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SUNDAYS ..... 7:10 am ..... Morning Prayer  
7:30 am ..... Holy Eucharist  
9:00 am ..... Discipleship Hour  
10:00 am ..... Holy Eucharist  
WEDNESDAYS ..... 6:45 pm ..... Holy Eucharist  
FIRST SATURDAYS ..... 9:00 am ..... Holy Eucharist & Healing

*Please check website for confirmation of services.*

SERVICE BOOKLET FOR

# The Holy Eucharist All Saints' Sunday

November 4, 2018  
7:30 am



**All Saints Cathedral**  
IN THE CITY OF LONG BEACH

# Welcome to All Saints Cathedral!

## Our Vision

Reaching Long Beach and beyond with the transforming love of Jesus Christ.

## Our Mission

Building a church community that glorifies God, follows Jesus, and is empowered by the Holy Spirit for the mission of the Kingdom.

## Our Christian Tradition

We drink deeply from one river that has three streams:

Scripture: Our authoritative guide in faith.

Sacramental: Our ancient practices and rhythms in faith.

Spirit: Our peace and power in faith.

## Worship through Liturgy

Liturgy means the work of the people. In the words of Bishop Todd Hunter, "Liturgy is participatory. If you get off track in the liturgy, don't worry. Just relax in the moment and make yourself peacefully present to, and alert to the Holy Spirit. Allow yourself to be immersed in the community around you – in song, prayers, and God's Word."

## Who Can Receive Holy Communion?

This is not an Anglican Table, but the Lord's Table, and all who have been baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity and follow Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you are not prepared to receive communion, you are still welcome at the altar. Simply place your arms across your chest and a prayer of blessing will be prayed for you by a priest.

*Learning to live and love like Jesus!*

Liturgy: Standard Text (9-26-2018) and *Holy Baptism* (9-6-2018), from *Common Texts* by The Anglican Church in North America.

Cover image: Raphael's *Disputation of the Most Holy Sacrament* (1509-10).

and for assuring us, through this Sacrament, of your favor and goodness towards us:

that we are true members of the mystical body of your Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of your everlasting kingdom.

And we humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to assist us with your grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

## THE BLESSING

*The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or a seasonal blessing*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

*The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these or other words*

**Deacon** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

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

## Blessing

*Receive and walk in the blessing of your Father who tenderly loves you and whose mercies are new every morning.*

## The Dismissal

*The end of the service is the beginning. So the dismissal does not end with an "Amen."*

*Worship has no end – we continue to worship where we are called to go, in the name of the Christ we love.*

position of the Church that receiving one of the Communion elements is sufficient to complete communion.

Won't I catch a disease when drinking from the cup? No. We use fortified wine, which acts as a disinfectant, and the rim of the cup is wiped between uses and slightly turned. Since the chalice is made of precious metal, it acts as a disinfectant as well.

If for some reason you are not prepared to take Holy Communion, we still welcome you to come forward to the altar rail. Just cross your arms over your chest and we will pray a blessing over you.

#### After Communion Prayer

Now it is time to go into the world to be on mission with God to love and serve the world, "...to show and share the gospel of the Kingdom of God." Worship is not selfish. We do not simply receive, we are sent to give.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**grant us your peace.**

#### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation*

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.]

*The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People. The Bread and Cup are given to the communicants with these or similar words*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life. [Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.]

*The Celebrant may offer a sentence of Scripture at the conclusion of the Communion.*

#### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together*

Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us, in these holy mysteries,  
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;

# The Holy Eucharist

7:30 am

## The Ministry of the Word

### THE ACCLAMATION

*The People standing, the Celebrant says this greeting*

*Celebrant* Worthy is the Lord our God  
*People* **To receive glory and honor and power.**  
*Revelation 4:11*

### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

*The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

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.

### THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*Then follows the Summary of the Law, or The Decalogue.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:  
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.  
*Matthew 22:37-40*

### THE TRISAGION

Holy God,  
Holy and Mighty,  
Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

## The Liturgy Explained

**Prior to the Service**  
Embrace the quiet.  
Center ourselves in God. Receive his love and rest.

**Opening Acclamation**  
We are acknowledging that he is God. We greet the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit whose mercy is new every morning.

