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## All Saints' Sunday

Proper 26, Year A

November 1, 2020



9:00 a.m., The Holy Eucharist, Rite II

The Rev. William Petersen Celebrant

Holly Simons, Music Minister

Eucharistic Minister: David Haeger

**GATHERING**            *The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

**Organ Prelude**      Song for All Saints - *M. McDonald*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Eucharistic minister stands at the lectern for all responses of the people.*

*Celebrant*      Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

*People*            **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.**

Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

**Amen.**

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

**And you will find rest for your souls.**

**Collect of the Day**            *We center ourselves for worship in prayer.*

*Celebrant*            God be with you.

*People*                **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*            Let us pray together.

**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.**

**WORD OF GOD**            *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

**First Lesson**                    **Revelation 7:9-17**

*Reader*                A reading from Revelation.

*This lesson. presents a vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb. These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the Lamb (which is the figure for Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution.*

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* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People* **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22** *We respond to the first lesson with a portion of the Psalter.*

*A hymn of blessing and praise to the Lord for deliverance.*

I will bless the LORD at all times; \*

**his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**

I will glory in the LORD; \*

**let the humble hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; \*

**let us exalt his Name together.**

I sought the LORD, and he answered me \*

**and delivered me out of all my terror.**

Look upon him and be radiant, \*

**and let not your faces be ashamed.**

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me \*

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, \*

**and he will deliver them.**

Taste and see that the LORD is good; \*

**happy are they who trust in him!**

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*

**for those who fear him lack nothing.**

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

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
**and none will be punished who trust in him.**

**The Second Lesson      1 John 3:1-3**

*Reader*                      A reading from the first letter of John.

*In this lesson we learn that through God's love, disciples are now children of God; their destiny is to be like Christ. Those who did not recognize Jesus will not recognize his disciples either. Though the mystery of what those disciples are to become has not been fully revealed, Christians know that a dramatic change has taken place in their lives; an earnest of the transformation underway. Those who stand in this hope will purify themselves as Christ is pure.*

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*                      Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.

*People*                      **Thanks be to God**

**The Gospel      Matthew 5:1-12** *We hear the Good News of Jesus our Lord and Savior.*

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

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

*The gospel is the opening sayings of the Sermon on the Mount, words of both comfort and challenge. The values of the kingdom are quite different from worldly standards. Those who are to find blessing will know want and thirst, if not because of their own circumstances, then for the sake of others. Those who hunger for righteousness will find fulfillment, but first they must suffer persecution.*

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."

*Gospeller:*      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Eucharistic minister sits.*

SERMON

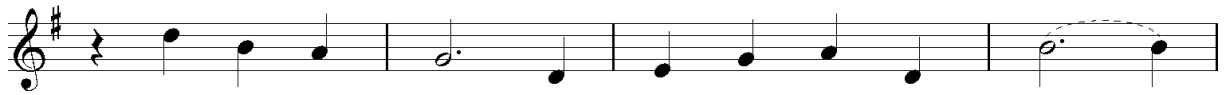
The Rev. William Petersen, preacher

Silence for reflection may be kept.

Hymn of the Day

The word of God is proclaimed in song.

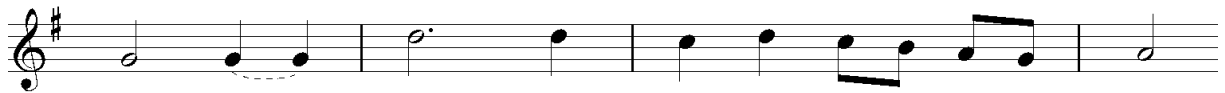
#287 (1982) For all the saints (verses 1, 2, 4, 5)



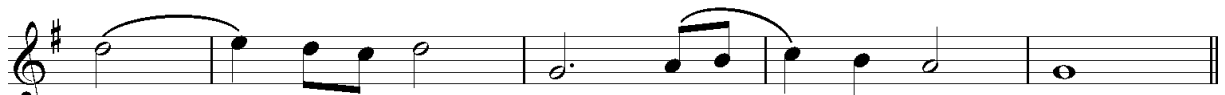
1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_  
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_  
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_



thee\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_  
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
 We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
 win, with\_\_\_ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
 all are\_\_\_ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



\*5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the  
 \*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful



dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are\_\_\_ brave a - gain, and arms are  
 war - riors com - eth rest;\_\_\_ sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



strong. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 blest.

## **NICENE CREED**

*We profess our faith with the whole church.*

*Eucharistic minister stands*

*The word “creed” comes from the Latin “credo” for “I believe.” First formulated at the Council of Nicaea in 325 ad and confirmed in 381 ad, the Nicene Creed is said at the Holy Eucharist and reflects what Christians believe regarding the relationship between the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit: The Holy Trinity.*

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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, who with the Father and the Son  
is worshiped and glorified, who 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**

Let us remember all the saints who have served the church and the world as we offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words “Save us from all our troubles.”

