

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

In the Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina



(Probably) Fra Angelico (Italian, active 1417; died 1455)
The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs, 1423-1424
The National Gallery, London

Sunday, November 1, 2020 All Saints Day

To Know Christ and to make Christ known...

*St. Paul's invites all people to the Christian Way of unity with God and neighbor
through a welcoming environment of worship and ministry*

Please enter the church in silence so that all may have quiet time to prepare hearts and minds for worship.



Necrology

Members of St. Paul's who have died since last All Saints Day

Jim Conley

Hugh John McLanborn

Thomas T. Joyce

Rick Thayer

Pat Whitehead

Family and Friends who have died since last All Saints Day

Anthony Antonaccio, Jr.

Anne Bowers

Elizabeth Calder

Terry Carney

Patricia Fongheiser

Roy Johnson

Bruce Park

Donna Powell

Elaine Powell

Robert Pulley

Kip Schultz



The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Holy Eucharist

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

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

The Collect of the Day

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. Amen.

The people may be seated.

A Reading from 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.

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.

A Reading from the First Epistle of 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks Be to God

Hymn to Announce the Gospel

For all the saints (verses 1, 2, 6 and 8)

1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

war-riors com-eth rest;— sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the

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

*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through

gates of pearl streams in the count - less host

sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (5:1-12)

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.

The Sermon

The Rev'd Adam Pierce

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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 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 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.*

Stewardship Reflection

Keith Calder

A Stewardship Litany

Celebrant: God of life and love: We are quick to accept bounteous gifts from you, but slow to give thanks and to express our gratitude.

People: **We hold too tightly the things of this life, giving them the allegiance we owe only to you.**

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Celebrant: Gracious God, we admit that our lives are too often out of balance; we are more willing to receive than to share, more ready to take than to give.

People: **Create in us grateful and generous hearts, we pray, and restore us the joy of our salvation.**

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful to thee, swift and beautiful to thee.

Celebrant: Merciful God, from whom comes every good and perfect gift, we praise you for your mercies:

People: **Your goodness that has created us, your grace that has sustained us,**

Celebrant: Your discipline that has corrected us, your patience that has borne with us,

People: and your love that has redeemed us.
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Celebrant: Help us to love you, and to be thankful for all your gifts by serving you and delighting to do your will.

People: Accept now, Gracious God, our offerings, these our pledges of resources and talents for your service, and the commitment of our lives through Jesus Christ, who gave his all for us.
 Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.
 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store, Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.
 Amen.

"A Stewardship Litany" by W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr., hymn stanzas by Frances Ridley Havergal from *The Wideness of God's Mercy: Litanies to Enlarge Our Prayer* edited by Jeffery W. Rowthorn (New York: Church Publishing, 2007), 124-125

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People And also with you.

Anthem Pie Jesu from *Requiem* Gabriel Fauré
 Beth Stovall, soprano

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer D **BCP 372**

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.

The Celebrant continues

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Sanctus

(Setting by William Bradley Roberts)

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.

Then the Celebrant continues

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We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to

complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

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We praise you, we bless you,
we give thanks to you,
and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

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Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Rob, our bishop; Ray, our interim rector; Adam, our assistant rector; Richard, our priest associate; and all who minister in your Church.

Remember Donald, our President, Roy, our Governor, and all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world.

Remember all your people, and those who seek your truth.

Remember Alix, John, David, Anne, Richard, Jere, Tammy, William, Barbara, Jim, Joanne, Robin and those friends of the parish on our prayer list.

Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.
AMEN.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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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

(Setting by William Bradley Roberts)

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.

Communion of the People

Prayer For Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come into your glorious kingdom and unending peace. *Amen.*

Communion Hymn



1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your saints at rest,
2 A - po - stles, pro - phets, mar - tyrs, and all the no - ble throug
3 Then let us praise the Fa - ther and wor-ship God the Son



your ho - ly Name, O Je - sus, for ev - er - more be blessed.
who wear the spot - less rai - ment and raise the cease - less song:
and sing to God the Spi - rit, e - ter - nal Three in One,



You rose, our King vic - tor - ious, that they might wear the crown
for them and those whose wit - ness is on - ly known to you
till all the ran - somed num - ber who stand be - fore the throne



and ev - er shine in splen - dor re - flect - ed from your throne.
by walk - ing in their foot - steps we give you praise a - new.
a - scribe all power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Sending Forth Of The Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant and People

In the name of this congregation, we 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, for we all share one bread, one cup.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The people stand or kneel.

People: 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.

The Celebrant pronounces a blessing to which the congregation responds, "AMEN."

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people, to which they reply:

Thanks be to God.

Voluntary

Toccata in D minor

J. S. Bach

Prayer List

In our parish

ALIX DORR	WILLIAM MURPHY
FR. JOHN CAWTHORNE	BARBARA O'ROURKE
DAVID HEATH	TAMMY POLLOCK
ANNE LAUDATI	JIM SUMMEY
RICHARD LAUDATI	JOANN SUMMEY
JERE LEWIS	RALPH TILDEN
	MACK UMPHLETT

People requesting prayer

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