



Observance of All Saints/All Souls
October 31, 2021

If you wish, you may place your offering in the offertory basin at the door before the start of the liturgy

Prelude Hark the Glad
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Bell calling us together

Opening Hymn #411

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain,
Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms,
powers,

virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

2 O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises,
Alleluia!
Thou bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia,
alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia! alleluia! alleluia!
Alleluia! alleluia!

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

And Blessed be God's Kingdom, both now and forever. Amen

The Collect for Purity – 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.**

**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

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.*

Old Testament

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of
well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow,
of well-aged wines strained
clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all
peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all
nations;
he will swallow up death
forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people
he will take away from all the
earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have
waited for him, so that he might
save us.
This is the LORD for whom we
have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.

The Psalm

Psalm 24

Domini est terra

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that
is in it, *
the world and all who dwell
therein.
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon
the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers
of the deep.
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of
the LORD? " *
and who can stand in his holy
place?"
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and
a pure heart, *
who have not pledged
themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from
the LORD *
and a just reward from the God
of their salvation."
- 6 Such is the generation of those
who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O
God of Jacob.
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting

doors; *
and the King of glory shall
come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting
doors; *
and the King of glory shall
come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

The Epistle

Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth;
for the first heaven and the first earth
had passed away, and the sea was no
more. And I saw the holy city, the new
Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven
from God, prepared as a bride adorned
for her husband. And I heard a loud
voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among
mortals.
He will dwell with them as their
God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their
eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will
be no more,
for the first things have passed
away."

And the one who was seated on the
throne said, "See, I am making all
things new." Also he said, "Write this,

for these words are trustworthy and
true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I
am the Alpha and the Omega, the
beginning and the end."

The Gospel

John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was
and saw him, she knelt at his feet and
said to him, "Lord, if you had been
here, my brother would not have died."
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the
Jews who came with her also weeping,
he was greatly disturbed in spirit and
deeply moved. He said, "Where have
you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord,
come and see." Jesus began to weep.
So the Jews said, "See how he loved
him!" But some of them said, "Could
not he who opened the eyes of the
blind man have kept this man from
dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed,
came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a
stone was lying against it. Jesus said,
"Take away the stone." Martha, the
sister of the dead man, said to him,
"Lord, already there is a stench
because he has been dead four days."
Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you
that if you believed, you would see the
glory of God?" So they took away the
stone. And Jesus looked upward and
said, "Father, I thank you for having
heard me. I knew that you always hear
me, but I have said this for the sake of
the crowd standing here, so that they
may believe that you sent me." When
he had said this, he cried with a loud
voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead
man came out, his hands and feet
bound with strips of cloth, and his face
wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,
"Unbind him, and let him go."

Sermon

The Renewal of the Baptismal Covenant

The congregation gathers at or faces the baptismal font.

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, as we celebrate the Festival of All the Saints who have entered into this Baptism, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

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.**

Prayers of the People

We are called children of God, and that is what we really are. Let us pray then in all trust and love to God, who is our Father, and let us say:

R/ Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

— For all people on earth, that their friendship, love and happiness may be a sign and foretaste of the eternal happiness that you want to give to all, let us pray:

R/ Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

— For all Christian Churches, that they may grow in solidarity and come closer in unity, let us pray:

R/ Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

— For those who suffer from poverty and misfortunes, from persecution and injustice, that they may be convinced that Christ is on their side, let us pray:

R/ Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

— For those who lack the courage to break with temptation and sin and for those who dare not commit themselves to follow the gospel of Christ, that the saints may inspire them and us, let us pray:

R/ Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

— For all of us here, that we may build community, and that the seeds of holiness may grow in our hearts and deeds, let us pray:

R/ Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

— For our beloved dead, that they may rest secure in the love and joy of the Lord, let us pray:

R/ Lord of glory, hear our prayer.

I now invite you, as the names of our dead are read, to come forward and light a candle as a prayer of remembrance for any of those whom you hold in your heart

God of hope and Lord of the future,
through the saints you inspire us today
with new hopes in the future
of the world and of people.
Make us realize, Lord,
that with your strength
our boldest dreams can come true
and even be surpassed:
that justice, peace and love
are worth living and dying for,
and that one day
you will crown your own work in us
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **R/ Amen..**



Hymn for the Preparation of the Table and Gifts #287

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress
and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain
in the well-fought fight; thou, in the
darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We have lifted them up to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give God thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,

and with all who served you on earth

and worship you now in heaven,

we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and saying:

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.

The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

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.

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

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,
All: **Our Father...**

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover has
been sacrificed for us, **Therefore let us
keep the feast, Alleluia!**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says 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.

*Act of Spiritual Communion for those at
home: In union, O Lord, with the faithful of
your Church where the Holy Eucharist is
now being celebrated, we desire to offer you
praise and thanksgiving. We present to you
our souls and bodies with the earnest wish
that we may always be united to you. And
sacramentally, we beseech you to come
spiritually into our hearts. We unite
ourselves with you and embrace you with all
the love of our souls. Let nothing ever
separate you from us. May we live in you,
and may you live in us, both in this life and
in the life to come. Amen*

**Communion Meditation after the
reception of the Sacrament**

Prayer after Communion 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.**

May Godwho kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

And the blessing ...

Closing Hymn #556

**1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing!
Your glorious banner wave on high,
the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice, rejoice,
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.**

**2 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints of earth,
pour out the strains of joy and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth. (Refrain)**

**4 Yes, on through life's long path,
still chanting as ye go;
from youth to age, by night and day,
in gladness and in woe. (Refrain)**

Postlude Praises to Our God and
King D. Bish