**Prayer of Preparation**  
We prepare for worship by presenting ourselves to God and turn ourselves to and become aware of God who is already here.

### *The Gloria*

We express in heart,  
mind, and body our  
adoration of God and  
our continual need for  
him.

### THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*The Gloria or some other song of praise may be said, all standing.*

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### *Collect of the Day*

*This is an ancient  
prayer of the Church  
that changes weekly,  
summarizing the  
theme for today,  
uniting and focusing  
our requests to God.*

### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Celebrant says to the People*

*People*      The Lord be with you.  
*Celebrant*    And with your spirit.  
*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: 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.**

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 FRACTION

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.  
The following may then be said by the Celebrant*

*People*      [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]**

*In Lent, Alleluia is omitted, and may be omitted at other times except during Easter season. Following the Celebrant's lead is encouraged.*

### THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

*Celebrant and People together pray*

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up  
the crumbs under your table;  
but you are the same Lord,  
whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to  
drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.

### THE AGNUS DEI

*The following or some other suitable anthem may be said*

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**have mercy on us.**

**Taking Communion**  
May God feed and  
nourish us with  
himself. May we taste  
and see that the Lord is  
good!

*If you wish to receive  
the bread, hold out  
your hands, palms up  
and crossed. You may  
eat it immediately or  
keep it in your palms  
and the Chalice Bearer  
will take it from your  
palm, dip it in the wine,  
and place it on your  
tongue. If you are to  
receive the wine from  
the chalice, please  
assist the chalice to  
your lips for a sip of  
wine.*

*The person serving  
the bread will say  
something like, "This  
is the body of Christ,  
bread from heaven."*

*The customary  
response is, "Amen,"  
meaning, "Yes, I  
agree." The person  
serving the wine will  
say something like,  
"This is the blood of  
Christ, the cup of  
salvation." The  
customary response is  
once again, "Amen."*

*If you wish to receive  
the bread only, please  
know it is the historic*

*Prayer of  
Consecration  
includes the Institution  
and the Consecration.*

**Institution**  
This narrative recalls the mighty act that is the focus of the Lord's Supper: the gift of Christ's body and blood to be our spiritual food and drink. It is customary to make the sign of the cross **†** when the bread and the wine are lifted up.

**Consecration**  
We ask the Holy Spirit to sanctify, bless, and make holy the bread and wine that it becomes the body and blood of Christ, and to bless and make us holy as we receive this holy sacrament. It can also refer to the Great Thanksgiving as a whole.

**The Lord's Prayer**  
This is the prayer that Jesus taught us to pray.

## THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

*The People stand or kneel as able.*

*The Celebrant retells God's Salvation History.*

*At the words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here\* may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

*The Celebrant continues.*

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION**

*Then the Celebrant and People say*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died,**

**Christ is risen,**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues, then concludes with*

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.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*The Celebrant then says*

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*Celebrant and People together pray*

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.

## THE FIRST LESSON *The People sit.* **Revelation 7:9-17**

*Reader* A Reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"<sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

<sup>15</sup> "Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

<sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." **ESV**

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may follow.*

**The Readings**  
We have four readings chosen from the lectionary: Old Testament, Psalm, New Testament Epistle, and Gospel. As we listen to the word read, hear the Holy Spirit inviting us to live in God's unfolding story. We rest in him and listen for his invitation to align ourselves and follow him.

**Silence**  
Silence is active – listening for the voice of the Holy Spirit and resting in God's presence.

**Kneel, Sit, Stand**  
Our body matches  
what we are saying.  
We stand at times to  
honor God with  
boldness for public  
professions and prayer.  
We kneel other times,  
during confession, and  
in reverence, as it is a  
posture of humility.  
We also understand  
that some people are  
not able to kneel or  
stand. Standing or  
kneeling is by  
invitation, not  
obligation.

**PSALM 149** *The People stand while the Psalm is said.*

1 Hallelujah!  
Sing to the LORD a new song; \*  
    sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.  
2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
    let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.  
3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
    let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.  
4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people \*  
    and adorns the poor with victory.  
5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
    let them be joyful on their beds.  
6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
    and a two-edged sword in their hand;  
7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
    and punishment on the peoples;  
8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
    and their nobles with links of iron;  
9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
    this is glory for all his faithful people.  
Hallelujah!

