



All Saints' Episcopal Church



ALL TOGETHER SUNDAY
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The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

The Word of God

Prelude: Simple Gifts

American Folk Hymn

(arr. Russell Schultz-Widmar)

Opening Hymn: "We are all children of the Lord"

MHSO 105

The musical score is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of eight lines of music with lyrics underneath. The melody is simple and folk-like, with a mix of quarter, eighth, and half notes. The lyrics are: "We are all chil-dren of the Lord, young and old, big and lit - tle. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, let us live in har - mo - ny! Man - y names, man - y fac - es, man - y lands, man - y plac - es, but through time and through spac - es we are one hu - man - i - ty. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, one by one, all to - geth - er. We are all chil-dren of the Lord, just like one big fam - i - ly."

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Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, And Holy Spirit.
People: **And Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria: "Glory to God"

LEVAS 243

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Said in unison

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Reading from the Book of Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you, *
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your
book; *
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Sequence Hymn: "When Christ was lifted from the earth"
(vv. 1-3 before Gospel; v. 4 after)

Blue Hymnal 603

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke 14:25-33

People's response before the Gospel **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

People's response after the Gospel

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Sean Maloney

The Baptismal Covenant

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 the 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.

Prayers of the People – [from Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary] *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Most loving and glorious God, hear us we implore you and act speedily to answer our prayers as we say, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You have blessed your church across time with leaders of true faith, grant your church today wisdom and discernment that we might effectively share the good news of Jesus. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give us wisdom to choose leaders of integrity, and also the courage and resolve to hold them accountable to their responsibility to build a nation where all people might thrive and know their dignity as God's created children. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All our truest needs are provided by you. Open minds and hearts to see the abundance of your creation and to boldly embrace policies that ensure no basic human needs go unmet. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Fill our hearts with the love of one another as brothers and sisters in Christ and to see and be inspired by the Christ which dwells in each of us, so that together we might boldly be Christ's loving body in a hurting world. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask healing for all who suffer, and we ask that we might be people of healing and reconciliation to those in need in our lives. [Especially we pray for...*prayer list*.] Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We are surrounded by the great cloud of witnesses who have been the lights of the world in their time. Grant us to follow in their example and welcome us into your eternal loving presence when it is our time to leave this earth. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most gracious Father, from the beginning you have sought to lead us into the joy possible to us through life in You. Aid us and be present with us that we might walk in the path of Jesus and live into his example. All these we offer through Christ, our Lord and highest allegiance, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reign always and forever. **Amen.**

The Peace *All stand*

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Announcements: Birthdays and Anniversaries

The Great Thanksgiving

Offertory Anthem: "What does it mean to follow Jesus?"

Words & Music: Lois Brokering

The Holy Communion: *Eucharistic 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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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

Sanctus: Holy, holy, holy Lord

MHSO 36

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the
one who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na,
ho - san - na in the high - est, the high - est.

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Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become 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 Father of all.

He 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 Lord 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 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his 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 him. 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 your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

Fraction Anthem: "Christ our Passover"

LEVAS 268

Communion Music: "Everywhere I go"

Words & Music: Natalie Sleeth

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

Closing Hymn: "Thank you for the gift of Jesus"

MHSO 139 (vv. 1 & 4)

1 Thank you for the gift of Je - sus: for his
2 Thanks for all the men and wom - en who, with
3 Hopes and dreams that live a - mong us, new com -
4 Boun - teous God, take tal - ents, mem - ories, all we

life a - mong the poor, for his free - ing
o - pened hearts and ears, heard his call and
pas - sions, deep - er cares, grow from seeds of
have and dear - ly hold; work in them your



words and spi - rit, faith and hope that still en - dure,
lived his pas - sion in their strug - gles, joys, and tears.
your own plant - ing, stem from faith of our fore - bears.
pres - ent pur - pose, give them back a hun - dred - fold.

for the love he felt and nur - tured in the
Through their touch - ing, speak - ing, teach - ing, plen - teous
So the past re - news the pres - ent, soon the
So your peo - ple born to - mor - row may with

shamed and dis - pos - sessed. Through his love our
gifts and guid - ing prayers, you have raised in
seed be - comes the tree, soon your for - est
joy sing out one day, "God is good and

hearts are o - pened, through his life our lives are blessed.
us the prom - ise: we shall be your friends and heirs!
stretch - es high - er, fur - ther than the eye can see.
God is gra - cious, God has blessed us on our way."

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The Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary

John Travers

Welcome! You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome! Please contact the church office (aschurch@allsaintschelmsford.org) if you would like to receive our weekly e-bulletin..

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