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Twenty-second Sunday  
after Pentecost

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY  
HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II



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*We the people of Saint Stephen's in-the-Field  
seek to know Christ, to share Christ, and to serve Christ,  
recognizing his presence in all people,  
and reaching out in love to each other and to the world around us.*

*"Whoever and wherever you are on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here!"*

# Liturgy of the Word and Holy Eucharist: Prayer A

## Opening Hymn:

### O Christ, the Word Incarnate

MUNICH

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fr. *Neu-verhehrtes und zu Übung Christl.*

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

*Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693*

1. O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom. from on high,  
2. The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip ture's page,  
It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
mid mists and rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.

## Opening Acclamation

**Presider:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People:** And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

## Collect for Purity

**All**

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

## *Gloria*

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*

*Presider:* The Lord be with you

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

God of all people from every tribe and language; you call true witnesses who sing your praise, live your grace and work for peace: may we share their faith and know our need for you that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. **Amen.**

## *The Lessons*

### *First Reading*

***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."

The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm:**

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

- 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.

The Word of the Lord.

**All:**

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Gradual:

John Keble (1792-1866) **Blest Are the Pure in Heart** FRANCONIA  
William John Hall (1793-1861) H #656 Johann Balthasar Konig (1691-1758)

1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
4. Lord, we thy pres-ence seek; may ours this bless-ing be;

the se-cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a-bode.  
give us a pure and low-ly heart, a tem-ple fit for thee.

## *Gospel Reading*

*Matthew 5:1-12*

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*All:* **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."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## *Sermon*

*The Rev. Karen Cuffie*

## *Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

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

*People:* **I do.**

*Presider:* Do you believe in God the Father?

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

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.**

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

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

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

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

*Presider:* 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.**

*Presider:* 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.

*People:* **Amen.**

## ***Prayers of the People on All Saints' Day***

*Leader:* Let us pray for the church and the world.  
We pray for the church universal, through which you call us to be stewards of your mission in the world. May it seek to serve your glory, and not its own. May its leaders, ordained and lay, reach out and be Christ's hands and heart in this world.

Generous God;

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for the world, which you created and are redeeming. We know you call us to steward our society and your creation. We pray for the victims of war, natural disasters, violence, oppression, and degradation. We pray for a just peace, in which the dignity of every human being is recognized and lifted up.

Generous God;

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for our nation. We pray that our leaders may make decisions for the welfare of all. May we as a society be better stewards of all you have given us.

Generous God;

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for our own cities and towns, and our stewardship of them. We pray that through our lives and resources these communities may be places of hope, love, and justice.

Generous God;

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* We pray for all those who are in any need, both whose names we know and those we do not. We know that you call us as your stewards to care for and love those who are ill, in pain, in prison, lonely, or destitute. In our own journeys, may we be faithful companions.

Generous God;

***People:* Hear our Prayer.**



*Leader:* We pray for those who have departed this life to join you in the next life. We especially pray for Edy Unthank. We pray for those who mourn their loved ones. May we be strong companions in these dark hours of their journeys.  
Generous God;

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* We offer our thanksgivings and gratitude for the abundance you provide for us. We give thanks for the many blessings of our lives. Inspire us to turn our gratitude into generosity.

Generous God;

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* Lord God, hear us as we humbly remember our dear loved ones who have passed on to be with you in your heavenly kingdom. Accept here, dear God, our humble attempt at remembering and honoring the precious lives of our loved ones, and be with us as we remember them.

These are the names of our loved ones whom we now remember \_\_\_\_\_ (from the necrology book).

Loving God, help us to keep the memory of these loved ones in our hearts until we all return to be with you in your heavenly kingdom.

*People:* **Amen.**

*Presider:* Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for the triumph of Christ in the lives of your saints. Receive the prayers we offer this day and help us to run our course with faith, that we may swiftly come to your eternal kingdom. Glory to you forever and ever.

*People:* **Amen.**

### ***Confession of Sin***

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*(There will be a moment of silence)*

*Presider and People*

**Almighty God, Source of all that is, Giver of every good gift: You create all people in your image and call us to love one another as you love us. We confess that we have failed to honor you in the great diversity of the human family. We have desired to live in freedom,**

while building walls between ourselves and others. We have longed to be known and accepted for who we are, while making judgements of others based on the color of skin, or the shape of features, or the varieties of human experience. We have tried to love our neighbors individually while yet benefitting from systems that hold those same neighbors in oppression. Forgive us, Holy God. Give us eyes to see you as you are revealed in all people. Strengthen us for the work of reconciliation rooted in love. Restore us in your image, to be beloved community, united in our diversity, even as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, Holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever. Amen.

## Absolution

*Presider* 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

*Presider:* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People:* And also with you.

*Exchange peace.*

## Offertory:

### Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

BEACH SPRING

*The Sacred Harp, 1844*

attr. F. R. Warren

arr. compilers of *Common Ground*, 1998

1. Hark I hear the harps e - ter - nal ring-ing on the far-ther shore.  
 2. And my soul, tho' strained with sor - row, fad-ing in the light of day,  
 3. Souls have cross'd be - fore me, saint - ly, to that land of per-fect rest;

As I near the swol-len wa - ters, with their deep and sol-umn roar;  
 Pas-ses swift - ly o'er those wa - ters, to the ci - ty far a - way.  
 And I hear them sing-ing faint - ly, in the man - sions of the blest.



## Eucharistic Prayer A

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts.

*People:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*

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 you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

*Presider 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 Presider 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.

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 all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Presider and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider 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,

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

*People and Presider*

*People and Presider*

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as 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.

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.

### ***The Breaking of the Bread.***

***Presider:*** Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

***People:*** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

### ***Prayer for Spiritual Communion***

***Presider***

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

### ***Communion Hymn:***

#### **God of the Women**

Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

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2. God of the wo - men who walked Je - sus' way, \_\_\_\_\_ giv - ing their re - sourc - es,  
3. God of the wo - men long put to the test, \_\_\_\_\_ left out of sto - ries, for -

learn-ing to pray, Ma-ry, Jo-an-na, Sus-an-na and  
got-ten, op-pressed, qui-et-ly ask-ing: "Who smiled at my  
more may we give free-ly as they did be-fore.  
birth?" in Je-sus' dy-ing you show us your worth.

### *Post Communion Prayer*

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Shepherd and guardian of our souls,  
renew our faith, increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love.**

**Teach us to hunger for Christ,  
who is the true and living bread,  
and to live by every word that comes from your mouth,  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### *The Blessing*

### *The Dismissal*

*Presider:* Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of  
the Spirit.

*People:* Thanks be to God.

### *Mission Song:*

## Ye Holy Angels Bright

Richard Baxter (1615-1691)

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DARWALL'S 148TH  
John Darwall (1731-1789)

2. Ye bless-ed souls at rest, who ran this earth-ly race and now, from sin re-  
4. My soul, bear thou thy part, tri-umph in God a-bove: and with a well-tuned

leased, be - hold the Sa - vior's face, God's prai - ses sound, as  
heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy days till

in his sight with sweet de - light ye do a - bound.  
life shall end, what - e'er he send, be filled with praise.