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**THE SECOND LESSON**

*The People sit. Ephesians 1:11-23*

*Reader* A Reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

<sup>11</sup> In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, because I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I do not cease

*People* is the Kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as Head above all. All things come from you, O Lord, **And of your own have we given you.**  
*1 Chronicles 29:11, 14*

**THE SURSUM CORDA**

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says*

*People* The Lord be with you.  
*Celebrant* **And with your spirit.**  
*People* Lift up your hearts.  
*Celebrant* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*People* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant continues*

It is right, our duty and our joy, 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 so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and, together with them, may receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**THE SANCTUS**

*The Celebrant and People say*

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.

**The Great Thanksgiving**  
The gospel story is  
retold. Even though  
we are prone to  
wander, God in his love  
pursued us. Amazing  
Grace!

**Sanctus**  
We join the song sung  
from all eternity by the  
whole company of  
heaven and with  
Christians around the  
world – Holy, Holy,  
Holy – called “Sanctus”  
from Latin. The veil  
between time and  
eternity has been  
removed and we see  
reality: Christ is  
exalted, Holy,  
Sovereign, Lord, full of  
glory.

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

*John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

*1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*1 John 2:1-2*

**The Peace**  
*This is an opportunity to forgive as we are forgiven; taking the peace that God has given us and offering it to one another.*

## THE PEACE

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And with your spirit.**

*Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**The Offering**  
*The giving of resources to one's local parish is a sacramental act representing God's ownership of all things. We are reminded that we are stewards of God's creation. And we offer him gifts of his own creation, setting apart the bread and wine for the purpose of Holy Communion.*

## THE OFFERTORY

*The Celebrant may begin the Offertory with this or another sentence of Scripture.*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2*

*During the Offertory the Deacon or Priest prepares the Holy Table for the celebration, and the offerings of the people are collected.*

*The People stand while the offerings are presented.*

*Then the following may be said.*

*Celebrant* Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for everything in heaven and on earth is yours; yours

to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers,<sup>17</sup> that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him,<sup>18</sup> having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might<sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,<sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come.<sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,<sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## THE GOSPEL

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*All standing, the Deacon or Priest reads the Gospel, first saying*

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew.  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

- <sup>3</sup> “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- <sup>7</sup> “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

**The Gospel**  
*We all stand during the gospel procession. We turn our bodies, facing the gospel book. The clergy reads the gospel from the center of the community as a visual reminder that Christ, the Living Word, became human and dwelt among us. He is still in the midst of his community through the Holy Spirit. Those who wish to do so make a sign of the cross with the right thumb on the forehead, lips, and heart when the gospel is announced, praying silently, "God be on my mind, on my lips, and on my heart.*

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  
 10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
 11 "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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*Reader*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**  
*The sermon is to explain the meaning of the texts and calls followers to be obedient to God. How might we respond to him?*

**The Renewal of Baptismal Vows**  
*This is the Apostles Creed in a question and answer format. It clearly states "the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints" and we joyfully declare what we believe. These creeds were put together in the first few hundred years of Christianity to confront heretical teachings. We have found them to be a concise summary of the Christian faith.*

## THE SERMON

Fr. Scott Pedersen

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

*On some occasions, the Renewal of Vows follows the Sermon. The Nicene Creed is not said.*

*The people stand.*

*The Celebrant addresses the Congregation in these or similar words*

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced the Devil and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

*Celebrant*    Do you, here in the presence of God and the Church, renew the solemn promises and vows made at your Baptism and commit yourself to keep them?

*People*       **I do.**

*Celebrant*    Do you renounce the Devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*People*       **I renounce them.**

*Silence*

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all:

We acknowledge and repent of our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us.

We are deeply sorry for these transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear.

