The Season of Creation

IV. All Saints

November 1, 2026
10:30 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

SsAM MISSION STATEMENT

To be an inclusive Christian community that worships God, follows Christ in all aspects of our lives, and serves the greater Wilmington area through actions and ministries that promote peace, justice, reconciliation, and empowerment for all people.

BCP refers to the Book of Common Prayer.
Hymns marked # and service music marked S are found in the Hymnal 1982.
Hymns marked (LEVAS II) are found in Lift Every Voice and Sing

***VOLUNTARY** "Prelude" Craig S. Lang (1891-1971)

GREETING

As the processional enters the church, all who are able, stand

PROCESSION (sung by the choir) "Thuma mina" Traditional South African

Translation: *Send me Jesus, send me Lord*
Lead me Jesus, lead me Lord

A LITANY OF SAINTS (All who are able, please stand)

One: Adam and Eve, from whom we spring;
All: ***Stand here beside us!***

One: Abraham, Hagar and Sarah, Ishmael, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob, Rachel and Leah; forbears of our faith;
All: ***Stand here beside us!***

One: Moses, Joshua, Samuel, Ruth; Isaiah, Jeremiah; Amos, Hosea; Judges, Prophets and sages of old;
All: ***Stand here beside us!***

One: John the Baptizer, forerunner of Christ;
All: ***Stand here beside us!***

One: Andrew and Matthew, patrons of this parish, Mary Magdalen, Joanna, and all the disciples and Apostles of the Lord;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Stephen, first martyr, stoned in Jerusalem;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Columba of Iona, bearer of the good news to Celtic Britain;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: The Rt. Rev. Barbara Harris, first African American female Bishop
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Francis and Clare of Assisi, servants of the poor, and of all creatures;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Martin Luther King, Jr, of Georgia, drum major for freedom;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: The Rev. Florence Li-Tim-Oi, pioneer and first female priest in the Anglican Communion
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Mother Teresa of Calcutta, guardian of the unwanted;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Gertrude Stein of Auschwitz, pillar of strength;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Thurgood Marshall, Civil Rights advocate and first African American Justice of the Supreme Court
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Seminarian and martyr
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Oscar Romero of El Salvador, Janini Luwum of Uganda, prophets for justice;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Kateri Tekwakwitha, angel of peace among the Haudenosaunee;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Mahatma Ghandi, nonviolent servant of peace;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Absalom Jones, first African-American Episcopal Priest;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: The Rev. Dr. Pauli Murray, Civil Rights pioneer and first African American female priest;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Our own ancestors and forbears, on whose shoulders we stand; saints in every age, known and unknown;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Mary, most holy mother of Jesus;
All: Stand here beside us!

One: Jesus, our Liberator, the beginning and the end;
All: Stand here beside us!

***HYMN #287 vv. 1-2, 5-6** "For all the saints" *Sine Nomine*

God be with you
And Also with you.
Let us pray.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Source of all spiritual truth and treasure! O Fountainhead of love and grace! Nameless One of many Names! From many traditions of faith, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses: Grant that, encouraged by the good example of all of these your servants, we may persevere in running the race that you set before us, until at last we may, with them, attain to your eternal joy; through Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, here, now, everywhere and for ever. ***Amen.***

All sit for the readings.

The Word of God

FIRST READING “Human Family” a poem by Maya Angelou

I note the obvious differences
In the human family.
Some of us are serious,
Some thrive on comedy.
Some declare their lives are lived
As true profundity,
And others claim they really live
The real reality.
The variety of our skin tones
Can confuse, bemuse, delight,
Brown and pink and beige and purple,
Tan and blue and white.
I've sailed upon the seven seas
And stopped in every land,
I've seen the wonders of the world
Not yet one common man.
I know ten thousand women
Called Jane and Mary Jane,
But I've not seen any two
Who really were the same.
Mirror twins are different
Although their features jibe,
And lovers think quite different thoughts
While lying side by side.
We love and lose in China,
We weep on England's moors,
And laugh and moan in Guinea,
And thrive on Spanish shores.
We seek success in Finland,
Are born and die in Maine.
In minor ways we differ,
In major we're the same.
I note the obvious differences
Between each sort and type,
But we are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unalike.
We are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unalike.
We are more alike, my friends,
Than we are unalike.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s People.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 34 1-10, 22 *Lauda, anima mea* setting Edward Cuthbert Bairstow

