

**Christ Episcopal Church, Red Wing
All Saints Day
November 1, 2020**

Liturgy of the Word

Prelude *For All the Saints* Richard Proulx

The Word of God

The Presider says

Presider: Blessed by God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed by God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

The Presider continues

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.*

Hymn of Praise (S280)

**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.**

The Collect of the Day

The Presider says to the people: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Let us pray.

The Collect

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People: **And also with you.**

Presider: 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 Lessons

First Lesson

A Reading from the book of Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10,22

Benedicam Dominum

- 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 Lesson

A Reading from the book of 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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Sequence Hymn H286 *Who Are These Like Stars Appearing*

**Who are these like stars appearing,
these before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Allelulia! hark they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.**

**Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,**

**clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose luster ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand?
Whence come all this glorious band?**

**These are they who have contended
for their Savior's honor long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.**

**These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.**

**These, like priests, have watched and waited,
offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated,
day and night they serve him still.
Now in God's most holy places,
blest they stand before his face.**

The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Deacon says

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."

After the reading of the Gospel, the Reader says:

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Prayers of the People

Presider says

Knowing that God hears our prayers when they are made in sincerity and humility, we now pray for our church, the world and each other, saying ‘Hear our Prayer’.

For the unity of the church in the world as it bears witness to the call of God, and equips us for ministry in our communities. We pray for our Presiding Bishop, Michael; our Bishop, Craig; and all ministers, lay and ordained, as we live into God’s call to be Salt and Light in the world. We pray to you O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

Because we live in unsettled and trying times, we pray that our world may not continue in strife, but discern what is truly good and just, embracing equality and peacefulness. We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the United States as we approach our national elections. We pray that the election process will be safe and fair throughout the country; and that political leaders and candidates will seek the common good, and be examples of generous service and self-forgetfulness, rather than divisiveness. We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those less fortunate in our community and in our world, especially the hungry and the homeless. Help us to keep them safe and in our prayers. And please help us to love and care for them. We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

For everyone affected by the Covid-19 virus, let us prayerfully remember those who are heavily involved: medical personnel, care center workers, scientists, and everyone who is working to overcome this illness. Help all of us to understand our role and responsibility in caring about each other’s welfare, not just our own. We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

In the face of unrest, anger, killings and protests that are prevalent now in our country, help us to open our hearts and our minds, to people of color. Help us to really hear and understand their lives, so that compassion and love might lead the way to peace. And help us to use our voices to stand up for justice and equality. We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all law enforcement officers, that they may serve with compassion and understanding as they work to protect and serve all people in the face of turmoil in our nation. Keep them from all harm; and care for their families. We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

Because there are people and situations we hold dear in our hearts, please take a moment to remember them, either silently or aloud.

Silence

We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

We pray also for those who have died, Jesse, Karen, Margaret, Gary, and George, and including those whose death was from this pandemic. Help us to remember that they are indeed now sharing in that heavenly banquet at your holy table with all of your saints. We pray to you, O God, ***Hear our prayer.***

The Celebrant says

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Deacon says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All say:

**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.**

The priest alone says

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

The Peace

The Presider says to the people:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Reader: And also with you.

Offertory Sentence

Presider says

Let us walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us.

Remembering the Last Supper:

We read from John's gospel: Now before the festival of the Passover, Jesus knew that his hour had come to depart from this world and go to the Father. Having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end.

Loving them, and knowing what was ahead, Jesus washed their feet and then broke bread with them. We can imagine him at that table, looking around his friends who were confused and distressed. They had moved through the traditional Passover meal, and then Jesus took bread and said, "This is my body, given for you. When you break bread, remember me."

And he filled a cup with wine, saying, "This cup is a new way of being, a new promise, sealed in my blood. When you drink this cup, remember me."

We sit with Christ at that table, with our own confusions, concerns, longings and pains. (Silence.)

We reach out our hands to receive and invite Christ to feed us what we need most. (Silence.)

There with Christ at that table, we invite the Spirit to fill us. We put our hands over our hearts and we know our emptiness. (Silence)

We ask for the fullness of the Holy Spirit to give us courage, hope, love and peace. (Silence.)

Together we pray the Lord's Prayer.

All say

**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.**

Presider says

Let us pray.

All say

Holy Father, creator and giver of all good things; we thank you for your steadfast love, mercy, and faithfulness.

We thank you that your Spirit is always with us; and when we do not know how to pray, the Spirit intercedes for us. We thank you that your Son, Christ our Redeemer, unites us with you through his gift of self-offering and love.

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.

Priest says

Blessing

Closing Hymn *H293 I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died

for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:
and there's not the least reason no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,
there are hundreds of thousands still,
the world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
for the saints of God are just folk like me,
and I mean to be one too.

Deacon says

Dismissal: Alleluia, alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ.

Reader: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude *For All the Saints – Fugato* Richard Proulx