

Welcome to St. John's Church



All Saints' Day *November 1st, 2020*

The health and safety of our congregation and community is the highest concern of St. John's. As we begin to return to in-person worship, we will continue to "live stream" our 10:00 a.m. Sunday morning worship on the St. John's YouTube page, at

<https://youtu.be/yb2eruMjpVU>

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Order of Worship

Worship lies at the heart of the Christian life. It is in worship that we express our theology and define our identity. It is through encountering God within worship that we are formed and transformed as the people of God. One of the glories of the Episcopal Church is its liturgical worship. Liturgy refers to the patterns, forms, words, and actions through which public worship is conducted

When the service is accompanied by music, it often begins with an instrumental piece of music, during which the congregation can prepare for worship

PRELUDE

*Who are these like stars appearing?
O Rest in the Lord
Abide with me*

William Monk
Felix Mendelssohn
Raymond Haan

OPENING HYMN

I sing a song of the Saints of God

Hymn 293

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People **For ever and ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP, p. 355

THE GLORIA

BCP, p. 356

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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. Amen.

THE COLLECT

BCP, p. 234

The collect is the prayer appointed for each Sunday that "collects" or captures the theme of the day or season of the Church year. It summarizes the attributes of God as revealed in the scriptures for the day

The Celebrant says to the people
The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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.**

THE WORD OF GOD

A READING FROM REVELATION [7:9-17]

This lesson presents a vision of those who have survived great tribulation and now worship before the throne of God and the Lamb. These myriad saints come from all over the world and have been purified through their own sufferings in association with the sacrifice of the Lamb. But now the Lamb (which is a figure for Jesus) will be their shepherd, and they will suffer no longer. Such a vision would be a great consolation to those undergoing persecution.

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."

The Response

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10,22

Benedicam Dominum

BCP, p. 627

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

A READING FROM 1 JOHN [3:1-3]

In this lesson we learned that through God's love, disciples are now children of God; their destiny is to be like Christ. Those who did not recognize Jesus will not recognize his disciples either. Though the mystery of what those disciples are to become has not been fully revealed. Christians know that a dramatic change has taken place in their lives; in earnest of the transformation underway. Those who stand in this hope will purify themselves, as Christ is pure.

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 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Hymn 618

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW [5:1-12]

The gospel is the opening sayings of the Sermon on the Mount, words of both comfort and challenge. The values of the kingdom are quite different from worldly standards. Those who are to find blessing will know want and thirst, if not because of their own circumstances, then for the sake of others. Those who hunger for righteousness will find fulfillment, but first they must suffer persecution.

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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says

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

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman

THE RENEWAL OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

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The Celebrant may first address the people in these or similar words, all standing

Through the Paschal mystery, dear friends, we are buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, now on this Feast of All the Saints, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy Catholic Church.

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

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. 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 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.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

With clean hearts and a renewed faith, let us be truly glad when they said unto me, let us go to the House of the Lord, offering our prayers and thanksgivings to the one who hears our petitions and answers our call, responding, "Hear us, O Host of Heaven."

+ In thanksgiving for the many peoples, languages, tribes and nations, whose diversity of thought and action become blessings to all who seek the fullness of God's presence in the midst of daily life; knowing that we can never be whole without reconciling with each other, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ In thanksgiving for the Eucharistic Meal where Jesus is made known in the breaking of the bread, who reveals his goodness and mercy, and invites us to trust in his love with our whole heart, and soul, and mind; turning our cheeks, seeking out the sinners and tax-collectors, loving our neighbors as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For the commitment and strength to share God's blessings throughout the world, honoring those who hunger and thirst, who mourn, and who live in fear and anxiety, giving out of our blessing to fill the hopes of others; remembering especially the outreach we do with the other members of the Washington Council of Congregations, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For the peacemakers who proclaim justice in the marketplace, and petition prime ministers, presidents and legislators, to turn the ways of war into the dividends of peace; to welcome the stranger and alien in our lands, to love our enemies as ourselves, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For those who volunteer their time to enlighten and enrich the lives of others, remembering especially in this time of pandemic, our health care workers, our teachers, our essential workers, and all who risk their lives to serve our communities; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For all those who are suffering in this midst of this pandemic, for the 8 million Americans and American families struck by this virus, and especially those who have commended themselves to our prayers, Mary Jo Keating, Joan Beattie, Heather, Marlene Smith, Tom Witt, Ed and Zemma White, Kathy Coe, Laura Whipple, Eileen Hearn, Connie Kaylor, Jay Lafleur in hospice care, and all who are housebound especially Janet Chenery and Ken Hecken; let us pray

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

+ For the holy women and men who have died in the light of Christ in ages past, and whose righteousness inspired the faithful of every generation; may their souls and the souls of unsung heroes in every age enter the gates of paradise; let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, O Host of Heaven.

