



ALL SAINTS' DAY

22ND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

— *Gathering* —

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

Look! A vast multitude—citizens of every nation,
speakers of every tongue—standing before the throne of the Lamb.

**See how they dwell within God's temple,
in the shelter of One who wipes away their tears.**

We join our voices with these saints and with the choir of angels,
who forever sing God's praise:

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

PROCESSION WITH MUSIC

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

Hear us, O God.

You loved us before the world was made. You rescued the people of your promise.
You spoke through your prophets. You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

Hear us, O God.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven and was born of the virgin Mary;
who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world and has washed us from our sins;
who on the third day rose from the dead and has given us the victory;
who ascended on high and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

Great is your love.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
For the great cloud of witnesses into which we are baptized.

Thanks be to God.

With special thanksgiving for the lives of Joyce Huggins and Jan Mims.

Thanks be to God.

For all who have gone before us in faith.

Thanks be to God.

Selected

Rev. Michele R. Goff

Liturgist: Kelly Weaver

God of all the faithful, we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. Work out your good purpose in us and help us in our weakness as we await, with eager longing, the redemption of all things; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

CONFESSION

You who are burdened by sin, you who seek healing or renewal,
come to the waters, where we are raised to new and abundant life.

"The kingdom belongs to the hopeless," you tell us;
and, "How honorable are those who mourn."

**Sometimes, we disregard those among us who are poor in spirit,
rather than surrounding them with our care.**

When we shy away from those who yearn for compassion
because of our own discomfort or distress,

forgive us.

When we rush past those searching for hope
because we do not have the "right" words to say,

forgive us.

God, break open our hardened hearts.

**Grant us the grace to turn toward others with loving kindness,
and help us be instruments of healing and wholeness.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Beloved, God has claimed us and restored us to relationship.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ—we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God.

— *Word* —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Epistle lesson: **1 John 3: 1-3**

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel lesson: **Matthew 5: 1-12**

This is the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"Blessed are the Children of God"

Rev. Michele R. Goff

ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

To the Lord our God, Alpha and Omega, be all glory and honor forever. **Amen.**

— *Response* —

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Our shepherd satisfies our needs; in faith, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the church . . . Bless those who are merciful and pure in heart with the vision of your new creation and mercy enough to share with all.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for the earth . . . Bless the meek; may the earth that they inherit be a place of wonder and glory, of beauty and blessing for all creatures.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for all nations . . . Bless the peacemakers, your beloved children. Bless those who are persecuted, and give them a place in your holy realm.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for this community . . . Bless those who hunger and thirst; feed them with your righteousness and satisfy them with your justice.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, our God, we pray for loved ones . . . Bless those who mourn, and comfort them. Bless those who are poor in spirit; let your heavenly realm be their reward.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—in green pastures and by still waters, in right paths and through dark valleys, until we feast with you in glory and dwell in your house forever; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven...

MUSIC

Joshua Allen

COMMUNION NOTE

Reminder: Communion will be VIRTUAL via Facebook Live streaming at 5:30 on Thursday. You may read along with the prayers included in your weekly packet.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

We continue to do the work of the church. We are thankful for your dedicated commitment.

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God. Let us offer our lives to the Lord.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of the harvest, you are continually planting the seeds of your love in our world and in our lives. As we bring our gifts to you, may they be seeds of your grace, peace, and hope, planted deeply in our community. **Amen.**

— *Sending* —

BLESSING AND CHARGE

MUSIC

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— *Eucharist* —

(For Thursday, November 5, 2020)

INTRODUCTION

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

When we gather for the Lord's Supper the Spirit draws us into Christ's presence and unites us with the Church in every time and place. We join with all the faithful in heaven and on earth in offering thanksgiving to the triune God. We reaffirm the promises of our baptism and recommit ourselves to love and serve God, one another, and all our neighbors around the world.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, source of all creation. You are mightier than the thunder of waters, stronger than the waves of the sea. You are majesty on high. Yet when the time was right you sent your Son, a vulnerable infant of low estate, to testify to the truth of power made known in your embracing love. Jesus came to raise up the poor and cast down the mighty. He taught us, like no other, that your kingdom is one of forgiveness, where human needs are daily met and we are set free for love. Remembering all that he has done for us, we offer you our praise and thanks and give our lives to your service.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this meal, that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son and filled with your life-giving Spirit. Unite us in Christ and to one another, that we may reveal your justice in the world. Grant us your wisdom and keep us faithful as we wait and work in hope for your coming reign of peace.

We pray through your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns in glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD

The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread, and after giving thanks to God, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me. In the same way he took the cup, saying: This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord, until he comes again.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

As you share the elements, hear these words: This is the bread of life for you. This is the cup of justice poured out for you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe, for you have satisfied our souls with this feast of your grace. Keep us faithful in your service until your realm of glory comes; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

BLESSING AND CHARGE

“*Serving God, Honoring Creation, Embracing Differences*”

