

The First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

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."

Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10,22

*Benedicam Dominum*

- 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.

*Said together:*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Second Lesson

1 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.

Hymn

*Let saints on earth in concert sing*

**H 526**

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5:1-12

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 Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

*Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith*

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 389

*We pray together as the people of God*

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

*We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon*

The Peace

*We share the joy of the Good News!*



*Radiant Light (At Prayer With the Holy Saints of God). Modern. Elizabeth Wang.*

The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called the Mass

*Our Mass today is given for the greater glory of God and for the repose of the souls of Polly Peck, John Corbitt, James Mahood, Janice Sanders, Margaret Carter, Scott Hill, Virginia Shields, and all those whom we love but see no longer.*

Offertory

*Send, Thy Holy Spirit*

*Gounod*

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To thee, great One in Three, The highest praises be, Hence evermore; thy sovereign majesty May we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.*

*From Hymn 365 vs. 4*

Eucharistic Prayer "B"

BCP 367

*Sanctus*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S129

*Memorial Acclamation*

Words in BCP, Musical Setting

H-S138

*The Lord's Prayer*

Traditional version, found on BCP 364

*Fraction Anthem*

H-S 152

### The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

### Communion Hymns

*Bread of heaven, on thee we feed* H 323  
*Remember your servants, Lord* H 560  
*Blest are the pure in heart* H 656  
*Jerusalem, my happy home* H 620

### Our Prayer after Communion

Hymn *Ye holy angels bright* H 625 BCP 366

### The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

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Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted by Mrs. Betty Nash. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us.

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The Altar Flowers are given today by  
Becky Steorts in memory of Loved Ones

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### Participants in Today's Liturgy

Acolytes John Allen Rob Merritt  
Lectors David Kersey Rob Merritt  
Chalicians Rob Merritt Jay Kephart  
Altar Guild Delia Kersey Kay Sudduth Elizabeth Sudduth

Birthdays This Week: Frank Dragotto Kathy Burge

Attendance Last Sunday 31

### Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes Wanda Myers Rosemary  
Bonnie Taylor Joe Sanders Tom Blevins  
Marlene Lee Puckett, Sr. Edi  
Linda Valerie Mahood Sierra  
Mary Hawthorne Hal Gusler Thomas Jaworski  
Alex B. Toni R Roy Abel  
Phyllis & Nelson Walker



*Communion of Saints* by Elise Ritter

### Calendar of Events

Monday-November 6 Interfaith Thanksgiving Service at 5:30pm at the Mosque  
Wednesday-November 8 Men's Dinner 6pm Vestry 7pm  
Saturday-November 11 Canterbury Club at the home of Dr. Kipp Cortez 7pm  
Saturday-December 2 Godly Play Training  
Sunday-December 3 Annual Meeting

### Announcements:

Food Pantry: We will be collecting blankets in November and hats, gloves, and scarves in December. Thank you for your donations.

Prayer Requests: Please review the current prayer request list, and let us know if a name can be removed or a new name added.

Godly Play Training: Through the generosity of the Diocese, Christ Church will host training for the Montessori based Sunday School curriculum Godly Play. This training will be on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> with an Open House following church on Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are interested in attending training, please see Fr. Chad.

Christmas Poinsettias: If you would like to purchase a poinsettia for Christmas in honor or memory of a loved one, there will be a sign-up sheet at the usher's station beginning next Sunday. Poinsettias are \$15 each.

### Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater Rector  
Ms. Emma Bennett Parish Administrator  
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr. Organist & Choirmaster  
Mrs. Vanessa Hall Sexton  
Mr. David Hardin Senior Warden  
Mrs. Dee Puckett Junior Warden



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## November 5, 2017 **All Saints Sunday**

### Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

### The Liturgy of the Word

Opening Reading *Ecclesiasticus 44: 1-15*

Hymn *Ye watchers and ye holy ones* H 618

The Service Begins BCP 355

Gloria in Excelsis H-S 280

*The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP*

The Collect *Our collective prayer for 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.*