

**All Saints Sunday**  
**Proper 26**  
St. John's Episcopal Church, Ithaca NY  
5 November 2023 Year A  
**10:30 AM**

\* Indicates please stand

**Prelude Just as I am** **Mark Radice (b. 1951)**

**\*Processional Hymn For all the saints** (*Sine Nomine*) **Hymnal #287 vs. 1,2,4,5,7**

**\*Opening Acclamation** **BCP 355**

**\*Collect For Purity**

**\*Gloria** **Hymnal #S-279**

**The 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.*

**The 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**

**Benedicam Dominum**

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.

**The Epistle Reading**

**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.*

**\*Sequence Hymn** I Sing a song of the saints of God (*Grand Isle*)

**Hymnal # 293**

**\*The Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

The Holy 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 Christ.*

**The Sermon**

**The Rev. Canon Thomas Ferguson, PhD**

**\*The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the  
giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**\*The Prayers of the People**

With clean hearts and a pure faith, let us ascend the hill of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgivings to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, “Hear us, O Host of Heaven.”

+ In thanksgiving for many peoples, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God’s presence in the midst of daily life; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O Host of Heaven.*

+ In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal in which we are fed by Christ, who reveals his goodness and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O Host of Heaven.*

+ For the commitment and strength to share God’s blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our weaknesses to fill the hopes of others; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O Host of Heaven.*

+ For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O Host of Heaven.*

+ For those who volunteer their time to enlighten the lives of others, especially those who work in our schools, recreational centers, and wherever young people seek enrichment and encouragement; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O Host of Heaven.*

+ For holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.

*Hear us, O Host of Heaven.*

In companionship with the Blessed Virgin Mary, (blessed \_\_\_\_\_,) and all the saints, we continue the offering of our prayers.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, and especially for

Joan	Penny	Edith	Jeff	Carole	Bruce
Richard	Peter	Kathryn	Daniel	Carrie	Mel
Shirley	Cece	Ruth	Lynne	Linda	Alice
Wes	Deb	Frank	John	Johnlyn	Scott
Charles	Elizabeth	Jack	Monica	John	Michele
Dick	Katie	Faicia	John	Jim	Cathy
Rebecca	Theodore	Eleanor	Terry	Virginia	Stephen
Strater	Lorraine	Bob	Nathan	Chris	Mike

For those celebrating the anniversary of their birth this week:

Margaret Johnson, Jack Wright, Libby Hedrick, Melissa Gallison

We pray for members of our parish family who have died in the past year, and loved ones departed.

Andrew Tatusko, Judith Lutes

For those loved ones departed whom we remember with the flowers on the altar:

Rev. W. Aubrey Arlin

Edith N. Arlin

Audrey Vault

Pam Quirk

Betty Kelts

Sara Richtmeyer

Peter Hedrick

Susan Hedrick

Stacey Smith

Henry Murphy

Fran Helstadter

David Talbot

Joe Dallett

Erica Walsh

Carl Eckart

Brenda Calvin

Ron Clayton

### Confession Of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*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.*

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.*

### \*The Peace

*Please remain in your pew. Wave!*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*And also with you.*

### Announcements & Welcome

### Offertory Sentence

### Anthem

\*Presentation Hymn Just as I am (*Woodworth*)

**Hymnal #693**

### \*The Great Thanksgiving

Expanded Language Prayer A

**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 our thanks and praise.

**Celebrant:** *continuing:* Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy** (*Sanctus*)

**Hymnal #S-130**

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had fallen into sin and became subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, Sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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, Jesus 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, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day, bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Fraction Anthem Lamb of God** (*Agnus Dei*)

**Hymnal #S-161**

**The Communion of the People**

*All people are invited to the Lord’s Table.*

*Eucharist will be distributed in the center aisle. Please come forward in a single line to receive.*

*You may either intinct your wafer in the small chalice, or you may drink from the larger common chalice after consuming the wafer.*

*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*

**Communion Music**

## **Post Communion Prayer**

*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**

**\*Recessional** Faith of our fathers! (*St. Catherine*)

**Hymnal #558**

## **Dismissal**

**Postlude** S. 656 vs. 3 O Lamm Gottes Unschuldig

J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Liturgical Ministers:** Josette Garrison, Beverly Way, Amber Massa

**Virtual Vergers** Sara VanLooy, Amber Massa

**Today, we would like to welcome The Rev Canon Tom Ferguson, PhD as our Celebrant and guest preacher**

The Eucharistic and Aumbry candles this month are Given to the Glory of God in memory of Patricia and Walter Talbott by Pamela Talbott.

Altar Flowers given in memory of Alice Comstock by Richard Comstock, Jr  
Altar Flowers given in memory of Peter Hedrick by Libby Hedrick.

**St. John's extends a warm welcome to visitors!**

**May you experience the Lord's presence during worship. Please fill out a visitor card and place it in the offering plate and stay for coffee in the parish hall after the service.**

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## Hymns 11/5/2023

### **F or all the saints, who from their labors rest** **Hymnal 287**

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Thou wast 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!
3. 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!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!
6. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

### **I Sing a song of the saints of God** **Hymnal # 293**

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God—and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.
2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast:  
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.
3. They lived not only in ages past,  
there are hundreds of thousands still,  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.

You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

### **Just as I am** **Hymnal # 693**

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea,  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidd'st me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt;  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive;  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve,  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 5 Just as I am, thy love unknown  
has broken every barrier down;  
now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 6 Just as I am, of thy great love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
here for a season, then above:  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

### **Faith of our fathers** **Hymnal # 558**

- 1 Faith of our fathers! living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
whene'er we hear that glorious word:  
Refrain:  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.
- 2 Faith of our fathers! faith and prayer  
shall win all nations unto thee;  
and through the truth that comes from God,  
mankind shall then indeed be free. [Refrain]
- 3 Faith of our fathers! we will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife:  
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
by kindly deeds and virtuous life. [Refrain]





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Sign up for our weekly newsletter [The Fledgling](#) by contacting the church office.

A pair of women's shoes were found in the coat rack area in Red canvas bag. Please contact Mary or Gwen to claim.

**Please Join Us:**

Coffee Hour has resumed in the Parish Hall following the service. Masks are optional when you are not actively eating or drinking.

*Forward Day by Day* for **November, December, and January** is available on the table in the rear of the church.

**Flowers:** If you wish to give Sunday flowers in memory of a loved one, please call the church office (607-273-6532).