

❖ The Feast of All Saints ❖

November 5, 2023

Gathering Hymn: "For all the saints"

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 forever 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!**

**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!**

Opening Verses

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

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 Litany of Saints

VOICE 1

Holy ones of every time and place, glorious company of heaven: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 2

Matthew the tax collector, called to follow Jesus, Paul the apostle, transfixed by noonday light: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 1

John, the seer of Patmos; Dunstan, reformer of church and society: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 2

Francis and Clare, who found holiness in poverty; Hildegarde who saw God's greening power: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 1

Julian who bore witness to Christ's tender love; Juan Diego, prophet of God's love for the marginalized: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 2

Richard Hooker, who reconciled science and faith; Florence Nightingale who fought to improve care for the sick and suffering: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 1

Harriet Tubman, second Moses leading people to freedom; Pauli Murray, priest and prophet of inclusion: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 2

Jonathan Daniels, who laid down his life for his friends; Sophie Scholl, who stood against the Nazi machine of death: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 1

Mary Oliver, who named the divine in creation; all who have climbed the ladder to Paradise: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

VOICE 2

Great cloud of witnesses, all runners of the heavenly race: **STAND HERE BESIDE US!**

Celebrant

O God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your saints in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witness to your power and mercy. We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom all our intercessions are acceptable through the Spirit, and who lives and reigns forever and ever. **AMEN.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

People **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Song of Faith: 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.

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Reader A reading from the book of the Revelation.

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." Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of God's Future

(Isaiah 25:6-9)

On this mountain our God will destroy

the shroud that is cast over all peoples and nations;

God will swallow up death forever.

Then the Holy One will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and will take away the disgrace of all peoples of the earth.

And on that day we will say, Lo! This is our God;

we have waited for you, O God, so that you might save us.

This is the Holy One for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

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."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Homily

The Rev. Miranda Hassett

Naming our Saints

The Prayers

Officiant We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Now, let us pray as God's beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to to prayers@stdunstans.com.

Officiant Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.

Officiant Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all those in authority.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for all nations and peoples.
The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for our local communities.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: ... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.

The people may offer additional names.

Officiant Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.

The people may offer their prayers aloud.

Officiant

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Officiant may also choose one of the following Collects:

A Collect for Peace

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Lord God, almighty and everlasting One, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Birthday & Anniversary Blessings, & the Sharing of Blessings

Officiant Does anyone have any birthdays or anniversaries this month, or other blessings or celebrations to share with the assembly today?

When all have been shared:

The Peace

Officiant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you!**

We greet one another, wishing one another the peace of Christ.

Announcements

The Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant May God, who kindled the fire of love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of divine grace. **Amen.**

May God give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May God strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness,

and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of the Holy and Undivided Trinity be upon us, now and always. **Amen.**

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, alleluia!**