

# THE FALLS CHURCH

*an Episcopal congregation*

*A welcoming community called to be an enduring  
beacon of faith, hope, and love to all.*



All Saints' Sunday  
November 5, 2023  
9:00 a.m.

Prelude

*Aria and Variation*

Johann Sebastian Bach  
(1685-1750)

THE WORD OF GOD

*The people stand.*

Opening Hymn 287

For all the saints  
vv. 1 & 4

Tune: *Sine Nomine*

Opening Acclamation

(EOW, p. 50)

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

*Celebrant*

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

## Gloria

Robert J. Powell

(b. 1932)

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
 peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly  
 King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we  
 give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus  
 Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you  
 take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy  
 on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -  
 ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most  
 High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the  
 glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant*     Let us pray.

*Celebrant*

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 people sit.*

## The First Lesson

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**

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, for you are good; \*  
your mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom you have redeemed proclaim \*  
that you redeemed them from the hand of the foe.
- 3 You gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.
- 4 Some wandered in desert wastes; \*  
they found no way to a city where they might dwell.
- 5 They were hungry and thirsty; \*  
their spirits languished within them.
- 6 Then they cried to you in their trouble, \*  
and you delivered them from their distress.
- 7 You put their feet on a straight path \*  
to go to a city where they might dwell in.
- 33 You changed rivers into deserts, \*  
and water-springs into thirsty ground,
- 34 A fruitful land into salt flats, \*  
because of the wickedness of those who dwell there.
- 35 You changed deserts into pools of water \*  
and dry land into water-springs.
- 36 You settled the hungry there, \*  
and they founded a city to dwell in.
- 37 They sowed fields, and planted vineyards, \*  
and brought in a fruitful harvest.

*The people stand.*

*Children are invited to gather around the Gospeller for the proclamation of the Gospel.*

Sequence Hymn 293

I sing a song of the saints of God

Tune: *Grand Isle*

## The Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

*Gospeler*      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.”

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

## The Sermon

The Rev’d. Matthew Machowski

*The people sit at the invitation of the preacher.*

*A period of silence follows the homily.*

*Please stand when the Celebrant stands for the Renewal of Baptismal Vows*

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

(BCP p. 304)

*Celebrant*

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, on this feast of All the Saints, 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 the 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.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively while standing.*

Gracious God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; for Michael, Mark, and Gayle, and for Burl and Matthew,  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world, especially for the leaders of Palestine and Israel, and those who live within their jurisdictions.  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

We pray for those persons receiving the Sacrament of Baptism today at The Falls Church: Elise Helgesen, Kieran Leon, Declan Lewis, Calliope Harriet, Hudson Meyer, and Hannah Virginia.  
**May they live in the power of Jesus' resurrection.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Krista, Nadifa and Robin.  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, either silently or aloud.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

(EOW, p. 56)

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*All kneel.*

*Celebrant and People*

God of all mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,

and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us

through our Savior Jesus Christ,

that we may abide in your love

and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of 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.**

## Welcome and Announcements



We celebrate the Eucharist this All Saints, remembering these persons, beloved of our community, who have joined the cloud of witnesses in the past year:

### The Necrology 2023

Lola Adeyiga	Patricia Anne Baysinger Larson
John S. Aler III	Stella Joan Trussel Lee
Angelo John Artemas	David Michael Mallett
Linda Kathleen Bangay	Joann Loeffelholz Manemann
Wilma Laverne Smith Bazley	Jack Mason
Elizabeth Carrick Cawns	Daniel Sylvester Mazzuchi
Virginia Chen	Donald Stuart McLellan
James Daily	Joan Marie Inglis Meade
Diane Alexandra Drummond	Randolph Lynn Moore
Michael Collins Dunn	Thomas Verner Moore Jr.
Mildred Marion Cromwell Ensinger	Judith Kane Moore
Sean Foley	Charlotte Marion Smith Needham
Amy Carol Furr	Little One
John Latimer Gray	Nan Jean Peck
Frank Tracy Griswold III	Arthur Lee Raglin
Elizabeth Brown Hahn	Denise Rohed-Trout
David Richardson Harper	Feride Isabel Saca
Douglas Clark Haskett II	Patricia Elena Marshall Sanchez
Elaine Therese Pucciarelli Henkel	Joseph Frank Sautner
Grace Ellen Lammerding Henkel	Samuel A. Stotts, Sr.
Kenneth Wilbur Holton	Bennett Kent Stacks
Rosa Chingyuan Hou	Andrew Bennett Stieg
Elizabeth Marshall Keys	Tyler Paige Suiters
Delores Jean Miller Krumme	Rachael Marie Tillison
Ann Marie Lammerding	Muriel Eleanor McCluskey Wilbur
Patricia Anne Baysinger Larson	Elizabeth Howard Ardrey Wilson

Monika Zippel

*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.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

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 in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades 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:

**Sanctus S-129**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord**

**Robert J. Powell**  
 (b. 1932)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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.

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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.**

*The Celebrant then continues*

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

*People and Celebrant*

**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

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem S-155

### Christ our Passover

Gerald Near  
(b.1942)

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 16 Christ our Pass - o - ver is

sac - ri - ficed for us; There - fore let us keep the feast.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### The Invitation to Communion

*All those who seek the Lord are welcome and invited to receive Holy Communion at this time. Should you desire to receive, the ushers will direct you to the communion rail where the priest will offer you the host by placing the wafer in your outstretched palms. To receive the wine, guide the base of the chalice to your lips, tipping it slightly toward your lips, take a sip of wine, then tip chalice back toward the minister and release your fingers from the base of the chalice. If you do not wish to receive the wine, but would like to partake in this sacramental act, simply touch the chalice with your finger as the minister pronounces the words. Alternatively, simply fold your arms across your chest, and the minister will refrain from offering you the chalice. After receiving Communion, you may return to your seat.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available. Should you desire a gluten-free wafer, please let the priest know as you approach them for communion.*

Hymn 333

Now the silence now the peace

Tune: *Now*

*The people stand.*

Postcommunion Prayer

(BCP, p. 498)

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. **Amen.**

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 624**

Jerusalem the golden  
vv. 1 & 4

Tune: *Ewing*

**Dismissal**

(BCP, p. 366)

*Gospeler* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

**Postlude** *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, Heiliger Geist BWV 667* Johann Sebastian Bach  
*(Come, God, Creator, Holy Ghost)* (1685-1750)

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**Celebrant**

The Rev'd. Burl Salmon

**Preacher**

The Rev'd. Matthew Machowski

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**The Parish Prayer List**

**For Healing in Body, Mind, and Spirit**

*Immediate Needs*

Krista, Nadifa, Robin

*Long Term Prayers*

Anne, Brian, Bryan, Joanna, Lara, Lee, Michael

*Family and Friends*

Ashley, Chris, Kendall

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