Have mercy upon us,

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life,

to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

*The Bishop or Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

*The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying*

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matthew 11:28*

*confess and repent of our sins for the purpose of aligning ourselves to his will and ways.*

## Absolution

*The absolution declares the wonderful promise of forgiveness that comes through the finished work of Jesus on the cross and resurrection. We hear the words of Jesus, "Your sins are forgiven."*

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| <i>Reader</i>  | Lord, in your mercy:    | <i>Celebrant</i>   | Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceptions of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?   |
| <i>People</i>  | <b>Hear our prayer.</b> | <i>People</i>  | <b>I renounce them.</b>  |
| We ask you in your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and sustain all who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.  |                         | <i>Celebrant</i>   | Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?  |
| <i>Silence</i>   |                         | <i>People</i>  | <b>I renounce them.</b>  |
| <i>Reader</i>  | Lord, in your mercy:    | <i>Celebrant</i>   | Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?   |
| <i>People</i>  | <b>Hear our prayer.</b> | <i>People</i>  | <b>I do.</b>   |
| We remember before you all your servants who have departed this life in your faith and fear, especially Noah's father Philip Sorota, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we ask you to give us grace to follow the good examples of all your saints, that we may share with them in your heavenly kingdom. |                         | <i>Celebrant</i>   | Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?   |
| <i>Silence</i>   |                         | <i>People</i>  | <b>I do.</b>   |
| <i>Reader</i>  | Lord, in your mercy:    | <i>Celebrant</i>   | Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?   |
| <i>People</i>  | <b>Hear our prayer.</b> | <i>People</i>  | <b>I will, the Lord being my helper.</b>   |
| <i>The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer</i>   |                         | <i>The Celebrant continues</i>   |  |
| Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. <b>Amen.</b>  |                         | Let us now reaffirm our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed. |  |
| <b>THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN</b>  |                         | <i>Celebrant</i>   | Do you believe and trust in God the Father?  |
| <i>The Deacon or other person appointed says the following</i>   |                         | <i>People</i>  | <b>I do.</b>   |
| All who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.                                   |                         | <i>Celebrant</i>   | <b>I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.</b>  |
|  |                         | <i>People</i>  | Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?  |
|  |                         | <i>Celebrant</i>   | <b>I do.</b>   |
|  |                         | <i>People</i>  | <b>I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by 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</b> |

*Confession of Sin*  
*The confession, compelled by worship and the hearing of the Word read and preached, reminds us that we share the common lot of humanity: "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). We*

**Catholic**  
The word 'catholic' simply means 'universal' in this context.

**Sign of the Cross**  
† This is a Christian gesture showing our loyalty to Jesus Christ and his Kingdom. It is a reminder of the finished work of Jesus on the cross and his glorious resurrection. It is also an invitation to die to sin so that Christ can resurrect something beautiful in our life. And, in making the sign of the cross, we remember our baptism.

**Prayers of the People**  
We pray for specific needs, asking God's powerful and merciful help for the Church, the world, and one another.

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 and trust in the Holy Spirit?  
**I do.**  
**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. Amen.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the head cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant may sprinkle the People with Holy Water and say, "Remember your baptism." Except in the Easter Vigil, the liturgy continues with the Prayers of the People.*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Renewed Ancient Text.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty and everliving God, we are taught by your holy Word to offer prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all people. We humbly ask you mercifully to receive our prayers. Inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord; and grant that all who confess your holy Name may agree in the truth of your holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy:  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

We pray that you will lead the nations of the world in the way of righteousness; and so guide and direct their leaders, especially Donald, our President; Jerry, our Governor; and Robert, our Mayor, that your people may enjoy the blessings of freedom and peace. Grant that our leaders may impartially administer justice, uphold integrity and truth, restrain wickedness and vice, and protect true religion and virtue.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy:  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, heavenly Father, to all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, and especially to your servants Foley, our Archbishop; Keith, our Bishop; Scott our Dean and Rector; Jim, our Deacon; Andy, our Seminarian, that by their life and teaching, they may proclaim your true and life-giving Word, and rightly and duly administer your holy Sacraments. And to all your people give your heavenly grace, especially Shane & Laura Foster on their anniversary and Jon & Amanda Hall for whose anniversary the Altar flowers are given, that with reverent and obedient hearts we may hear and receive your holy Word, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all the days of our lives.

*Silence*

**Reader** Lord, in your mercy:  
**People** **Hear our prayer.**

Prosper, we pray, all those who proclaim the Gospel of your kingdom throughout the world, and strengthen us to fulfill your great commission, making disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey all that you have commanded.

*Silence*