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All Saints' Day November 1, 2020

*You have one Father, who is in heaven. You have one teacher, the Christ.
Matthew 23:9, 10*

10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Book of Alternative Services)

Celebrant: The Reverend Canon Susan Oliver
Preacher: Alison Hurlburt
Reader: Steve Martin

The flowers on the altar this morning are in loving memory of my husband Wes and our daughter Regina from Pat Covington, Leesa, David, John and Samara.

We are Treaty people of Treaty 6 Territory; a covenant between Nations, witnessed by the Creator. We commit ourselves to the sharing of this land and its sacred gifts together in peace by welcoming all peoples and genders in the spirit of Treaty and wâhkôhtowin, as all our relations.

Due to COVID-19 protocols set in place by the provincial and municipal governments, and the Diocese of Edmonton, we invite you to listen to the music and follow along with the hymns but ask you to please refrain from singing.

Prelude: *Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus* *Paul Manz*

Opening Hymn #320 *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* (vs. 1, 3)

1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, alleluia!

Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers, virtues, archangels, angels' choirs: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, forbears in faith and prophets blest: alleluia, alleluia!

Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Gathering of the Community *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Almighty God,

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, 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 for ever. Amen.

Children's Talk

The Proclamation of the Word

Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

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 worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour 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 centre 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."

Gradual Hymn #439 *Blest are the Pure in Heart (vs. 1-3)*

1 Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode.

2 The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us, our pattern and our King,

3 still to the lowly soul his presence doth impart,
and for a dwelling and a throne chooseth the pure in heart.

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. Matthew (5:1-12).

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn #439 *Blest are the Pure in Heart (vs. 4)*

4 Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple fit for thee.

Sermon

Alison Hurlburt

The Apostle's Creed

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. 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. 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.

The Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Celebrant: Most merciful God,

All: 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 neighbours 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.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Peace

(Please stand)

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

*We offer the peace of Christ collectively, rather than individually.
Please feel free to smile at your neighbour, but refrain from shaking hands.*

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory

For All the Saints Who've Shown Your Love

tune: WALY WALY

text: John Bell, Iona community

For all the saints who've shown your love,
in how they live and where they move.
For mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame.
Who sang your songs and shared your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still.
Through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.

Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Prayer over the Gifts

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Holy and mighty God,

All: we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.
By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: 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.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All: 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Please follow the directions of the marshals as you prepare to receive communion.

Music during Communion

Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod;
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. **Refrain**

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. **Refrain**

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. **Refrain**

Blest Are They

David Haas

Blest are they, the poor in spirit, theirs is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.

Refrain Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.

Blest are they, who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.

Refrain

Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.

Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God. **Refrain**

Blest are they who seek peace, they are the children of God.

Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. **Refrain**

Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.

Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. **Refrain**

A Cloud of Witnesses Around Us

Brian Wren, tune: by Gary Rand

A cloud of witnesses around us, a thousand echoes from the past,
proclaim the One who freed and found us, and leads us on,
from first to last. For such a gift, let all uplift a thousand alleluias.

A carnival of faiths and cultures parading through our settled praise,
with jangled rhythms, songs and dances, expresses Love's expansive
ways. Christ is our song. To God belong a thousand alleluias.

A crowd, that clamors pain and anger, prevents us from nostalgic
pride; the cries of poverty and hunger recall us to our Savior's side.
There we entrust, to God most just, a thousand alleluias.

A throng of future shapes and shadows, a world that may,
or may not be, names us the servants and the stewardsof all the
Spirit longs to see.

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand)

Celebrant: Lord of hosts,

**All: we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who
share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal
kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than
we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to
generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever
and ever. Amen.**

Blessing

Announcements

Recessional Hymn # 276 *For All the Saints (vs. 1-3)*

1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Dismissal

Celebrant: Go forth in the name of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: *Voluntary on For All the Saints*

Charles Callaban

Please follow directions of the marshal as you exit the church. If you have mobility issues, please remain seated and the marshals will guide you to another exit.

This week we pray for: the Church of the Province of West Africa. The Most Revd Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart - Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West Africa; Archbishop of the Internal province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia. Diocese of the Arctic: the Rt. Rev. David Parsons, Bishop; the Rt. Rev. Annie Ittoshat, the Rt. Rev. Lucy Netser, the Rt. Rev. Joey Royal, Suffragan Bishops. St. Matthias, Edmonton: David Tiessen, Rector; Eric Kregel, Priest-in-Charge, Filipino Congregation; Joanne Webster, Associate Priest; Paul Bachmann, Honorary Assistant; Tracey Ross, Office Manager. Buyé Diocese, Rusengo Parish: Sylvere Ndururutse, Rector. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation. In our own parish we pray for the Burt, Burton and Buryrn families, and the Sunday School.

Readings for Next Sunday

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25; Psalm 78:1-7; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18;
Matthew 25:1-13

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