

All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2023
10:30 AM

THE BEATITUDES

*“Rejoice
and be glad,
for your reward
is great in
heaven.”*

Matthew 5:12, ESV



“Christ- Students- Community Coming Together”

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As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember those who have died in Christ. As the liturgical year draws to a close, we hear warnings about the end of time, stories of crisis and judgment, and parables of loss and death. The Christian community speaks honestly about human frailty and mortality.

At the same time, we confess our faith in the risen Lord, in the communion of saints, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. While we may face dying or death with fear, the liturgy calls us to hear the Lord's promise that he is with us in life and in death.

Christ has claimed us in Holy Baptism. He nourishes us in the Holy Communion of his body and blood. He leads us to the new Jerusalem. There we shall join all the saints in praise of God, who has turned our graves into the doorway to eternal life.

PRELUDE

"Alleluia"

arr. Gobingca Mxadana

South African Traditional

Bell Choir:

Francesca Laube, Lauren Paluta, James Robinson, Jr., Dave Unkefer

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you 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 trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

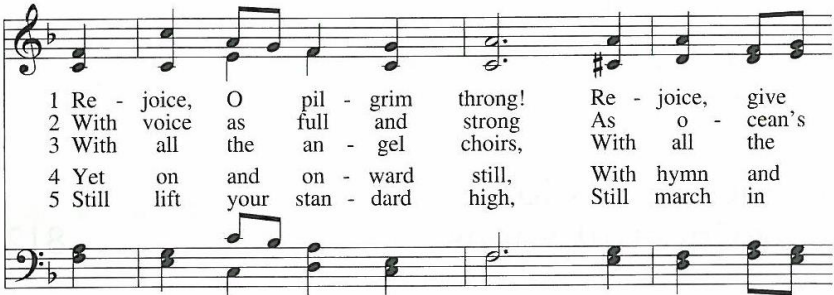
Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

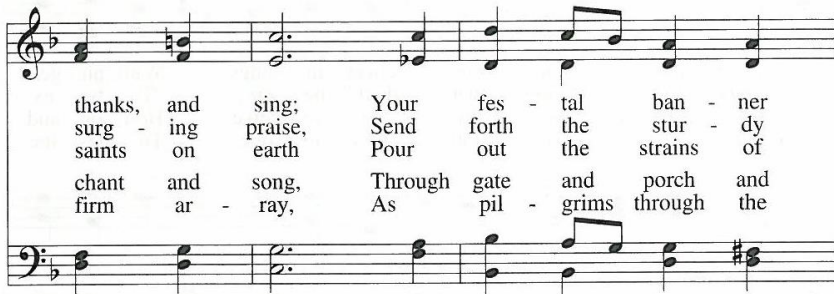
saying “Peace be with you/ **And also with you**”, being mindful of those who do not wish to shake hands, you may give a head nod, bow or place your hand on your heart.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

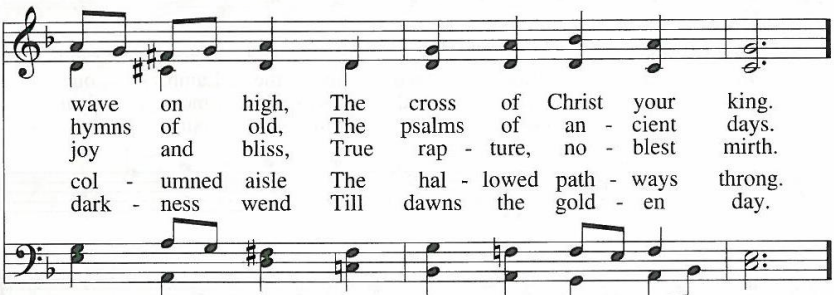
OPENING HYMN: “Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng”



1 Re - joice, O pil - grim throng! Re - joice, give
2 With voice, as full and strong o - cean's
3 With all the an - gel choirs, With all the
4 Yet on and on - ward still, With hymn and
5 Still lift your stan - dard high, Still march in



thanks, and sing; Your fes - tal ban - ner
surg - ing praise, Send forth the stur - dy
saints on earth Pour out the strains of
chant and song, Through gate and porch and
firm ar - ray, As pil - grims through the



wave on high, The cross of Christ your king.
hymns of old, The psalms of an - cient days.
joy and bliss, True rap - ture, no - blest mirth.
col - umned aisle, The hal - lowed path - ways throng.
dark - ness wend Till dawns the gold - en day.

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

6 At last the march shall end;
The wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last,
Jerusalem the blest.

Refrain

△ 7 Praise Him who reigns on high,
The Lord whom we adore:
The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
One God forevermore.

Refrain

Text: Edward H. Plumptre, 1821–91, alt.