*A brief silence.*

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who have ministered in your church. Give us now, we pray, priests, deacons, teachers, and lay leaders who will guide your people in the way of truth. Bless all who minister during this difficult time.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God,  
**save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who lived in communion with animals, with the earth and the seas. Bless the earth, that all creatures will live out your intention for their place in creation.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who were peacemakers. Give us now government authorities who will strive for peace between and within their nations.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who strove for equality and justice. Guide us during this election week, that those who seek the common good will be elected; protect those who vote; and preserve our nation from all forms of civil discord.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who worked to renew society. Give us now persons who will struggle against prejudice, lethargy, and evil, and will work to improve the lives of others.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who ministered to the needy. Give us now people who will care for those in need. We pray for those in need, the war-torn, the unemployed, those who experience discrimination, those who are weighed down with anxiety, and those whose needs are known only to you.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who nursed the sick. Support physicians, nurses, and all medical staff, especially as they confront the continuing crisis of the coronavirus.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the faithful who have suffered in body, mind, or spirit. Give wholeness to the sick, especially to those with the coronavirus. Send your healing power on those whose names we call out to you now. . . .

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

We praise you, O God, for all the saints, both the famous and the forgotten, who lived in faith and now live in you. We thank you, O God, especially for those whom we name here now: . . .

Dottie Tufts	Pat Rankin	Bob Champagne
Bill Lander	Michael Kelliher	Donald Petersen
Vange Sandeen	Sheila Frederick	Marilyn Kay
Olli Torma	Joan Newell	Sally Hancock
Nancy Hall	Courtney Atkinson	

Bring us at the last with them to be in your triune presence.

*A brief silence.*

Hear our prayer, O God, **save us from all our troubles.**

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

**Confession and Absolution**      *We confess together and hear God's forgiveness.*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence for reflection may be kept.*

**People**      **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**  
**Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit ☩ keep you in eternal life. Amen.

**The Peace**      *We greet one another in the peace of the risen Christ.*

*Celebrant*      May the peace of Christ be always with you.

**People**      **And also with you.**

*Eucharistic minister sits.*

**Announcements**

*Thank you to Joyce Lake for the Altar Flower arrangement this Sunday.*



**The Offering**    *An offering is gathered for the mission of God in the world.*

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.    *Romans 12:1*

**HOLY COMMUNION**    *God feeds us with the real presence of Jesus Christ.*

*Eucharistic minister stands.*

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

*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 God thanks and praise.**

## **The Sanctus**

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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."

*Celebrant*    Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*People*            **We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In

the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

## **Lord's Prayer**

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

*People* **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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread and Fraction Anthem**

*The presider breaks the bread in silence.*

*People* **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.**

## **Invitation to Holy Communion**

*This is the table, not of the church but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little; You who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before; You who have tried to follow and you who have failed; Come, not because the Church invites you; It is Christ, and he invites you to meet him here.*

*The Iona Community Worship Book*

*Celebrant* There is a long-standing practice in the Episcopal Church to offer a means for people to receive Holy Communion spiritually when it cannot be received physically.

*People* **My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*Celebrant* 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.**

**SENDING** *God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

**Blessing** *The celebrant proclaims God's blessing to the people.*

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children,  $\text{†}$  be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*Eucharistic minister sits*

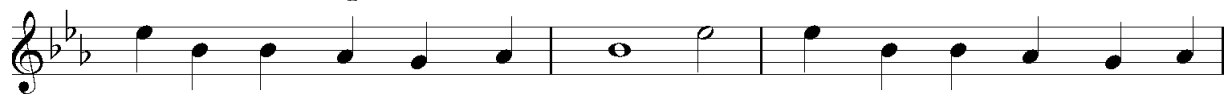
**Sending Hymn** #618 (1982) Ye watchers and ye holy ones (v 1, 3 & 4)



1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - a - phs, cher - u -  
2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - ri - ous than the  
3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems



bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To



out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - ci - ous, mag - ni - fy the  
ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in



choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**Dismissal**        *The people are sent forth in love and service to the world.*  
*Eucharistic minister stands*

*Celebrant*        Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**People**            **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR THOSE ON OUR PRAYER LIST**

**The family of Bob Champagne**  
**The family of Dorothy Tufts**

Bob Pierpont	Ruth Gray	Dylan Allwine	Mark Luken
Rodney Morgan	Stephanie Schroeder	Shirley Bentley	Carolyn Toshney
Gina Vivian	Penny Meyer	Jan Sauda	Faye Juul
Penelope Bennis	Mary McAuley	Gwendolyn Deneault	Mary Ellen Davis
Prue Fitts	Judy Hess	Michael Dowd	Zell Kellogg
Joe Blackett	Jacqueline McLaughlin		

**Note:** The names on the prayer list have been updated to remove names that were added over a year ago. If you would like a name placed back on the list, please send the request to Debra at the office email address [allsaints@metrocast.net](mailto:allsaints@metrocast.net). *Thank you*



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*Creator of all we enjoy, we give you thanks for the countless people you have gathered to do your work as All Saints' Wolfboro. We thank you for your Holy Spirit inspiring some as they longed for this church, others as they built this church and still others as they lovingly and boldly led this church through times of abundance and times of scarcity. Help us to be bold as we model giving of time and money during this time. Make our generous giving a symbol of both our faith and our gratitude. We pray in the name of your son, Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

**Ministers: All the People of All Saints'**  
**Rector: The Rev. Bill Petersen**  
**Minister of Music: Holly Simons**  
**Parish Administrator: Deb Hoyt**  
**Sexton: Mark McLaughlin**

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