

# St. Paul's Episcopal Church

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All Saints Day - Sunday, November 1, 2020 • 10:45am

*Celebrating: The Rev. Laura DiPanfilo Preaching: The Rev. Noah H. Evans*

**Know that God loves you, no exceptions.**

**You are always welcome at God's table at St. Paul's.**

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## WELCOME!

**Prelude: Theme and Variations on "Draw the Sacred Circle Closer"**  
Eleanor Lee, cello

**Adolphus Hailstork (b. 1941)**

## Welcome and Greetings

**Opening Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River?**

Christin Cooper, voice and piano

**Robert Lowry (1826-1899)**

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for 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.*

**Song of Praise: Holy, Holy, Holy!**

Christin Cooper, voice and piano

**arr. Tony Alonso**

## The Collect of the Day

*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.*

The First Lesson

**Revelation 7:9-17** (*Read by Kathleen Davies Hendricks*)

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."

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Psalm 34:1-10,22**

**Chanted by Michael Plaskett**

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.

## **The Second Lesson**

**1 John 3:1-3**

*(Read by Jon Delano)*

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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Sequence Music: Courante from Suite No. 5 in C Minor, BWV 1011**  
Eleanor Lee, cello

**J. S. Bach (1685-1750)**

### **The Gospel**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*(Read by the Rev. Jean Chess)*

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

*People* 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

### **The Sermon**

The Rev. Noah H. Evans

### **The 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**

*The Prayers of the People are written and read by the Ann Coffaro*

*After each petition, the people respond with: Hear our prayer.*

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*Minister and 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**

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

### **Announcements**

*If you would like to make an announcement, or have something announced, please contact Noah by the Thursday before the announcement.*

**Stewardship Testimonial: Ann Bozick**

### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Music: Manta Rae**

**Melvin Family Band**

**Michael Pritzl/The Violet Burning**

### **Prayer for Those who Have Died Over the Last Year:**

Celebrant:

Oh God, in whose hands are life, death and eternal life, we thank You for all the saints.

We rejoice that their faithfulness has paved the way for our lives to follow.

Thank You for the small and large saints who have given us love and care and challenge.

We give thanks for all these beloved saints who now live with You in eternal life:

*Names of those connected with our community who have died in the last year are now shown while music is played.*

Celebrant and People:

Family of God, we remember you, and we honor you.

We know that you are with us in spirit, and you will not be forgotten.

We thank you, O God, for all who have gone on to join with You beyond this life.

We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. Know that in our grief and celebration, O God, You are with us through it all, O God, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A**

*The people may stand or kneel.*

*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.

*Celebrant*

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 by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth your glory in all the world. 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:

*Celebrant and People*

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.

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:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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,

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia*

*Celebrant* The Gifts of God for the people of God.

*A Prayer for a Person Unable to Take the Eucharist*

*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 now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (Written St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)*

**Communion Music: We Are the Light of the World**                      **Jean Anthony Greif (1898-1981), arr. Tom Tomaszek**  
**Paul Golebie, voice and guitar**

**Post Communion Prayer**—*said together*

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.

**Blessing**

**Dismissal**

The worship is ended, the service begins.

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, alleluia.

*People*                      Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

**Closing Hymn: For All the Saints**

**arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)**

**Doug Starr, Organ**

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The Rev. Noah H. Evans, Rector

The Rev. Laura Di Panfilo, Assistant Rector

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