HOLY EUCHARIST

All Saints Sunday

ST. PAUL'S ON THE GREEN | NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - 9:00AM & II:00AM

PRELUDE

Prelude on Sine Nomine from "Six Pieces for Organ" - Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

Please stand as the bell sounds.





Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: Sine nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872–1958)

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

The Celebrant intones

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

The People respond



Glory to God for - ev - er and ev - er.

The Song of Praise is not used today.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant intones

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 LESSON seated 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 People.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 34:1-10, 22

At 9:00am, the Psalm is read reflectively, with a slight pause at the asterisk. At 11:00am, the Psalm is sung by the Choir

I will bless God at all times, * and praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Most High; * let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of God; * let us exalt God's Name together.

I sought, and God answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon the Most High and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and God heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

The angels encompass those who fear God, * and God will deliver them.

Taste and see that God is good; * happy are they who trust in the Most High!

Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, * for those who fear God lack nothing.

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

O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, * and none will be punished who trust in you.

(at 11:00am) Anglican Chant: John Goss

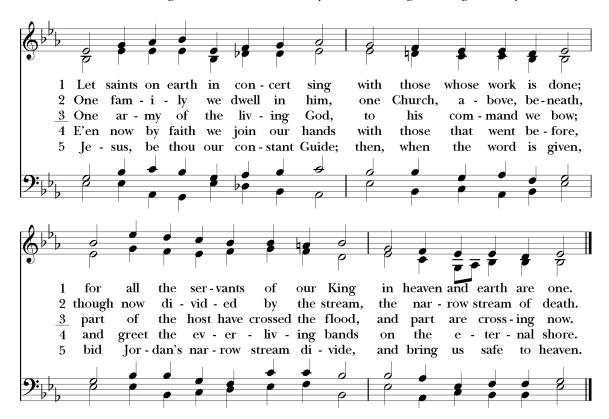
THE EPISTLE 1 John 3:1-3

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.

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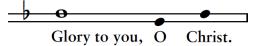
GOSPEL HYMN standing, all turn toward the Gospel as it is brought among the People.



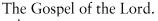
Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), alt.

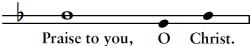
Music: Dundee, melody from The CL Psalmes of David, 1615; harm. Thomas Ravenscroft (1592?–1635?), alt.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.



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."





SERMON The Rev. Paul Carling

A period of silent reflection follows the sermon.

STEWARDSHIP WITNESS

During our Annual Giving campaign we will complete the sermon by hearing from parishioners speaking briefly about their own experience of encountering God at St. Paul's.

At 9am, the service continues on page 9 with the Baptismal Covenant.

BAPTISMAL ACCLAMATION standing

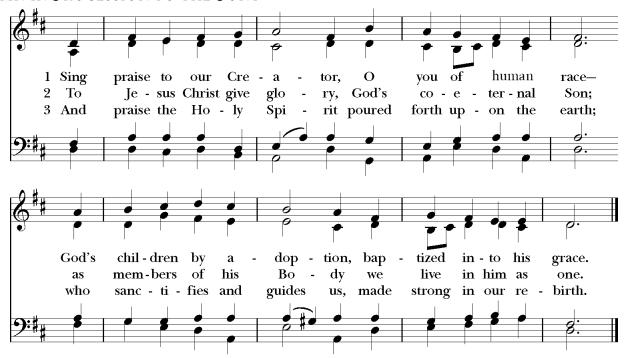
There is one body and one Spirit:

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

One Lord, one Faith, One Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

HYMN IN PROCESSION TO THE FONT



Words: Mark Evans (b. 1916), alt.

Music: Christus, der ist mein Leben, melody Melchior Vulpius (1560?-1616)

THE PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The sponsors presents the baptismal candidate.

We present Marina Lusia Arbor / Noah Ayaan Stulpin to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

We will, with God's help.

Will you by your prayers and witness help these children to grow into the full stature of Christ? We will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following of the sponsors:

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God? *I renounce them.*

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

I do.

Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

I do.

Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation.

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ? We will.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? I will, with God's help.

BAPTISMAL PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us now pray for this child who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth, and for all of us as we are affirmed in our baptismal life:

After each petition, we sing:



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

Lord, hear our prayer.

Open our hearts to your grace and truth.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Fill us with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Keep us in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Teach us to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Send us into the world in witness to your love.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Bring us to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.



At 9am, the service continues with the Peace.

THE THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.

Amen.

THE BAPTISM

Noah, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The forehead of the newly baptized is anointed with oil.

Noah, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own forever.

Amen.

The Celebrant concludes:

Let us pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works.

Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Please share a sign of peace with those around you.

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MUSIC AT THE OFFERTORY sung by the Choir at 11am

We shall walk through the valley in peace

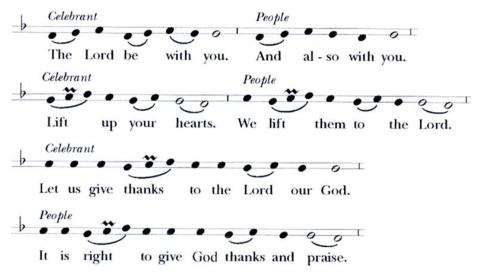
Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989)

We shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus himself shall lead us, we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there, If Jesus himself shall lead us, we shall walk through the valley in peace.