1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2. I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3. Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5. Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

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

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

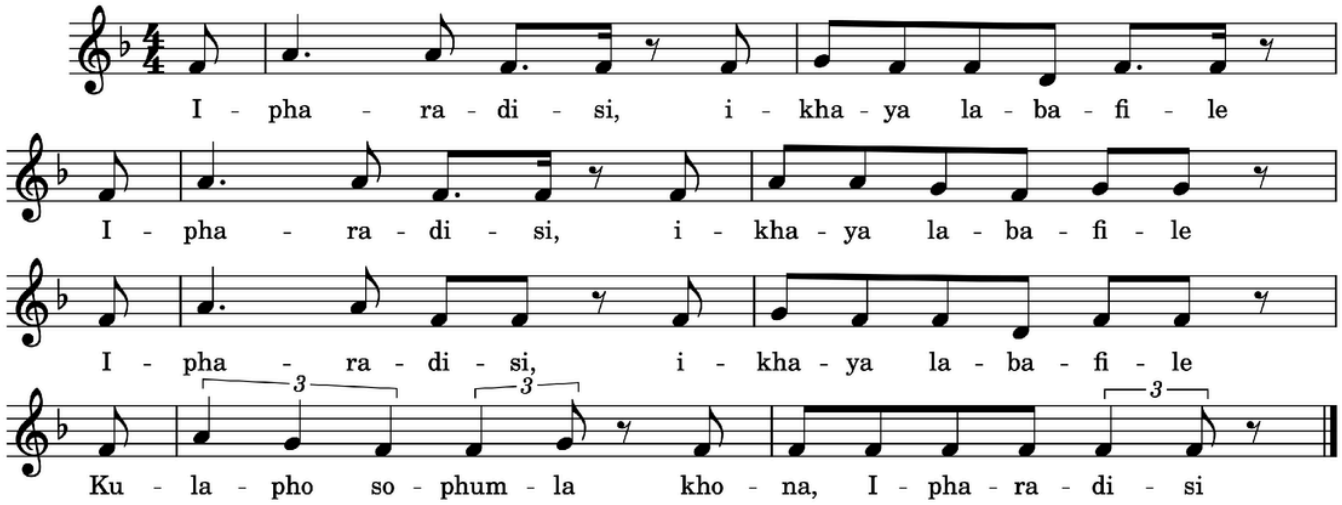
SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People.
Thanks be to God.

All who are able, stand as the Gospel Book is carried in procession.

CHANT (all may join singing) "Ipharadisi" *Traditional South African*



Pronunciation: Ee-fah-rah-dee-see, Ee-kah-yah lah-bah-fee-leh
Koo-la-foh-soh-foom-lah, koh-nah

Translation: *Paradise, where all the dead are living,*
May we one day join them all there

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

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

SERMON

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: ***I do.***

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.***

Celebrant: 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.***

Celebrant: 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.***

Celebrant: 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.***

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Celebrant: 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.***

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. ***Amen***.

ASPERGES

HYMN # 141 (LEVAS II) vv. 1-3 "Shall We Gather at the River" Robert Lowry (1826-1899)

