

ALL SAINTS DAY
Service of Antecommunion
St. John's Episcopal Church
Ithaca, NY 14850
November 1, 2020 Year A
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Hymns can be found at the end of the bulletin.

Prelude: * Chorale in E, Op. 37 no. 4 - Joseph Jongen (1873-1953)

Hymn: I Sing a Song of the Saints of God (Grand Isle)

Hymnal # 293

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Gloria

Hymnal # S-278

Collect of the Day

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.*

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."

The Word of the Lord.

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.

Benedicam Dominum

- 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.

Epistle

1 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: *Let us now praise famous men* - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Let us now praise famous men, and our mothers that begat us. Such as did bear rule in their kingdoms, those renowned for their power, Leaders of the people by their counsels, and by their knowledge. Such as found out musical tunes, and recited verses in writing: All these were honored in their generations, and were the glory of their times. And some there be, which have no memorial; who are perished, as though they had never been. Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth for evermore. [Text from Ecclesiasticus 44]

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon**The Rev. Megan Castellan****The Nicene Creed****BCP 358****Prayers of the People: Form III**

Father, 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;

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;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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;

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.

ANTHEM: *I heard a voice from heaven* - John Goss (1800-1880)

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write: from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord. Even so, saith the Spirit, for they may rest from their labors. [Revelation 14:13]

We pray for those who have died:

Jane Mead
Penelope Evans

Luanne Collins
Janet Nnakku Nsibambi

And for those we remember on All Saints:

Eleanore Mikus
Ron Clayton
Sarah Brown Steuteville
Peter J. Hedrick
Stacey Hyatt
The Rev. Dr. Richard C. Sauerzopf
Brenda Calvin
Rev. W. Aubrey Arlin
Edith N. Arlin
Audrey A. Vault
Margaret N. Godlove
Ralph Monty
Mary N. Nungesser

Betty Kelts
Marion and John James
Griffith, Erma, and Virginia Bowen
Lorraine Kaiser Pakkala Lintal
Cynthia Garrett
The Rev. Charles Shaver
Martha Bolles Shaver
David W. Peck
Floyd Parker
Neva Johnson
Eugene Johnson
Sarah Richtmyer

For the special needs and concerns of our congregation, and especially for:

Wes	Richard	John	Joyce	Heather	Joell
Jean	Dhara	Kathleen	Sue	Mary	Linda
Susan	Julee	Theodore	Skip	Jimmy	Mary
Jeanette	Lorraine	Paul	Joe	Ruth	Lisa
CeCe	Edith	Louis	Virginia	June	Keith
Elizabeth	Libby	Kay	Sara	Clare	

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:
Betty Saul, Brett Oakes, Margaret Johnson.

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Hymn: For All the Saints (Sine Nomine), verses 1-4 & 8

Hymnal # 287

Peace

Dismissal

Postlude: *Steal Away to Jesus* (trad. spiritual) - arr. Crawford R. Thoburn, 1990

Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus.
Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here

My Lord he calls me, He calls me by the thunder
The trumpet sounds within my soul, I ain't got long to stay here...
Green trees are bending, poor sinner stands a-trembling...
My Lord, He calls me, He calls me by the lightning...

* **MANY THANKS** to guest organist George Damp for his recording of this morning's prelude, made in 1997 at Grace Church, Elmira NY.

Holy Days and Various Occasions

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1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
 2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
 his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
 hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
 Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
 joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
 by a fierce wild - beast: and there's not an - y rea - son
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
 folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Saints' Days; All Saints' Day (November 1).

Words: Lesbia Scott (b. 1898), alt.

Music: *Grand Isle*, John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

Tr.

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Canticle 20

Glory to God *Gloria in excelsis*

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.

Setting: William Mathias (b. 1934)

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1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:—
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,—
 4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!—



thee— by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;—
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O— Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



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



* 7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
 * 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



saints tri - umph - ant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,—



King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



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

All Saints' Day (November 1).

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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