

# Sunday, November 3, 2024- 24th Sunday after Pentecost

#### Processional Hymn For All the Saints

(H 287)

- 1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!
- 4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. 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!

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.** 

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. (S-277)

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** 

Celebrant: 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. **Amen**.

# A Reading from the Book of Isaiah

25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the

earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

#### Psalm 24

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? and who can stand in his holy place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in.
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

# A Reading from Revelations

21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

# Gradual Hymn Come My Way

(H 487 v1)

1. Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.

# Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 11:32-44 People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord. People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon The Rev. Peter Steinbrenner

#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Prayers of the People**

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone. For this community, the nation, and the world:

# For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

# For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

# For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

# For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Presiding Bishop Sean, our Bishop Elizabeth and all bishops and other ministers For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Hear us, Lord; For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

# And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

# **Prayers for Saints Department**

#### The Peace

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

# Celebrations of Life – Welcome visitors – Blessings, Birthdays, and Anniversaries For a Birthday

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his days increase; bless and guide him wherever he may be. Strengthen him when he stands; comfort him when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him up if he falls; and in his heart may your peace which passes understand abide all the days of his life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

# For an Anniversary

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

The Holy Communion Gluten free communion is available.

#### Presentation of the Elements

# Offertory Anthem "I sing the song of the Saints of God" Children Singing

Presentation of Offering From all the dwell below the Skies (H 380 v.3)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

#### The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: And also with you

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them to the Lord

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God **People:** It is right to give our thanks and praise

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

# 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. (S-124)

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:

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

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;

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (S154)

Celebrant: 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 Hymn Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (H 305) 1 Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; thyself at thine own board make manifest, in thine own sacrament of bread and wine.

2 We meet as in that upper room they met; thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand: 'This is my body': so thou givest yet; faith still receives the cup as from thy hand. 3 One body we, one body who partake, one church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest. 4 One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Saviour and one living Head; then open thou our eyes, that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the bread.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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

# Recessional Hymn O When the saints go Marching In

- 1. O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.
- 2. Oh, when the stars fall from the sky, Oh, when the stars fall from the sky, I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.
- 3. And when the sun begins to shine, And when the sun begins to shine, Oh lord I want to be in that number, When the saints go marching in.
- 4. O when the saints go marching in, O when the saints go marching in, O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

**Dismissal**: Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### 2024 Vestry

Sr. Warden: Mary Ellen Howey Jr. Warden: Mannie Makhathini

Clerk: Heather Bowman Treasurer: Ed McGarry

David Graf Kristen Lavachek David Lynch Deborah Sullivan

# **Announcements**

**A Day of Remembrance:** Join us to honor the lives of those who meant so much on TODAY after both services. Bring a photo for the table in the Nave to be blessed by

Father Peter, or create a personal display in the Parish Hall. More details and forms on the Information Table in the Narthex.

**Pie Palooza**: Save the date! This year's "Pie Palooza" will be held on Sunday, November 24th. It will consist of a "Best Pie" contest; pies to enjoy after the 10am service; and pies for sale.

**Winter Wonderland:** We are looking for volunteers to participate in Winter Wonderland on Saturday December 14<sup>th</sup>. You can also assist the Church School by donating whatever you are able towards the purchase of gift cards. If you are interested in attending please pick up the 1/2 sheet and sign up on the clipboard. Please see Betty-Jeanne if you have any questions.

**Angel Food Ministry:** The Angel Food Ministry brings meals to parishioners who have a temporary need due to a medical emergency or crisis. If you would like to join this important ministry, please see Laura Canon or sign up in the Narthex.

**Epiphany Day of Art:** Join the Artisan Guild on November 9<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall as we offer a variety of art classes focusing on the favorite annual activities, getting everyone ready for the upcoming Christmas season. See the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

**New Directory Coming Soon:** Please notify Betty-Jeanne if your email, address, or phone number has changes since February 2024.

**Flowers on the Altar:** If you would like flowers on a given Sunday, please fill out yellow form and place in the basket along with your check. Let me know what Sunday you want.

**Epiphany E-Newsletter:** Every Thursday, the Epiphany E-Newsletter is sent to everyone on the mailing list. Please let Betty-Jeanne know and she will update and see you are receiving this newsletter with information on events and news for Epiphany.

Please send any announcements for the bulletin and newsletter at <a href="mailto:admin@nvepiphany.org">admin@nvepiphany.org</a>

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