



ST. PETER'S CHURCH

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All Saint's Day - 1 November 2020

WELCOME to St. Peter's Church. *We are glad you are here!* The clergy and laity welcome all joining us for worship this morning in the Name of Christ. If you are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to the clergy and sign our guest book and give us a chance to get to know you. Please, join us in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All who seek God and are drawn to Christ are welcome at the Lord's Table. Come forward to the communion rail, stand or kneel to receive the bread in your hand. If you wish to receive only a blessing, cross your hands over your heart and the Priest will bless you.

Mission Statement: We are an inclusive, forward-looking Episcopal parish that seeks to grow in Christ through worship, education and fellowship, serves Christ by ministering to local and global communities and shares Christ in following His command to "Love one another as I have loved you." **Vision**

Statement: Our vision at St. Peter's is to be an inclusive, vibrant Christian community honoring our Episcopal heritage by achieving excellence in worship, mission, education and fellowship.

+ We Gather In God's Presence +

[Silence for prayer and preparation] [* indicates all standing - + indicates all kneeling - **indicates all sitting]

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Prelude

All Standing

Celebrant Welcome, sisters and brothers, come and celebrate the presence of God among us.

People ***We have come in the name of Christ, God with us.***

Celebrant This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice in the festival of all saints.

People ***We have come in the name of the divine Spirit, the living God with us.***

1st Voice There was a great multitude that no one can count, from every nation, from all the tribes, and people and languages standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

2nd Voice Who are these, where do they come from?

3rd Voice These are they who have come out of great ordeal for the Word of God and the testimony they have given.

4th Voice Who are these, and where do they come from?

5th Voice These are they who "watched and waited, offering up to Christ their will, soul and body consecrated, day and night they serve God still. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more...and the Lamb will guide them to the springs of water of life..."

Celebrant Surrounded by a cloud of witnesses we joyfully sing.

*Hymn

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

People ***And blessed be God's 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.*

Glory to God ***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 Lord be with you. ***And also with you.*** Let us pray. Collect of the Day ***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.***

+ We Listen To The Word Of God +

**First Reading – Revelation 7:9-12

After this I 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 Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:1-10, 22

- 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.

**Second Reading – I John 3:1-3

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.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*The Gospel – Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. **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."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon Fr. Sam

[Following the sermon, please observe a few moments of silence]

*The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

+ We Ask God To Listen To Our Prayers + *[The Leader and People pray responsively]*

+ In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *[Silence]*

For all people in their daily life and work. **For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world. We pray especially for Donald, the President of our Country; Tom, the Governor of our Commonwealth; Antonio, the Secretary General of the United Nations and the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. For migrants who are fleeing from war, violence, poverty and environmental degradation. **For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper care of your creation. **For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble. **For the first responders, emergency personnel, and volunteers, who minister to the victims of disasters, the sick, the displaced, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God. **For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our Bishop; Rodney, our Assisting Bishop; for all ministers, especially Sam, our Rector; David, our Retired Clergy; Joseph, our Deacon; the Vestry; the congregation; and all those who participate in the ministries of the church. **For all who serve God in his Church.**

God, we pray for all afflicted by the Coronavirus. We pray for the more than 200,000 families mourning the loss of a loved one. We pray for those who are sick, for essential workers and medical professionals, for all who suffer because of economic fallout and lost jobs, especially those who know hunger and homelessness. Be with our families and children and schools, seeking to navigate this difficult time. Hear us Lord. **For your mercy is great.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We remember especially: **Joan, Vernet, Greg and Lou.** Let us add our own petitions. Hear us, Lord. **For your mercy is great.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We ask your blessing especially on Corey Young, Coleman Nagy, Leo Guen and Cynthia Giancaterino who celebrate a birthday this week; on Patrick and Jan Wier, Steve DePrado and Natalie Famous who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week. Let us add our own petitions. We will exalt you, O God our King. **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom, remembering especially, Esther Morris and Harold Gaugler. Let us add our own remembrances. *[silence]* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; **Who put their trust in you.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

+Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. **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 neighbors 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. Amen.**

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

All Souls Remembrances

As we read the names of members of this congregation and of those who were beloved friends and family members, let us silently give thanks to God for each of them.

**indicates those members who died since All Saints' Day 2018*

Ahmaud Arbery	Rev. Raymond Atlee	Albert Boetticher	Barbara Boetticher	Karl Boetticher
Janet Rita Bridy	Stella Adele Bridy	Donald Brown	Frank Conly	Anthony David DiBello
Clara Druckenmiller	Sheldon Druckenmiller	Bill Dylan	Ernest "Steve" Eddowes	Rebecca Atlee Evans
Robert J. Gibbons	Kathi Glass	Toy Len Goon	G. Richard Greene	Louise Greene
Robert Greene	Dale Gregory	Georgette Griffith	Robert Griffith	Wayne Griffith
Edward Guen	Arthur Harrington	Jack Hofscher	Jean Hofscher	Philip C. Howse
Lynn Huebner Hunter	Susan R. Hyatt	James Jackson	Heather Johnson	Andrew Kovach
Susan Kovack	Albert Len	Chi-fu Ma	Chiuan-hsia Ma	Jean Market
John McCullough	Patty McCullough	Richard J. McIntyre	Stephen Mihalcik	Richard Moran
Evelyn Nwosu	Harry Reid	Marie Reid	Raymond L. Rice	Robert D. Rice
Dorothy Sakal	John Sakal	Eleanor T. Saville*	Harry A. Schaefer III	Emma J. Spence
Robert F. Spence	Herbert Thomas	Jean Thomas	Josie Webster	Joseph Wiemer, Sr.
Joseph Wiemer	Pang-yuan Wu			

We now remember all those other precious saints who no longer walk by our side in this life, yet whose integrity and steadfast love profoundly touched and enriched our lives. *[Please come forward, light a votive candle and place it in the tray next to the Lectern to remember the special saint whom you want to remember this day.]*

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

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Doxology **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

+ We Share Holy Communion +

*The Great Thanksgiving *[The people remain standing.]*

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 him 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.

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

+ 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 forever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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.** Christ our Passover **Alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia.**

+Communion of the People

+Post Communion 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.**

+The Blessing

Announcements

*Dismissal

Postlude

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Intercessions This Week - Please pray: • For those who are sick, or in any other adversity, especially Joan Grunwell, Vernet Spence-Brown, Greg Schiele, Deacon Lou Steffenhagen • For the men and women who are serving in our armed forces. • For those with whom we give thanks, especially on Corey Young, Coleman Nagy, Leo Guen and Cynthia Giancaterino who celebrate a birthday this week; on Patrick and Jan Wier, Steve DePrado and Natalie Famous who celebrate a wedding anniversary this week.. • For all who have died especially, Esther Morris and Harold Gaugler.

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