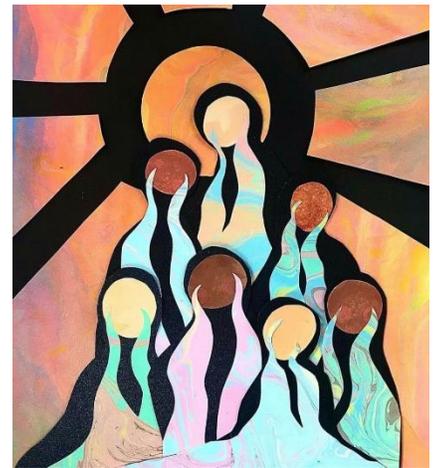


THE NOON SERVICE

Sunday, November 6th, 2022

ALL SAINTS DAY, Year C RCL

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WELCOME

We will begin in the Columbarium and process with flowers, back into the Chapel to begin building the altar.

Community responses are in bold.

GATHERING SONG

“When the Saints Go Marching In”

**Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh how I long to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in**

**And when the sun begins to shine,
And when the sun begins to shine,
Oh how I long to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in**

**Oh, when the trumpet sound its call,
Oh, when the trumpet sound its call,
Oh how I long to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in**

**Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed,**

**Oh how I long to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching**

**Oh when the drums begin to bang,
Oh when the drums begin to bang,
Oh how I long to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in**

**Oh when the stars fall from the sky,
Oh when the stars fall from the sky,
Oh how I long to be in that number,
When the Saints go marching in**

**Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
Oh how I long to be in that number
When the Saints go marching in**

OPENING PRAYER

THE LESSONS *Please be seated. You can find the readings insert of your bulletin.*

A Reading from the Book of Daniel

(7:1-3, 15-18)

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

Hear what the Spirit is saying in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

A Reading from the Book of Psalms (149)

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

- 3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
- 5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
- 7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
- 8 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
- 9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

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A Reading from Ephesians (1:11-23)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Hear what the Spirit is saying in the world. **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA *(Please stand, if you are able, for the singing of Alleluia and the reading of the Gospel)*

The Gospel According to Luke (6:20-31)

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

The Gospel of Christ, Holy One in our midst. **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNITY REFLECTION

Please be seated after the reading. Now, a brief reflection is offered and all are welcome to share. Seek to listen without judgment. Seek to speak with compassionate integrity. Seek to respond (rather than react) to the ideas others have shared and make connections. Seek to be curious and find common threads. Seek to befriend the silence between spoken words. If we disagree: may we disagree gracefully; may we be challenged and yet inspired; may we be uncomfortable and yet awakened; and may the Spirit guide us.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Officiant: Let us pray for the church and for the world:

Lord God, Creator of all, in your wisdom, you have bound us together so that we must depend on others for what we eat, the resources we use, the gifts of your creation that bring life, health, and joy.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the hands that sew our clothes so that we do not have to go naked; sacred be the hands that build our homes so that we do not have to be cold; blessed are the hands that work the land so that we do not have to go hungry.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the feet of all who labor so that we might have rest; sacred be the feet of all who run swiftly to stand with the oppressed; blessed be the feet of all whose bodies are too broken and weary to stand.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Holy be the sound of children laughing to take away our sorrow; sacred be the sound of the water falling to take away our thirst; blessed be the sound of your people singing to heal our troubled hearts.

Creator God, we give thanks.

Officiant: We pray specifically for those in our community who have requested prayer. We pray for [...]. We also invite this community to name anyone they are holding in prayer this week... (silently or aloud).

All: Holy be the bodies of those who hunger; sacred be the bodies of those who are broken; blessed be the bodies of those who suffer. In Your mercy and grace, O Christ, soften our callous hearts and fill us with gratitude for all the gifts you have given us, today. In your love, break down the walls that separate us and guide us along your path of peace, that we might humbly live in you. Amen

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

In the tradition of our ancient faith, and as a prophetic practice for our bodies and for the world, we offer peace and reconciliation to each other as we prepare to break bread together. You are invited to shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or something similar.

