



ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC

November 1, 2020

Greeting by Fr. Tyrone

A Reading from 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."

Voluntary "For all the saints, who from their labors rest", setting by Sylvia Oines

Acclamation

Officiant Blessed be the one, holy and living God.

People **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Jesus 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 the same Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

+ The Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

People 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.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Christ.

The Homily

Musical Interlude "Ye watchers and ye holy ones", setting by Thomas Pavlechko

The Prayers (For individual use or with a family)

Today we pray for the holy church of God throughout the world, that the Lord may confirm it in faith, sustain it in hope, and deepen its communion in charity.

We pray for those beset by persecution for righteousness' sake and those weighed down by trial and distress, that the example of the saints may give them courage and the help of believers give them hope.

We pray for the 1.2 million people throughout the globe, including the 233,000 Americans who have died from the Coronavirus. May their deaths not be in vain and may those who mourn them find solace and comfort during their grief.

We petition the ever-Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Mathew, St. Mark our patron—Matthew, Luke and John, Mary Magdalene, Peter, Paul, Lydia, Timothy, Thomas, Titus, Veronica, Jerome, Ambrose, Catherine, Elizabeth, Chad and Theresa and all holy men and women—now and in ages past—whose hope was in the Word made flesh, to pray for us in our time of grief and need.

May we lift up to the Lord our God those dearly departed who are held in our memories so long as we live:

(Traditionally, it is here that names offered by the community of St. Mark's of those, now departed, and are considered beloved and saintly are prayed).

The Officiant adds a concluding Collect.

The Blessing

The people stand.

May almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate All Saints and All Souls who are dear to us, be now and evermore your guide and companion on the way. **Amen.**

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his faithful people, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

Voluntary "Sine Nomine", setting by Arthur Hutchings

Notes



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