PEACE The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

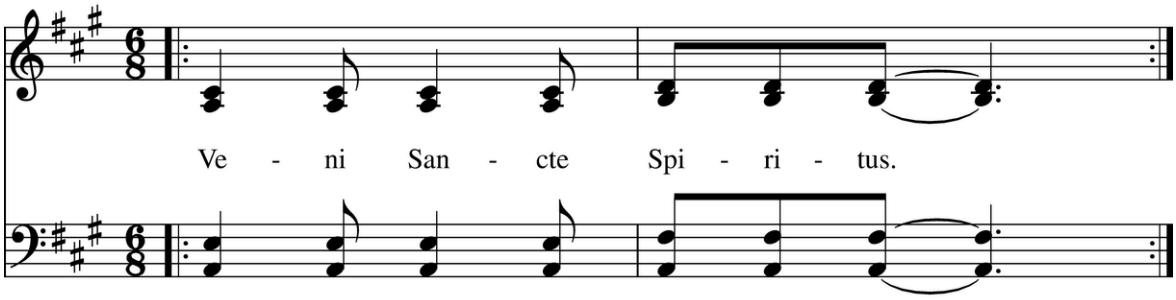
Please be seated for brief MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT *"Formation and Justice"*

SAINTS TREE

At this time, worshipers may meet Fr. Patrick and Rev. Stephany at the Saints Tree and bring cards to be added to the host of Saints.

CHANT "Veni Sancte Spiritus"



Additional lines are added by the choir as the chant is sung by all.

HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord.
It is made ready for those who seek him, those who love him,
and those who want to love him more.
So come, you who have much faith,
and you who have little, or are questioning faith.
Come, you who have been here often,
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before.
Come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.
And so we come, for Christ invites us all to be known, fed, and loved here.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

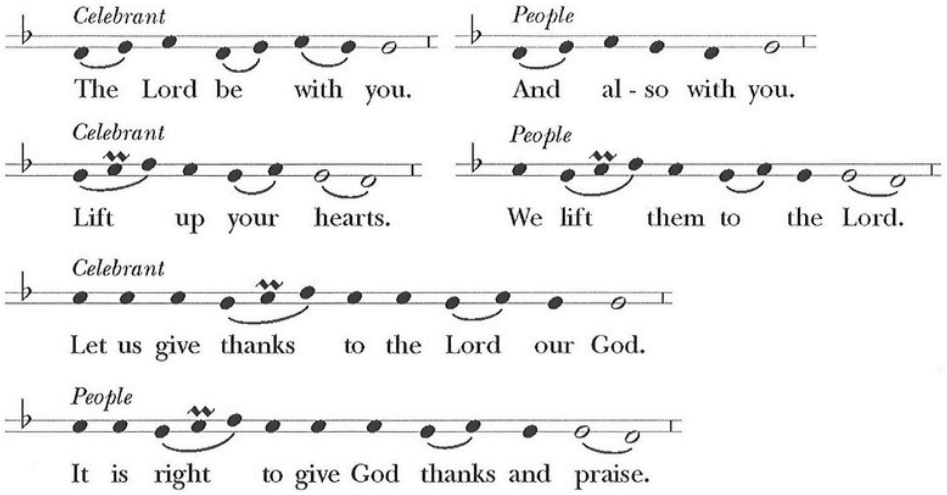
***OFFERTORY ANTHEM** "Still In My Thoughts" Jonathan W. Whitney

All who are able, stand and sing this hymn as the gifts are brought forward.

***HYMN #625** vv. 1-2, 4 "Ye holy angels bright" *Darwall's 148th*

Children are welcome at this altar!
During the anthem, all children are invited to gather in the narthex near the front door. We will then process forward with the collection and gather around the altar as we share in communion together.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer D

