



## Worship with Communion The 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost The Feast of All Saints

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**Welcome! We're glad you chose to worship with us today!**

### ♪ **For All the Saints**

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!

Thou was 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!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Words: William Walsham How, 1864. Music: *SINE NOMINE*, Ralph Vaughn Williams, 1906.

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

*People* And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. AMEN!

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* There is one hope in God's call to us;

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* One God and Father of all.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* All Saints Day is one of the major Feast Days of the Church, and one of four days especially appropriate for Baptisms. After the Sermon, we'll take time to remember our own Baptisms. All Saints Day expresses the intercommunion of the living and the dead in the Body of Christ, especially those who died because of their faith. Please join us in this Litany of Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God.

## **Litany of Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God**

*Reader 1* For Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith, and all who journey into the unknown, trusting God's promises... for Jacob, deceitful younger brother, yet chosen by God, the father of all who are called by virtue not of their own... and for Moses the lawgiver and Aaron the priest, and all who lead God's people to freedom and newness of life...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 2* For Esther and Deborah, saviors of their nation, and for all who dare to act courageously at God's call... for Hannah and Ruth, and all who through love and devotion witness to the faithfulness of God... and for Isaiah, John the Baptist and all the prophets, and all who speak the truth without counting the cost...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 3* For Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all who obey God's call without question... for Andrew and John and the first disciples, and for all who forsake everything to follow Jesus... and for Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary, first witnesses of the resurrection, and for all who bear witness to Christ...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 1* For Peter, Paul, James, and the apostles, who preached the gospel to Jew and Gentile, and for all who take the good news to the ends of the earth... for Barnabas, Silas and Timothy, and for all who bring encouragement and steadfastness... and for the writers of the Gospels and for all who bring the faith of Christ alive for each generation...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 2* For Ambrose, Augustine, Gregory and Jerome, and for all who contend for the truth of the gospel... for Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, Athanasius and John Chrysostom, and all who enable us to reflect on the mystery of Christ... and for Cyprian, Antony and Ephrem, and for all who lead the Church into new paths of discipleship...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 3* For Stephen, Alban, Agnes, Lucy and the whole army of martyrs, and all who have faced death for love of Christ... for Augustine of Canterbury and Aidan, for Boniface and Patrick, and for all who have carried the gospel to this and other lands... and for Aelred, Bernard and Cuthbert, and for all who live and teach the love of God...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 1* For Anselm and Richard Hooker, and for all who reveal to us the depths of God's wisdom... for Benedict and Francis, Hilda and Bede, and for all who deepen our common life in Christ... and for Julian of Norwich, Bridget of Sweden and Teresa of Avila, and for all who renew our vision of the mystery of God...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 2* For Thomas Cranmer and all who reform the Church of God... for Thomas More and all who hold firm to its continuing faith... and for Gregory and Dunstan, George Herbert and John Keble, and for all who praise God in poetry and song...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 3* For Lancelot Andrewes, John Wesley and Charles Simeon, and for all who preach the word of God... for William Wilberforce and Josephine Butler, and for all who work to transform the world... and for Monica, and for Mary Sumner, and for all who nurture faith in home and family...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

*Reader 1* For the martyrs and peacemakers of our own time, who shine as lights in the darkness... for all the unsung heroes and heroines of our faith, whose names are known to God alone... and for all those in our own lives who have revealed to us the love of God and shown to us the way of holiness...

*People* **We thank you and praise you, O God.**

## **Remembering**

*Celebrant* At this time, all are invited to remember any family, friends, and others whom we have lost throughout our lives. I will light candles here in the Sanctuary and invite you to light one or more candles wherever you are to remember those who have gone before us.

*Candles are lighted during a time of silent reflection.*

*Celebrant* Lord Jesus Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever.

*People* **Amen!**

## **♪ For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love**

For all the saints who've shown your love in how they live and where they move;  
for mindful women, caring men: accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased the Savior's fame;  
who sang your songs and shared your word: accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will, and showed the kingdom coming still  
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise: accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heav'n above.

Though unacclaimed by earthly pow'rs, your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

## First Lesson

*Reader 2* A reading of 1<sup>st</sup> John chapter 3, verses 1 through 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 2* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Unison Reading

*Reader 2* Let us read in unison Psalm 32, verses 1 through 10 and 22.

