

The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

November 3rd 2024

Celebrating All Saints and All Souls Days



Nourishing Faith and Community

Prelude

Words of Welcome (*Please stand as clergy enters*)

Musical opening CP 320 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

(Text: J Athelstan L Riley (1858-1945) Oxford University Press; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesdngne -, 1623, public domain)

*Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, pryncedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
forebears in faith and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no
secrets are hidden. 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 (sung)

(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.**

**We praise you, we bless You
We adore you, we glorify You**

**We give you thanks,
For your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.**

**For you alone are the Holy One
You alone are the Lord.
You alone are the most High,
Jesus Christ.
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory
Of God the Father.**

**Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.**

Amen, Amen.

Kyrie (sung)

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Kyrie Eleison

Christie Eleison

Kyrie Eleison, eleison

Lord have mercy

Christ have mercy

Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Collect

Let us pray,

Almighty God, recognizing that all people are one within the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith, commitment, and love, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared; we pray through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading One: Wisdom 3:1-9

A reading from the book of Wisdom

*But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.*

*In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.*

*For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.*

*Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;
like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.*

*In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.*

*They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.*

*Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24: 3-6

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

**Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.**

They will receive blessing from the Lord,

and vindication from the God of their salvation.
**Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.**

Reading Two: revelation 21:1-6a

A reading from the book of Revelation

*Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,
'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'*

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn VU707 For the Faithful Who Have Answered (Tune CP 223)

(Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1986; Music: Polish traditional Zlobie Lezy, GIA publishing 1991. One License)

*For the faithful who have answered
when they heard your call to serve,
for the many ways you led them,
testing will and stretching nerve,
for their work and for their witness
as they strove against the odds,
for their courage and obedience
we give thanks and praise, O God.*

Gospel Reading: John

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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*For this cloud of faithful witness,
for the common life we share,
for the work of peace and justice,
for the gospel that we bear,
for the vision that our homeland
is your love-- deep, high, and broad--
for the different roads we travel
we give thanks and praise, O God.*

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment

The Affirmation of Faith (*please stand*)

(Taken from Season of Creation ecumenical service which was adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
God made flesh,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

Announcements

Candle Lighting For All Saints and All Souls Day

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. *(Silence is kept)*

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 neighbours 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.**

(Please stand)

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn Give Thanks for Life (Tune CP 276 For All the Saints)

(Words: Shirley Erena Murray © 1986 Hope Publishing Company. Music: Ralph Vaughn Williams 1906 Oxford University Press. One License)

*Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,
mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

*Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
that lies in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah.*

Prayer over the Gifts:

Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*

(Book of Alternative Services EP3 p198 musical setting CP 722 preface p218)

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

(sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna hosanna hosanna

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna hosanna hosanna

Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,

for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling 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 Saviour 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 he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he
freely accepted,
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, Father, according to his command, (sung)
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, 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, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

(sung)

Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(VU 960 Langdon)

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

As we come to the Table this morning, I invite to close your eyes and imagine, if you will, that the pews/rows of chairs in which you are seated extends out to the horizon, as far as the eye can see. And this line is filled with people.

Way up at the other end, A Galilean preacher hands bread to a fisherman, Peter, who hands the bread to a tentmaker, Paul, who hands it to Timothy, to Lydia, and on and on; to Augustine, To Luther, to Calvin, to Cranmer, then to family and friends who have gone before us.

Finally, the bread is handed to you. as you take your piece of bread, you lean forward to look all the way back up the line, this long line of witnesses. And there at the end stands Jesus, saying, This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Prayer after Communion (*please stand*)

Let us pray,

Lord of all, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share in God's love be filled with the joy of your everlasting kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and forever. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,

whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son Jesus Christ our Lord; And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator-Father, Redeemer-Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Musical Sending Oh When the Saints Go Marching In

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*Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
oh, when the Saints go marching in,
I want 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,
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.*

*Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
I want 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,
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.*

*Oh when the drums begin to bang,
oh when the drums begin to bang,
I want 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 Lord
I want 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,
I want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in.*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Territorial Acknowledgement

We worship on the traditional lands of the Lək̓ʷəŋən speaking peoples, who are the Esquimalt, Songhees and other Nations of the Salish and Coast Salish Peoples. We, who came from many lands to join the line of those worshipping here, commit our Church to continue the journey of truth and reconciliation with our First Nations' neighbours.

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