It is not an easy peace, not an insignificant peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the very peace of the Lord Jesus Christ that is with us now. Let us share it with each other... The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS for the COMMUNITY

TIME of OFFERING and SONG

Today, we will be writing the names of those who have gone before us (family, friends, teachers, mentors, writers, artists, etc.) on the flags found on your seat. By this practice of remembering and naming, we honor those who make up our "a great cloud of witnesses" that will hang overhead for the next few weeks.

“Shepherd Me, O God”

*(Refrain) Shepherd me, O God,
beyond my wants, beyond my fears,
from death into life.*

**Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul,
you lead me by pathways
of righteousness and truth,
my spirit shall sing the music of your name
(Refrain)**

**God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want,
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love,
I walk by the quiet waters of peace (Refrain)**

**Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side, your rod and
your staff, my comfort and my hope (Refrain)**

THE DOXOLOGY *(Please stand to sing the Doxology)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise (Father/Mother), Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE THANKSGIVING

God 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.

Creator of the universe, you speak in the darkness, bringing song out of silence, dance out of stillness, life out of death. It is your life that fills us now. Sustainer of the covenant, you send us messengers to give voice to your radical and constant love. You speak through hungry women, outcast men, the poor and impure. You choose what is despised to make us whole. A homeless girl bears Jesus, your blessing, who turns the whole world upside down. He transforms the temple, laughs at the powerful, kisses sinners, and heals the unclean. He breaks open the prisons, frees slaves, feasts with the starving, and breaks bread with strangers. Loving each body as God's own, he teaches us to walk in the way of compassion. And so, with all the company of heaven and earth we rejoice in the eternal song:

**Holy, Holy, Holy
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

On the night before his friends betrayed him and his enemies took him away to be killed, Jesus shared supper with them all. He took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.” After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.”

All: Redeeming One, as our earthly bodies decay and die, they resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross. Send your Spirit on this bread and this cup to remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our wounds may somehow become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus taught us, we now pray:

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 forever. Amen.

INVITATION

This is the table, not of the righteous, but of the poor in spirit. It is made ready for those who love God and who want to love God more. So come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time or ever before, You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed. These are the gifts of God for the People of God. Christ invites everyone to be known and fed here.

BREAKING of the BREAD

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body because we all share in one bread. *(Please be seated)*

COMMUNION and SONG

All are welcome to this table, for real, we mean everyone! The gifts of God are free and for you. If you wish to receive the bread and wine, please come forward and you will be served. If you do not wish to receive, no problem. Feel free to use this time as you choose in your seat. Gluten free wafers are available-just ask.

We know that some loss can be hard to name so as the last step of building our altar together, during our communion time, you are also invited to light a taper candle for a loss you are currently holding in your body in some way whether you are able to name it, or not.

“There are Angels Hov’ring Round”

**There are angels hov’ring round,
There are angels,
angels hov’ring round.**

**To carry the tidings home,
To carry the tidings home,
To carry, to carry the tidings home.**

**To the new Jerusalem,
To the new Jerusalem,
To the new, the new Jerusalem.**

**All heaven is full of joy,
All heaven is full of joy,
All heaven, heaven is full of joy.**

**Let them that heareth come,
Let them that heareth come,
Let them that, him that heareth come.**

**There is glory all around,
There is glory all around,
There is glory, glory all around.**

**We are on our journey home,
We are on our journey home,
We are on, on our journey home.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *(please stand)*

All: Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence and be close to any who end their days in agony or isolation. We come to you, simultaneously sinners and saints, asking that where we feel lost, you would meet us in our fear, find us in our loneliness and raise us again. By your mercy and by this meal, O Christ, may we be your hands and feet in our world. Amen.

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG *(Please stand.)*

“We Are One in The Spirit”

**We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored**

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christians
by our love, by our love
Yes they'll know that
we are Christians by our love**

**We will work with each other,
we will work side by side
We will work with each other,
we will work side by side
And we'll guard each person's dignity
and save each other's pride *(Refrain)***

**We will walk with each other
We will walk hand in hand
We will walk with each other**

**We will walk hand in hand
And together we'll spread the news**

that God is in our land (*Refrain*)

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ to love and serve world! **Amen!**

Please join us for lunch directly following the service!



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