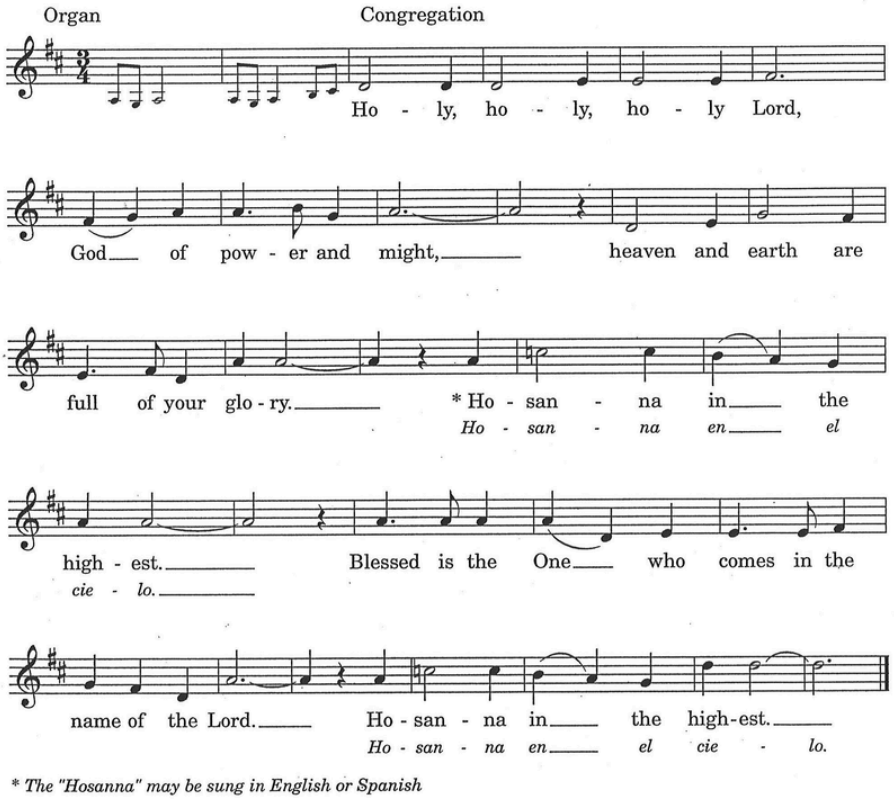


It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,

SANCTUS (*all singing) “Sanctus and Benedictus” Craig Philips (b. 1961)



** The "Hosanna" may be sung in English or Spanish*

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The people may stand or kneel following the Sanctus

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

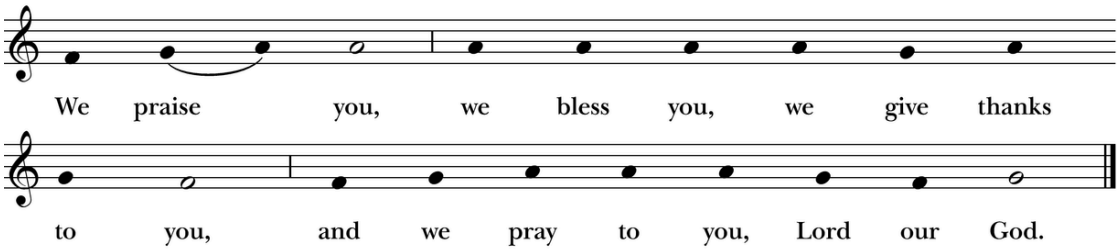
Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ’s death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.



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Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury; Sean, our Presiding Bishop; Kevin our Bishop; Patrick, our Rector; Stephany, our Associate Minister; Lloyd, our Rector Emeritus, and all who minister in your church. We also pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central; Episcopal Relief & Development; and SsAM’s Liturgical Ministers.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially Beatrice Adkins, Mia Casson, Ed Fielding, Gerald Frisby, Jessie Leonard, The Rev. Charles Sumners, Floyd Swope, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Blessed John, Andrew, Matthew and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

