

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

The Feast of All Saints

Sunday, November 1, 2020 at 11am

Livestreamed worship available at [facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos](https://www.facebook.com/stpaulsnorwalk/videos).

St. Paul's on the Green | 60 East Avenue, Norwalk, Connecticut 06851

THE GATHERING RITE

Gathering Music *Prelude on "Let saints on earth in concert sing" by Dudley Buck (1839-1909)*

The Opening Acclamation

The people's responses are in bold.

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Glory to God for ever and ever. 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.**

Opening Hymn

1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:—
thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

words: William Walsham How (1823–1897)
music: *Sine nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

The Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

All-holy God, you call your people to holiness. As we keep the festival of your saints, give us their meekness and poverty of spirit, a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart. May we share with them the richness of your kingdom and be clothed in the glory you bestow. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Lesson *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.

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 God's people.

Thanks be to God.

The Response *sung by the choir*

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;
and there was no more sea.
And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,
coming down from God out of heaven,
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying,
"Behold the tabernacle of God is with men,
and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people,
and God himself shall be with them and be their God."
And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying,
neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

words: Revelation 21:1-4
music: Edgar L. Bainton (1880-1956)

The Gospel *Matthew 5:1-12*

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O 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."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon *The Rev. Daniel Simons, Priest-in-charge*

A period of reflection follows the sermon.

The 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, She* is worshipped and glorified. She 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.**

*(*The Holy Spirit is the spirit of Wisdom, the feminine Sophia, and the Hebrew Scripture calls the Spirit "ruah," a feminine word, to describe the feminine aspect of the Godhead, the breath of God.)*

*(**Here "catholic" means universal. It refers to the belief that the message of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus is a "universal" one that the Church proclaims to everyone, everywhere and always.)*

The Prayers of the People

Please offer your own petitions silently or aloud during the silences, or via a Facebook comment, which we will read aloud at the end of the prayers. The intercessor says

God of the past, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you, with thanks, the lives of those who have gone before us: the great leaders and thinkers, those who have died for their faith, those whose goodness transformed all they did; give us grace to follow their example and continue their work.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

God of the present, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you those who have more recently died, giving thanks for their lives and example and for all that they have meant to us.

We pray also for the one million people who have died in the pandemic thus far. We pray especially for those in this parish who have died this past year. We pray for all those who grieve, and for all who suffer at this time throughout the world. We pray for those in this congregation who are sick or in need and have asked for our prayers. Give us grace to persevere.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

God of the future, on this feast of All Saints we remember before you the newest generation of your saints, and pray for the future of the world, and for the future of this faith community. Grant us wisdom to nurture and encourage the faith, hope, and love of our children.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

For what else shall we pray?

The online prayers of the people are offered.

God of love, **grant our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes with a collect in preparation for the election.

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace, joining all the saints in your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share the peace wherever you are: with a comment posted on Facebook, a bow to those nearby, or some other distanced gesture of peace.

The Announcements

GIVING TO ST. PAUL'S

Now more than ever, the work and mission of St. Paul's depend on the generous support of its friends and members.

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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Offertory

The Altar-Table is prepared for Communion.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give thanks and praise to you, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do. In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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The Celebrant continues

We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, you showed us the extent of your love. He cared for the poor and the hungry. He suffered with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in memory of me."

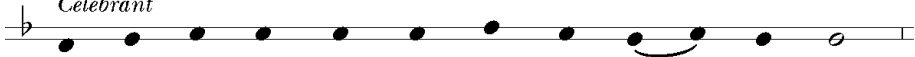
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, shed for you and for all, so that sins may be forgiven." Do this in memory of me."

Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of the bread, and share in his undying life.

Loving God, you give us even now a foretaste of that life beyond the grave where all are gathered together around your table. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, the Risen One, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

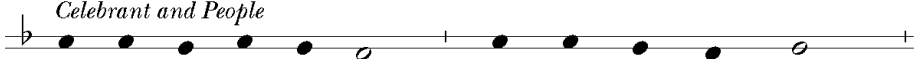
The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

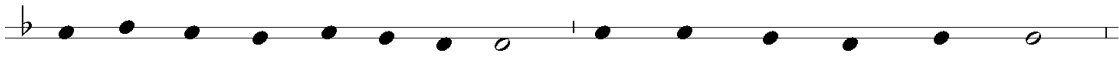


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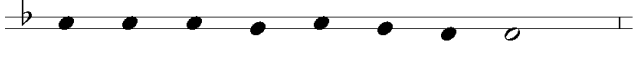
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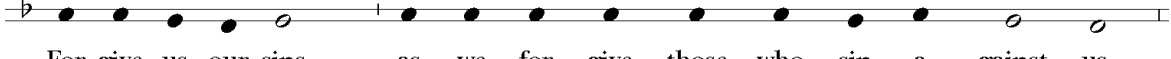
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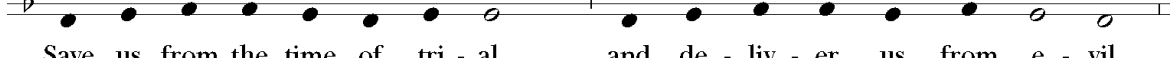
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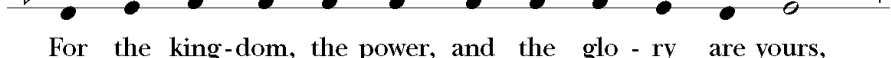
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.




For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus
in the breaking of the bread.

—Luke 24:35

This is the Bod-y of Christ, bro-ken that we may be
 whole; this cup, as prom-ised by God, true to God's word,
 cra-dles our Lord: food for the good of the soul.

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The Invitation to Communion

Behold what you are.

May we become what we receive.

—St. Augustine

During a period of silent reflection the Celebrant prays the following

God of love and grace, of justice and peace, we give you thanks that in the Sacrament of the altar you assure us of your presence within us and within the body of Christ, the faithful through all the generations; grant that we who witness anew these holy mysteries may be moved by your indwelling Spirit ever more fully to embody your holy and life-giving presence, reshaping in your likeness the world around us, until we are gathered at last into the fullness of your glorious and eternal presence; through Christ our Risen Lord. **Amen.**

—Bennet Brockman, alt.

The Prayer After Communion

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

—*Enriching Our Worship*

THE SENDING RITE

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in the world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

—*Celtic blessing*

Go in peace to love and serve Christ in all places and all people.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude *Postlude on "Sine nomine"* by Thomas J. Crawford (1877-1955)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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