Twenty Third Sunday after Pentecost

10:00AM + November 1, 2026



All Saints' Church

Welcome!
You are invited to participate fully in our worship. Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, welcome!

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Prelude:

When the Saints Go Marching In

Processional Hymn:

For All the Saints Who from their Labors Rest Blue Hymnal 287

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

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect

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 Reading **Revelation 7:9-17**

Reader: A reading from the Book of 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,

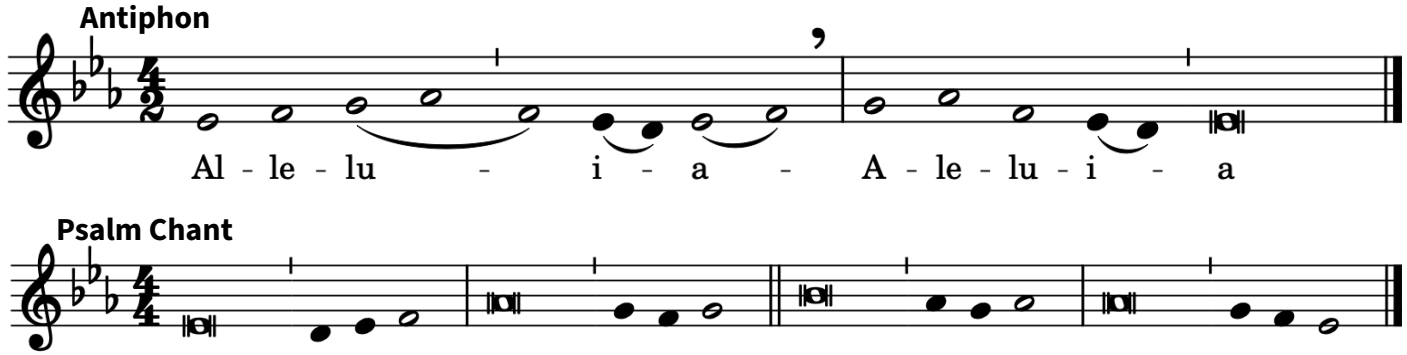
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22



ANTIPHON

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 de-|-liver 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.

(Repeat second half of psalm chant)

22 The Lord ransoms the life | of his servants, *
and none will be punished who | trust in him.

ANTIPHON

Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3

Reader: A reading from the first letter of St. John

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.**

Sequence Hymn:

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God — Blue Hymnal 293

Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
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: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

Rev. Sean Maloney

Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?
I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
I will, with God's help.

The Prayers of the People

Kneeling as you are able

Holy One, we are your students, learning from the words and examples of Jesus what love and mercy are. We call out to you as children seeking your comfort as we prayerfully say Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead us as your church to practice what you teach with our lives, that we might draw others to you by our example. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead our nation in the ways of righteousness and peace. In all areas of government, large and small, make us champions of goodness and servants of the people. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead our communities to seek new ways of service and new partnerships that serve those most in need, the homeless, the working poor, the lonely, the elderly, the addicted, the young, the desperate, and those whose needs are known to you alone. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead the nations of the world to find new ways to feed the hungry and new methods of ensuring peace. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead the sick and suffering to seek your healing love; bless them with relief in body, mind, and spirit. We especially pray for … [Names from prayer list in insert], Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lead those who die in this world into life in the next. May light perpetual shine upon them and may angels greet them as they enter kingdom life. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Make us such true followers in faith that we hunger to address all the things that we pray for, this day and always, most merciful father, in the power of your spirit and the name of your Son. **Amen.**

Election Prayer

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

Announcements:

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Choral Anthem:

Alleluia. May Flights of Angels Sing Thee to Thy Rest — John Tavener (1944 - 2013)

Eucharistic Prayer B:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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: Blue Hymnal S 128

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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.

Fraction Anthem

Blue Hymnal S161

Communion Hymn:

Abide With Me: Fast Fall the Eventide — Blue Hymnal 662
The Lord My God My Shepherd Is — Blue Hymnal 663

Postcommunion Prayer

Let us pray.
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.

Recessional Hymn:

Come, Thou Holy Spirit Bright — Blue Hymnal 227

The Dismissal of the Community

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude:

Toccata on “We Shall Overcome”

Please draw a picture and leave it in the pew art basket. You might see it in the next All Together Sunday bulletin!

Thank you for joining us today!

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