Tune: Arthur H. Messiter, 1834–1916; setting: *Service Book and Hymnal*, 1958

MARION
S M and refrain

Text and music: Public domain

Ps. 20:5; 118:15–26; Col. 3:16; Heb. 13:14

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C** And also with you.

P In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace through Lord, have mer - cy.

out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

For your peo - ple here, who have come to Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray to the Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Lord, have mer - cy. Help, save, and de -

fend us, O God.

(accompaniment/intro)

men.

Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion, all of cre -

a-tion sings for joy to the God of

life and love and free-dom; praise and

glo-ry for ev - er - more!

1. *Choir or soloist:* Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
2. *Choir or soloist:* Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*
3. *Choir or soloist:* For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *(brief interlude, then all sing the Refrain above)*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you. **C** **And also with you.**

P Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of Christ our Lord: Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C** **Amen.**

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

THE LESSONS

FIRST LESSON Revelation 7:9-17

R 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."

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON 1 John 3:1-3

R 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

| - - - - Introduction - - - - - |

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GOSPEL

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

C **Glory to You, O Lord.**

P 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."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

**From thence He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.**

**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. Amen.**

Sit

MESSAGE "Blessed Are They"

Stand

HYMN

“Blest Are They”

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
3 Blest are they . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy
4 Blest are they . . . who seek peace; . . . they are the
5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
her - it the earth. Blest are they, who
shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who
cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.
suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

PRAYERS:

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

HYMN “For All The Saints”



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

(Pause for the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed)

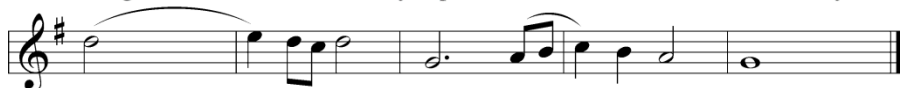
6 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
 7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet
 Soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors com - eth rest; The
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray;



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
 Sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
 King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Give Now

OFFERTORY MUSIC “Sing with all the Saints in Glory”

William B. Roberts

Choir, Emma Simon, Bassoon

[P] Let us pray. Merciful Father,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[P] The Lord be with you.

[C] And also with you.

[P] Lift up your hearts.

[C] We lift them to the Lord.

[P] Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

[C] It is right to give God thanks and praise.

[P] It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C |--Introduction - |

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of
 pow - er and might; Heav - en and earth are
 filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

P In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

C 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, forever and ever. Amen

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

1) Lamb of God, you take a -
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have ^(hold)mer - cy on us,
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

^(hold)mer - cy on us, ^(quick)mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 2 above)
mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

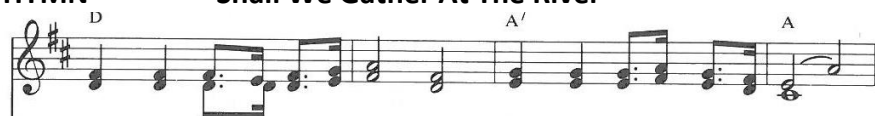
God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

THE DISTRIBUTION Please approach the altar as space is available. You may receive pre-packaged communion elements, or from the common loaf, along with an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged Gluten free options are available.

HYMN

"Shall We Gather At The River"



HYMN "Thine The Amen, Thine The Praise"

1 Thine the a - men Thine the praise Al - le -
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly Thine the
 3 Thine the tru - ly Thine the yes Thine the
 4 Thine the king - dom Thine the prize Thine the
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night No more

lu - ias an - gels raise Thine the ev - er - last - ing head
 prom - ise let there be Thine the vi - sion Thine the tree
 ta - ble we the guest Thine the mer - cy all from Thee
 won - der full sur - prise Thine the ban - quet then the praise
 dy - ing on - ly light Thine the riv - er Thine the tree

Thine the break - ing of the bread Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 All the earth on bend - ed knee Gone the nail - ing gone the
 Thine the glo - ry yet to be Then the ring - ing and the
 Then the jus - tice of Thy ways Thine the glo - ry Thine the
 Then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly Then the ho - ly ho - ly

sto - ry Thine the har - vest then the cup Thine the
 rail - ing Gone the plead - ing gone the cry Gone the
 sing - ing Then the end of all the war Thine the
 sto - ry Then the wel - come to the least Then the
 ho - ly Cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee Thine the

vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed
 sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was
 liv - ing Thine the lov - ing ev - er -
 won - der all in - creas - ing at Thy
 splen - dor Thine the bright - ness on - ly

up lift - ed up. (2 Thine the)
 loss lift - ed high. (3 Thine the)
 more ev - er - more. (4 Thine the)
 feast at Thy feast. (5 Thine the)
 Thee on - ly Thee.

[P] The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **[C] Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

[P] Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] Amen.

BENEDICTION

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

[C] Amen.

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones"

POSTLUDE

----- The liturgy is ended; let the service begin -----

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Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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