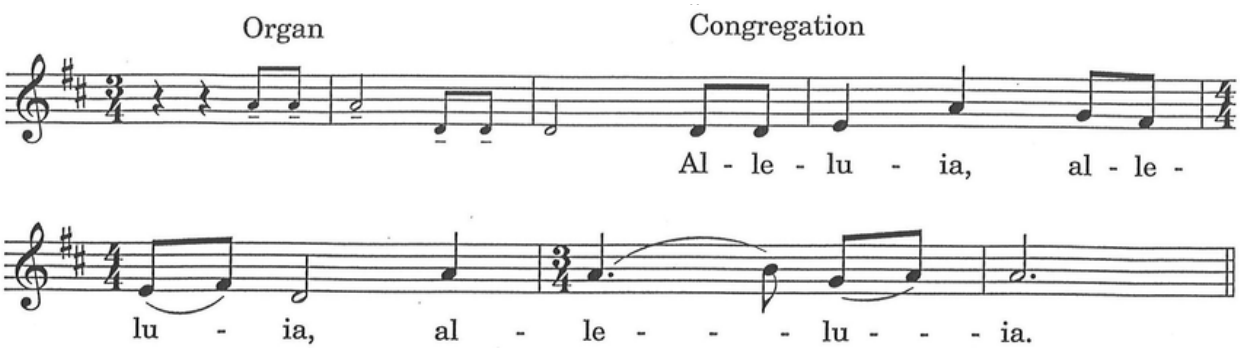
THE LORD'S PRAYER (Contemporary) BCP 364

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM (*all singing) "Christ Our Craig Philips (b. 1961)



The choir adds the following verse.

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.

The ANTIPHON is repeated by all

The Celebrant says the Invitation to Communion.

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 *Everyone is invited to Holy Communion*

Gluten-free wafers are at the station at the center of the altar railing.

***HYMN #184** (LEVAS II) "Blessed Assurance" Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1839-1908)
Words: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy One beyond all names
Eternal Wellspring
May love rise again in us today
With food for every table
Shelter for every person and family
And reverence for every life.
Forgive us our failings in love
And free us from all falseness
That the light of our souls may shine
And the strength of our spirits endure
For Earth and all her people
This Day, this night, and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. ***Amen***.

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. ***Amen***.

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. ***Amen***.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. ***Amen***.

HYMN #293 "I sing a song of the saints of God" Grand Isle

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

***VOLUNTARY** "Largo" from Oboe Concerto No. 3 George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)

All are welcome to sit and enjoy the postlude.
If you wish to leave, please do so quietly in respect for others.

Our worship has ended, our service begins!

Participants

The Rev. Patrick Burke, Preacher and Celebrant
The Rev. Stephany Graham Walker, Associate Minister
Jonathan W. Whitney, Interim Director of Music and Community Engagement
Ben Gonczi, Choir Conductor

SERVING THIS WEEK

-8:00 AM –

Greeter ..... Charisse Rodgers

Eucharistic Ministers ..... Anne Kauffman
Rev. Stephany Graham Walker

Lector ..... Charisse Rodgers

– 10:30 AM –

Greeter ..... Tom Angell

Acolyte ..... Valerie Chow
Les Roberts, Jr.

Eucharistic Ministers ..... Barbara Henry
Rev. Stephany Graham Walker,
Diane-Louise Casson
Valerie Chow, Al Brock

Lector ..... Adele Meredith

Prayers of the People ..... Christina Brennan Lee

Sacristan ..... Jim Bimbi

Altar Guild ..... Carolyn Lea
Kelly Holt

Ushers ..... Alice and Buck Smith

Music ..... SsAM Choir
Paul Fleckenstein, pre-recorded
David Christopher, pre-recorded
The Whitney Project, pre-recorded

Live Stream ..... Wil Landis

SERVING NEXT WEEK

-8:00 AM –

Greeter ..... Gerry Barnes

Eucharistic Ministers ..... Christina Brennan Lee
Rev. Stephany Graham Walker

Lector ..... Gerry Barnes

– 10:30 AM –

Greeter ..... Valerie Newman-Freeman

Acolyte ..... Les Roberts, Jr.

Eucharistic Ministers ..... Diane-Louise Casson
Rev. Stephany Graham Walker,
Ernestine Brock-Walker
Al Brock, Barbara Henry

Lector ..... Jill Englund Jensen

Prayers of the People ..... Christina Brennan Lee

Sacristan ..... Jim Bimbi

Altar Guild ..... Clem Dinsmore
Katie Soukup

Ushers ..... Jenna Christy
Kelly Holt
Carynn Kelley-Katz

Music ..... SsAM Choir
David Hearn, organ

Live Stream ..... Wil Landis

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