOR A NEW RECTOR

Holy One, open our hearts and minds that we may discern your will. Grant us patience and perseverance as we wonder and wait for the one whom you send. We

pray for a new rector who will provide leadership to help us embody the deep and unbounded love of Christ that is alive in our parish and community. We pray for the search committee to listen and respond with wisdom and gratitude each step of the way. We pray for our parishioners to find comfort with uncertainty during the search period. We pray for the priests we meet through this search as they prayerfully consider if they are called to All Saints. Help us, O God, to trust what we cannot yet see. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray.

Presider and People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING FORTH OF THE EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Presider Father Carl, we send you out to share communion this week with our fellow Episcopalians and friends at John Knox Village.

People **May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take this sacrament of Christ's presence.**

Presider May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING

The Bishop blesses the people.

RECESSIONAL HYMN 555

Lead on, O King Eternal

Lancashire

DISMISSAL

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

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE

**Thanks to Dan Bishop, Gary Arnold, Steven Vertz
and the All Saints Choir for providing today's music.**

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Heads Up! Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday Nov. 2nd!



The Altar Flowers this week are given to the Glory of God and
in loving memory of my husband of 41 years, George F. Hess II
May 13, 1939 – October 5, 2015
by Diane Hess.



"Fear not for I am with you always...even to the end of the age."

ADULT FORUM WILL BE HELD THIS WEEK AT 9:15 AM IN NEAVERSON.

All are welcome! This week Bishop Greg will **continue the history and governance discussion with a beginning discussion of the Episcopal Church during the Civil War.** Please attempt to look this link up and read in preparation as we will begin discussing the issue of slavery and the Episcopal Church during the Civil War. Read the article at <https://bit.ly/EpiscopalChurchandSlavery>. And here is a video, about 14 minutes that is also a good preparations <https://bit.ly/EpisSlaveryVideo>
And if you would like a but more, this is a pretty good history of the Confederate States Episcopal Church during the time. <https://bit.ly/EpisConfederacy>

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Please join us online or in person for our weekday services:
**Wednesday, Oct. 29th at 12:05 p.m. HEALING AND PRAYER SERVICE
WITH THE HOLY EUCHARIST**
THE COMMEMORATION OF JAMES HANNINGTON AND COMPANIONS

Thursday, Oct 30th at 6:30 p.m. VESPERS ~ EVENING PRAYER RITE II
THE COMMEMORATION OF MARYAM OF OIDUN

Every evening, except Thursday, at 8:30 p.m. for our SERVICE OF COMPLINE.

MURDER MYSTERY COMEDY PLAY

Sunday, November 2nd at 7PM

Don't miss this special event: a reading of a Murder Mystery Comedy Play right here at All Saints on Sunday evening, November 2nd at 7:00 PM. Directed by Jack G yman, the featured play will be MURDER ME ALWAYS, by Lee Mueller. The evening will run about 90 minutes including an intermission reception with snacks and drinks. A free-will offering will be welcome.

HOLY LAND AND CELTIC PILGRIMAGES

April LeClair, Crellin Byrd, Marti, Bp. Greg and a few others from around the Church will go to Israel/Palestine on our Solidarity Pilgrimage leaving October 28th. We would all ask for your prayers for us as we travel there until November 6th. Eliza Griswold, daughter of our 25th Presiding Bishop the late Frank Griswold will be joining us as well. Eliza is a professor at Princeton and is doing research on childhood amputees of which there are now more per capital in Gaza than any place else in the world.

If you cannot go but want to be in Solidarity we will be taking all the offerings we can to the various Christian institutions we will be visiting there. If you would like to contribute please do so through the All Saints Website noting it for the Holy Land Solidarity Fund and/or by writing a check in the offering or by sending to the office with Holy Land Solidarity Fund noted.

Marti and Bp. Greg also hope to lead a Celtic Spirituality Pilgrimage to Scotland and England from July 5-17, 2026. However with no one signing up we are now expanding that out to the diocese and the greater Episcopal Church. If we do not get sign ups soon we will most likely cancel this. This trip will be one of the last things Marti and I will get to do with you before my departure on August 1st. Should you be interested in going I urge you to make a deposit now. This pilgrimage is now posted and you can see the itinerary and you can **REGISTER AT <https://bit.ly/Celtic-Pilgrimage>**.

SEARCH TEAM UPDATE

Turning their attention to creating new marketing materials. They have created a clever little attention getting video that we hope will attract some qualified applicants. Please take a look at the video and share it on your own Facebook, Instagram and other social media accounts.

You can find a link to the video on the homepage of our website or download the video by going to <https://allsaintsfl.org/rector-search-info-video>.

PLEASE KEEP THE SEARCH TEAM IN YOUR PRAYERS
*Rick Vaughan, Lisa Dye, Tony Catka, Heather Glenn, Paul Odom,
Maggie Kepler, and Mark Olson*



The Education Gap for Indigenous Children in Guatemala

In Guatemala, the path to education is especially difficult for Indigenous children with only about 55–60% of these children reaching the sixth grade. Many leave school early due to economic hardships, language barriers, and limited access to nearby schools. In rural areas, it is common for children to walk long distances to reach classrooms, only to find that instruction is entirely in Spanish, even though many only speak a Mayan dialect.

The inequality deepens at higher levels of education: only 25–30% of Indigenous students complete lower secondary school (middle-school) and fewer than 15% finish high school. This means that in some rural communities, nine out of ten Mayan children never graduate from secondary school.

Our book-donation program at Ninos Creadores de Historia School helps address one of the root causes of this gap – limited access to engaging reading materials. By delivering Spanish-language children's books directly to classrooms and families, the school gives students a chance to strengthen literacy skills early on, making it more likely they will stay in school and continue learning. Each book is a small but powerful tool for opportunity, helping children imagine a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

Visit our website: <https://www.ChildrenCreateHistory.org>