In companionship with the Ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. John, our Patron, and all the saints, let us our pray, saying together the words attributed to St. Francis.

Leader and People together:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace;

**Where there is hatred;
let us sow love;**

**Where there is injury,
pardon;**

**Where there is discord,
union;**

**Where there is doubt,
faith;**

**Where there is despair,
hope;**

**Where there is darkness,
light;**

**Where there is sadness,
joy.**

**Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled
as to console;**

**To be understood,
as to understand;**

**To be loved,
as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Celebrant Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

The Priest alone stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the drama and miracle of the Holy Communion.

At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give. All are invited to make a gift to support the ministry of St. John's by visiting <http://stjohnswashington.com/stewardship/>

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

(Ephesians 5:2)

OFFERTORY HYMN

Ye holy angels bright

Hymn 625

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

In the Great Thanksgiving, we do what Jesus himself asked us to do: thank God and recall all that God has done for us in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. The Great Thanksgiving, or Eucharistic Prayer, is a long prayer with four parts. Each of these four parts corresponds to a different action of Jesus at the Last Supper, where he took, blessed, broke, and gave bread and wine as sacraments of his body and blood. We begin the Great Thanksgiving with the Sursum corda, meaning "Lift up your hearts."

The people remain standing.

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 our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever. Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance. Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we say,

Celebrant & People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Celebrant continues

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

Celebrant and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

The Celebrant continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

Remember Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury, Bartholomew, Patriarch of Constantinople, Francis, Bishop of Rome, Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura, our Bishops, Geoffrey, our Priest, and all who minister in your Church. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, especially our beloved departed, and those whose faith is known to you alone, bring them into the place of eternal joy and light.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with St. John, our Patron and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen..**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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We pray together the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The link between our daily bread and the spiritual food we receive in the Eucharist is an ancient connection.

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Then may be sung or said.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

THE INVITATION

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Facing the people, the Celebrant may say the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is celebrated, we desire to offer our praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest desire that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you physically, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. We embrace you with all the affections of our souls, confident that nothing can ever separate us from the love God, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

The People may join in saying this 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.

THE BLESSING BCP

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The Priest gives the blessing

The peace of God, which passeth 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, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

BCP, p. 366

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
People Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

For all the Saints

Vaughan-Williams

ALL SAINTS' REMEMBRANCES 2020

Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and, in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace Dyer Aarons
Steven Beal
Sherman Beattie
Bob Butler
Michael R. Caroe
Mildred Holmes Durand Caroe
George Linn Davis
Gary DeLalio
Joe and Bette DiNunno
Ann Marie Dion
Pamela Brown Brasset
Kenzie Brown
Estelle Swan Bronson
Howard Bronson
Donn DiNunno
Magna and Mathias Eriksen
Matthew Flor
Wayne Flor
William P. Galvin
Walter Gillespie
Mary Gillespie
Carolyn Gould
Nellie Hansen
Elizabeth Gillespie Hartnagel
Kenneth and Gloria Hahneman
Lynn Darling Hendrix
Timothy Hernandez
David H. Knutson
Marion and George Lafleur
Hendrik Laverge
Marcella Long
Larkin Mangels
Gertrude McAlevey

John McAlevey
Frances Swan Mygatt
Ted Mygatt
John O'Hara
Maxine O'Hara
Kimball O'Hara
Kenneth Patterson
Franklin Thompkins
Randal Thomure
Ann Belfield Thornton
Kathryn Hillman Tingley
Nayvee Wilson
Sherrell Wilmot

And our beloved furry friends,
especially
Tulip

ASSISTING WITH THIS MORNING'S LITURGY

Celebrant	The Reverend Dr. Geoffrey Hahneman
Organist	Jon Lafleur
Lector	Hunter Brown
Greeter	Hunter Brown
Soloist	Erica Craft

Staff

Priest-in-Charge	Fr. Geoff Hahneman
Parish Administrator	Sarah Eyre
Foundation Administrator	Joan Burgess

Vestry

Warden	David Gillespie
Warden	Susan McFeely
Clerk	Joan Beattie
Treasurer	Larry Littlefield
Assistant Treasurer	Hunter Brown

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Class of 2021

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Class of 2022

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