*All* I will bless the Lord at all times; the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and rejoice. Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; let us exalt the name of God together. I sought the Lord, who answered me and delivered me out of all my terror. Look upon God and be radiant, and let not your faces be ashamed. I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God and will deliver them. Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in God! Fear the Lord, you holy ones of God, for those who fear God lack nothing. The young lions lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and none will be punished who trust in you.

## Gospel

Matthew 5. 1-12

*Celebrant* 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."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

## **Sermon**

### **Remembering Our Baptism**

*Celebrant* Here in this community of those who seek God, we know we are not saints. We are wrapped in those strips of words, thoughts, and actions which bind us to sin, not to God. But God has promised us new hope, new life, and fresh mercy if we will but confess. I invite you to join me, as we pray together:

*People* **We come to you, Listener of our broken lives; our hands soiled with the pain we have caused; our ears stuffed with the words of those who speak falsely; our hearts stained with those lusts and hungers we would be embarrassed for others to know. Forgive us and have mercy on us, Wiper of our tears. As we seek to journey from the baptismal waters towards the feast you prepare in glory, may we turn our faces towards you in every moment, listen to your words in the depths of our hearts, and follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, every step of the way. AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Lift up your heads, saints of God! Your sin is gone; your hands—once full of foolishness—are now empty. God has clothed you with garments of joy to wear to the feast.

*People* **Our former life has passed; new life in Christ has begun. All things are new—including us! Thanks be to God, for we are forgiven!**

*Celebrant* O God, with confidence we remember your promises to us—in baptism, we are reborn to eternal life. Those saints who have gone before us, including those we remember today, have fulfilled their baptism and are now celebrating in your presence.

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

*Celebrant* Blessed are you who divides the waters so plants and beasts of sea and sky and plain could thrive; who draws us from the water in birth and rebirth; who claims us with a love from which nothing can separate us. Blessed are you, Holy One. Come now, God, and send your Spirit among us; trouble for us this water of memory and imagination. Send your Spirit to enliven our praise, to strengthen our hands, to guide us in work and play, in service and love, to assure us once more of your love.

*People* **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Sisters and brothers, remember your baptism, and know once again that you are claimed by God forever. There is no reason any longer to be afraid. The Spirit moves among us. Let us worship and praise God!

*People* **AMEN!**

## **Prayers of the People**

*Reader 3* United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness. Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit, that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* Bless the entire Body of Christ, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* Hasten the day when many will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at the table in your kingdom.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* We lift up the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*All* **God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3* We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

*All* **Blessing, glory, wisdom, honor, power, and thanksgiving be to our God for ever and ever. AMEN!**



## Passing the Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## Invitation to Communion

*from the Iona Community, Scotland*

*Celebrant* The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed; come.

## ♪ Rejoice in God's Saints

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!

A world without saints forgets how to praise.

Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:  
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
the way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

## Offering Our Gifts

*Celebrant* Gifts and offerings may be mailed to the church, dropped off in the church mail slot, or sent through your bank. There are also online giving options on our web site at [mysjec.com/donate](https://mysjec.com/donate). We are grateful for your continued financial support of our ministry and mission.

*Celebrant* Inspire us to always share your love through action, O God:

*People* **Strengthen us to always be an inviting safe community for all.**

## Great Thanksgiving

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*All* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

*All* **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

*All* **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

*All* **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

*All* **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*All* **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.**

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*All* **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, of Isaac and Rebekah, of Jacob, Leah, and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

*All* **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

*All* **AMEN!**

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

*All* **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!**

## **Breaking Bread**

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*All* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

*Celebrant* 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 Celebrant gives the invitation to spiritual communion to all participating near and far.*

*People* In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. I present to you my soul and body with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you, and, since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself with you, and embrace you with all the love of my soul. Let nothing ever separate you from me. May I live in you, and may you live in me, both in this life and in the life to come. **AMEN!**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

*All* 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!

*Celebrant* Let us pray for our nation.

*All* Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN!

## **Blessing**

*Celebrant* May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace.

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* May God give you joy in the fellowship of the saints and a share in their praises.

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* May God strengthen you to follow the saints in the way of holiness, and to come to the full radiance of glory.

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

*Celebrant* And may the blessing of God, who Creates, Redeems, and Sustains, be upon you and all you love and pray for, this day and for ever more.

*All* Alleluia! AMEN!

## ♪ **For All the Saints**

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear that distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!

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## **Sending**

*Celebrant* Go forth in the peace of Christ, following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth! Alleluia, alleluia!

*All* Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!

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