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**The Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost – All Saints' Sunday**  
November 2, 2025  
9:00 am

*Upon entering the Church Sanctuary, please observe "quiet time" before the service for a period of intentional stillness for prayer and reflection to prepare the heart and mind for worship. Please silence your cell phones and enter quietly.*

Prelude: "Give us the wings of faith to rise" Derek Williams

Announcements

**Processional Hymn: 287 - "For all the saints" (vs. 1-4) Sine Nomine**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

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

*People:* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*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: S280**

**Robert Powell**

### Collect of the Day

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant:* Let us pray. (Silence)

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 First Lesson: Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

The Word of the Lord.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; \*  
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; \*  
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; \*  
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people \*  
and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; \*  
let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat \*  
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations \*  
and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains \*  
and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; \*  
this is glory for all his faithful people.

Hallelujah!

## The Second Lesson: Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

*Response: Thanks be to God.*

**Gradual Hymn: 526 "Let saints on earth in concert sing" Dundee**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (6:20-31)

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. "Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. "Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets." "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. "Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. "Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. "Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. "But I say to

you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Hugh Bell

## **RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS**

*Celebrant:* Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism, we have become part of the Body of Christ that great fellowship of believers in all times and places. As members of Christ's body, we are inheritors of God's kingdom with the saints in light. Let us now renew the vows we made at our baptisms by which God has made us a holy people.

*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.**

*Celebrant:* 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 Form III

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; for the Diocese of Southwest Florida, especially St. James' House of Prayer, St. John's, St. Mark's, St. Mary's, all of Tampa; St. Catherine's, Temple Terrace; Holy Innocents Church, Valrico; St. Paul's Wesley Chapel, and St. Elizabeth's, Zephyrhills and for the dioceses and provinces of the Anglican Communion, especially The Church of the Province of West Africa.

***People:* That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

***People:* That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially our presiding bishop Sean and for our bishop Douglas; for Hugh and Jim our priests and Kevin our deacon; for St. Paul's Lutheran Church and their pastor Anne; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people.

***People:* 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;

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially those listed in our bulletin;

**People:** That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Graham Dunn, Thomas Kemink, Mark Lelekacs, Al Lelekacs and Thelma Lipp.

**People:** Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

### The Confession

*Celebrant:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.  
(Silence may be kept).

Minister and People

**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.**

*Celebrant:* 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.**

## Stewardship Testimony

### The Peace

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

*Offertory: (The people may sit)*

**Offertory Hymn: 686 295 “Sing praise to our Creator”**

**Christus, der ist mein Leben**

**Doxology: 380 vs. 3**

**Old 100th**

*Presentation of Gifts (Please stand as the gifts are brought forward)*

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B (Stand)

*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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*(Here a Proper Preface is said)*

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: S130 “Holy, holy, holy Lord”**

**Franz Schubert**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,**

**We proclaim his resurrection,**

**We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with St. John and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.**

*Celebrant:* As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Celebrant and People:* **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

*Celebrant:* Alleluia ! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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



## The Communion

All Baptized Christians are welcome to receive Communion.

*Please stand or kneel at the rail.*

*The priest will place the Sacrament in your outstretched hands.*

**Communion Hymn: “Break thou the bread of life” Mary A. Lathbury**

Sending of Lay Eucharistic Visitors (as needed)

*Following the communion of the people, the Lay Eucharistic Ministers come forward and are commended for this ministry with the following words:*

**Celebrant:** In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ’s body and blood. We who are many are one body,

**People:** Because we all share one bread, one cup.

Post Communion Prayer (Stand)

**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.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: 286 “Who are these like stars appearing?”**

**Zeuch mich, zeuch mich**

**The Dismissal: Response: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Postlude: “Grand Isle”**

**John Henry Hopkins**

## **All Saints’ Banners**

*Take a moment to look at the names on the white banners on the walls on either side of altar area. These are the “saints of St. John’s” - members of the parish who have died and gone before us. Every year names of members who have died in the previous year are embroidered on a banner.*

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**Join us for coffee and fellowship in the Parish Hall immediately following the service.**

**Pray for the sick:** James Bernard, Barbara Bowdoin, Heather Bradlee, Sally Brown, Bob Cates, Bob Courdway, The Most. Rev. Michael B. Curry, Ann D'Alessandro, Kristy Foltz, Sharon Griffin, John Humpal, Jackie Hymes, Nan Lanham, Tom McManus, Kimberly McMillan, Toni Medjuck, John Piatak, The Rev. George Razee, Eric Rummier, Nancy Sawyer, Amy Shields, Deborah Smith, Kitty Smith, Dan Sykes and Sandy Walton.

**Pray for the homebound:** Margarita Lopez.

Vestry minutes and financial summary are posted on a bulletin board in the entryway. These documents will be posted each month.

**Good Neighbors:** The loose offering on the first Sunday of each month will be for Good Neighbors.

**Pack-a-Sack:** If you would like to sponsor a child for one month- \$25, or for one year \$225, please mark your gift for Pack a Sack. For more information or to assist with the packing, contact Caroline Barnett.

**Prayer Chapel:** The Chapel is open for anyone wishing individual prayer. Everyone is welcome to go to the Chapel after communion to receive prayer with a member of The Daughters of the King. Prayer requests are held in strict confidence.

**Thrift Shop Volunteers Needed!** The Thrift Shop is looking for volunteers to work the front desk and the sorting/pricing room. Please contact Caroline Barnett if you are interested. (727) 459-3650.

**Wednesday Morning Bible Study** – Wednesday, 10am in the Parish Hall. See Bob Courdway if you have any questions.

Deadline for submission of articles for the bulletin is Tuesday, 3pm for the following Sunday bulletin.

### Weekly Schedule

Thrift Shop Hours - Tue, Thu, and Sat 9:30 – 3:30

Hand Bell Choir - Tuesdays, 6pm – Church Sanctuary

Voice Choir - Tuesdays, 7pm – Church Sanctuary.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Parish Hall – 10:00am.

Men's Cursillo Grouping - Parish Hall - Thursday 7:30 am

Rug Hookers – Parish Hall - Thursdays 10 am

### Dates for your calendar

**Wed., Nov. 12: Thanksgiving dinner with St. Paul's:** 6pm in the Parish Hall. Taizé Prayer service at 7:15pm in the church sanctuary.

**Tue., Nov. 18, 7pm: Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church** -there will be a collection of non-perishable items that will be given to Good Neighbors for distribution throughout the county.

**Nov. 23: Stewardship Sunday Ingathering**

**Nov. 30: Advent I**



**The Diocese of Southwest Florida**  
**The Rt. Rev. Douglas Scharf, Bishop**  
**St. John's Mission Statement:**  
*To love, to serve, to grow in Christ*

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