Words: Sts. 1–2, Christopher Wordsworth (1807–1835), alt.; st. 3, Charles P. Price (b. 1920); st. 4, ver. Hymnal 1982 Music: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein, German folk song; harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934))

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



Setting: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

The Celebrant continues

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, most loving God, for the gift of your Son born in human flesh. He is the word existing beyond time, both source and final purpose, bringing to wholeness all that is made. Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross. By your power you raised him from the dead. He broke the bonds of evil and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

You have created us and have brought your people through many trials: Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses, Peter and Paul, Martha and Mary, Francis and Clare of Assisi, Brigit, Columba, Patrick, and Brendan of Ireland, Julian of Norwich and Margaret of Scotland, Samuel Seabury and Jackson Kemper, Thomas Tallis and Hildegard of Bingen, Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Florence Nightingale, Absalom Jones and Emma of Hawaii, Elizabeth Seton and Mother Theresa, the Martyrs of Japan and the Martyrs of Sudan – all who attest to your providence and mercy and show us the way to live.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, Jesus loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks. He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body: it is broken for you." After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying: "Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory.

We now obey your Son's command. We recall his blessed passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension; and we look for the coming of his Kingdom. Made one with him, we offer you these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

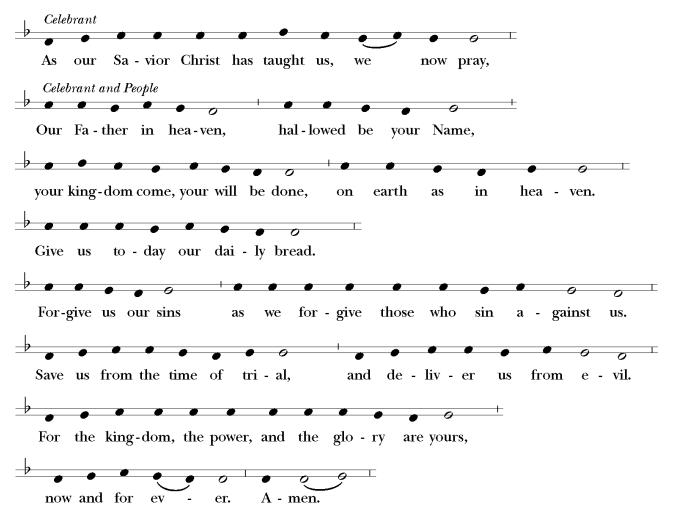
Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that, overshadowed by his life-giving power, they may be the body and blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Paul, the apostles and prophets, and all of your people living and departed, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER



Setting: Ambrosian Chant, adapt. Mason Martens

THE COMMUNION

The Celebrant breaks the bread and invites the People to Communion, saying

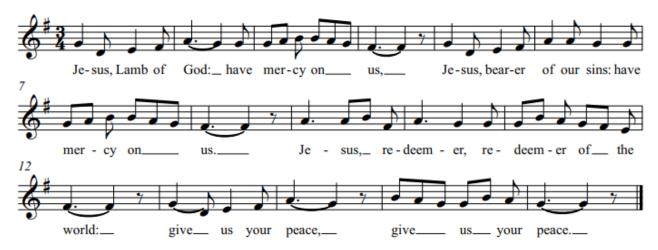
God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.

Everyone is welcome to receive the bread and wine of Communion. Please follow the direction of the ushers. Gluten-free bread is available upon request; grape juice is available in the blue-dot cups at the side altars. (For the health of all, we are no longer dipping the bread into the chalice wine by hand.)

Healing prayer is available in the side aisles for those wishing to pray with someone for any need in their lives.

All sing as the distribution of Communion begins:



Setting: Deutsche Messe, Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION sung by the Choir at 11:00am

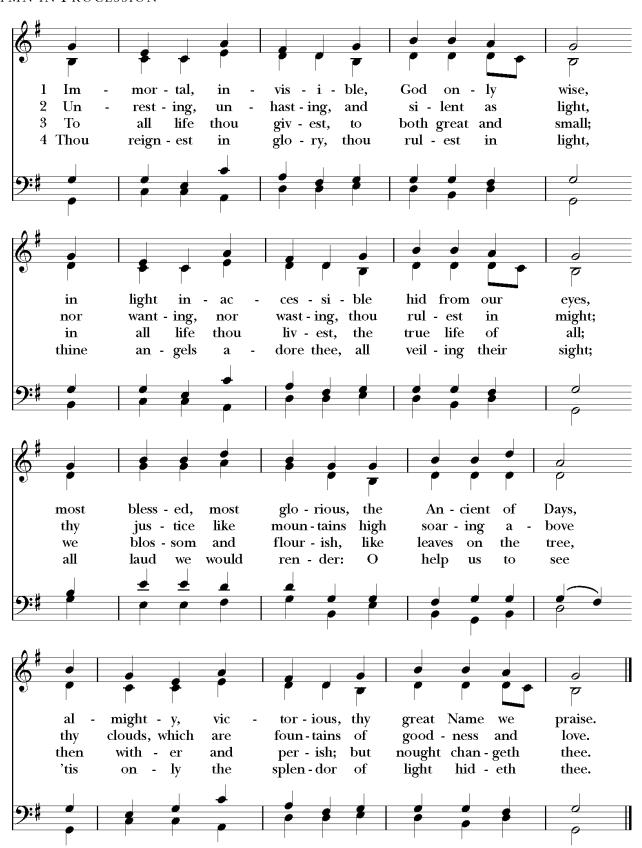
THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION standing

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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the People with these or other words of blessing

The blessing of God Almighty: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Presence, be upon you and remain with you, now and always. **Amen.**



Words: Walter Chalmers Smith (1824-1908), alt.

Music: St. Denio, Welsh hymn, from Caniadau y Cyssegr, 1839; adapt. John Roberts (1822–1877); harm. The English Hymnal, 1906, alt.

THE DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world to love and to serve.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Epithalame - Healey Willan (1880- 1968)

THE WORSHIP IS OVER - THE SERVICE BEGINS

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