



THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

A Commemoration of Holy Men and Women
The Renewal of Baptismal Vows
St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Raleigh, NC
November 7, 2021 – 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Today, we recall that great cloud of witnesses: the saints whose hope was in the Word made flesh. This act is a reminder of the presence of the saints in the unfolding mission of the Church. Their steadfast commitment to our well-being is marked through our continual plea that they 'pray for us'. We also commemorate those in our own lives who are among the faithful departed. May their names resound within our hearts and minds. Among these dramas, we renew the promises made at our baptism and discover anew the joy of this fellowship. For we run, with endurance, the race that is set before us and all holy men and women throughout the ages.

THE GATHERING

The people gather in silence

Opening Sentences

Presider 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,

People **"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"**

Presider 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,

People **"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."**

Presider 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.

People **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."** (Revelation 7:9-17)

The Acclamation

Celebrant
Bless - ed be God: Father, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit.

People
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ev - er. A - men.

Celebrant
There is one Body and one Spi - rit;

People
There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant
One Lord, one Faith, one Bap - tism;

People
One God and Fa - ther of all.

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 WORD OF GOD

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Churches.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 24 (Prayed responsively)

The earth is the LORD'S and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD?
and who can stand in his holy place?"

**"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.
They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is this King of glory?"

**"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."
Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.**

"Who is he, this King of glory?"

"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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People **Thanks be to God.**

✦ The Holy Gospel John 11:32-44

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you Lord Christ.**

The Homily

Period of Silence

A marked period of silence follows the homily.

The Litany of Saints

The Presider leads the Litany; setting the tone to which the people respond.

Presider

Lord, have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy

Mary and Joseph,
Michael and all angels
Elijah, Moses, John the Baptist
Isaac, Sarah, Abraham
Jacob, Joseph, Samuel
Ruth, David, and Solomon
Isaiah, Jeremiah
All you holy men and women

Mark, our patron
Mathew, Luke and John
Bartholomew, Philip, Simon and Thomas
Peter, Paul, Andrew
Mary Magdelene, Veronica
Barnabas, Mathias
Stephen, Philip, and Cornelius
James and Jude
Prisca and Aquila
Timothy, Thomas and Titus
Linus, Cletus, and Clement
All you holy men and women

Innocent and Boniface
Hippolytus and Origen
Athanasius and Basil
Felicity and Perpetua
John Chrysostom and Justin
Lucy, Agatha and Agnes
All you holy men and women.

Jerome and Eusebius
Scholastica and Benedict
Ambrose, Monica, Augustine
Marin and Gregory
Clare, Francis and Dominic
Francis Xavier and Ignatius
Catherine and Elizabeth
Louis and Wenceslaus
All you holy men and women

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Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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Thomas, George and Richard
Harriet and Frederick and Martin
Florence, Emily, Evelyn
Dietrich, Oscar and Martin
Thurgood, Pauli and Li
All you holy men and women

Pray for us.
Pray for us.

Lord, be merciful
From all evil
From every sin
From everlasting death
By your incarnation
By your death and resurrection
By your gift of the Spirit
have mercy on us sinners

Save your people.
Save your people.

Christ, hear us
Lord, give new life
By the grace of baptism
O Jesus, Son of the living God
Send your Spirit
In its fullness
On your sons and daughters
Who believe and profess you
O Christ, hear us;
O Christ, hear us;
O Christ, hear us;

Hear our prayer.
Hear our prayer.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

The Presider, Deacon and Sub-Deacon gather and take their place at the baptismal font

Presider Dear people of God: In Holy Baptism we received full adoption through God's grace and full empowerment of ministry through the Holy Spirit. Will you work together as partners in the mission of the Church, to reconcile all people to God through Christ?

People **We will.**

Presider The water of baptism signifies our eternal covenant with God. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The Presider extends a hand over the water with the following:

We pray you, gracious God to sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Presider People of St. Marks: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

People **We do.**

Presider Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ and continue to see Him as your Lord and Savior?

People **We do.**

Presider Let us now join together and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, renew our own baptismal covenant.

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.

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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Presider 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.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

Presider May God who has given you the will to do these things also give you the grace to accomplish them.

People **Amen.**

The Presider offers a concluding collect

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Exchange of Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Here, the people may reverently bow or wave in acknowledgment of others; avoiding handshakes and hugs.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Gathering of Tithes and Offerings

Hymn Many and Great (sung a cappella)

1. Man - y and great, O God, are Thy things, Mak - er of
2. Grant un - to us com - mu - nion with Thee, Thou star - a -

earth and sky; Thy hands have set the heav - ens with stars,
bid - ing One; Come un - to us and dwell with us:

Thy fin - gers spread the moun - tains and plains. Lo, at Thy
With Thee are found the gifts of life. Bless us with

word the wa - ters were formed; Deep seas o - bey Thy voice.
life that has no end, E - ter - nal life with Thee.

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider: All things come from you, O God.

People: **And of your own have we given you.**

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 our thanks and praise.

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love. And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing (say):

***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.***

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

The Commemoration of All Souls

Here, names from *The Book of Names* are offered:

Remember O Lord, those who died in the peace of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone and those in our own day who were exemplars of holy living (N. _____), bring them all into the place of eternal joy and light.

And in the fullness of time bring us, with (_____and) all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread also known as 'The Fraction'.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Please remain masked during the distribution of Communion. You may wish to hold your communion bread/wafer until the end of distribution, so we may all commune together.

Prayer after Communion

The people stand.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

When communion is being carried from the altar to those who are home bound.

Presider The bread which we break, is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

People **Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.**

[N.], In the name of God and of this congregation, bear these gifts to those who are bound; share the Lord and bless His name.

Amen.

The Blessing

The people stand.

May almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of 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.**

THE SENDING

The Dismissal

Deacon Alleluia! Alleluia. Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!**

The Rev. Tyrone Fowlkes, Presider



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