

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023 10:30 am

Welcome to St. James's!

We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.

However you come to this place, exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not, gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale; of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical, differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older! Whoever you are,

know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does, unconditionally and completely just as you are!

10:30 am All Saints Sunday, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

Acolytes Marian King, Jonte Folkes

Eucharistic Ministers Alvin Lindo, Laverne Agard-Lynch

IntercessorDonna BonaparteMinister of MusicPatrick MichaelsPreacherThomas DeFreitas

Presider The Rev. Matthew Stewart
Readers Mary Buchinger, Dana Evelyn

Ushers Alan Aukeman Videographer Steve Clark Welcomer Sylvia Weston

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Tolling of the Bell



Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Music: Sine Nomine, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People
Presider
People
People
Presider
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Creator of all.

The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.
People And also be with you.

Presider Let us pray.

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.**

The First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

Mary Buchinger

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

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."

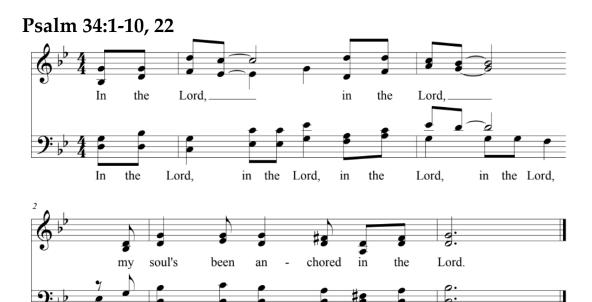
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great

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."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.



Source: Chorus of African-American Spiritual, arr. Patrick Michaels

(my)

I will bless the LORD at all times; * his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the LORD; * let the humble hear and rejoice. *Refrain*

Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; * let us exalt his Name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me * and delivered me out of all my terror. *Refrain*

Look upon him and be radiant, * and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me * and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, * and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; * happy are they who trust in him! *Refrain*

Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, * for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, * but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him. *Refrain*

The Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

Dana Evelyn

A Reading from the Book of First John.

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.

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Gospel Hymn: Beloved People, It is True (Vs. 1-3 sung before Gospel, Vs. 4-5 after)



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The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, O 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."

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon Thomas DeFreitas

Candle Lighting for Those We've Loved and Lost

We invite all who wish to do so to come forward with a small candle, light your candle, and name anyone you love who has died in the last year silently in your heart or aloud, placing the lit candle in the sand-filled holders before returning to your seat.



- All saints! Crucified love sings from above what it will do making us new, naming and claiming us "all saints," till it comes true.
- Some Saints touch the divine, and as they shine, candles at night, holy and bright, gladden the spirits of all saints, giving us light.
- 4. All saints stumble and fall.

 God, loving all,

 knowing our shame,
 longs to reclaim:
 standing or falling we're all saints.
 Treasure the name!
- 5. Come, saints, crowds who have gone beckon us on, hindrances shed, joy in our tread, one in the Spirit with all saints, looking ahead.

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- Ipharadisi where all the dead are living (repeat)
 May we one day join them all there.
- Ipharadisi, ikhaya labafile (repeat)
 Kulapho sophumla khona.
- 3. Ipharadisi, the righteous live in freedom (*repeat*) May we one day join them all there.
- Ipharadisi, the holy live in freedom (repeat)
 May we one day join them all there.

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Holy Baptism

Presider In baptism, we are welcomed more deeply into the life-giving way of Jesus, and a community of believers that transcends space and time. We have just remembered beloved siblings in the faith whose baptismal journey has already led them into God's greater glory. And now we rejoice to welcome another along this path, Ava Zalia Bonaparte.



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The Presider says

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the word, God delivers us from sin and death, and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. Through baptism, we are united with the whole Body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

The Candidate for baptism is then presented by his Sponsors, as follows:

I present Ava Zalia Bonaparte to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Presider

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsors

I will, with God's help.

Presider

Will you by your prayers and witness help Ava to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Sponsors

I will, with God's help.

The Presider then asks the following questions of the parents and sponsors

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces

of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world

which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you

from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

After all have been presented, the Presider addresses the congregation, saying

Presider Will you who witness these vows do all in your

power to support Ava in her life in Christ?

People We will.

The Presider then says these words

Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

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

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

People 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.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People 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.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into

sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God

in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor

as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect

the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty

and integrity of all creation?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Let us now pray for Ava who is to receive the Sacrament of

new birth.

Intercessor Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Open her heart to your grace and truth.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

Intercessor Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People Lord, hear our prayer.

The Presider then says

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving over the Water

Presider May God be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Presider continues

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. 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.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The candidate is presented to the Presider who then pours water upon the candidate: Ava Zalia, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Then the Presider marks the forehead of the candidate with the sign of the cross: Ava Zalia, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Then the Presider, at a place in full sight of the congregation, prays: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

When all have been baptized, the Presider says Let us welcome the newly baptized.

The Presider and People all now say

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The People then continue to welcome the newly baptized with a round of applause.

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Celebrations

The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:

May God bless you; May God keep you; May God's love be with you; May God grant you peace and wisdom; May God ever be with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, that you may proclaim the excellence of the One who called you out of darkness into the marvelous light.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

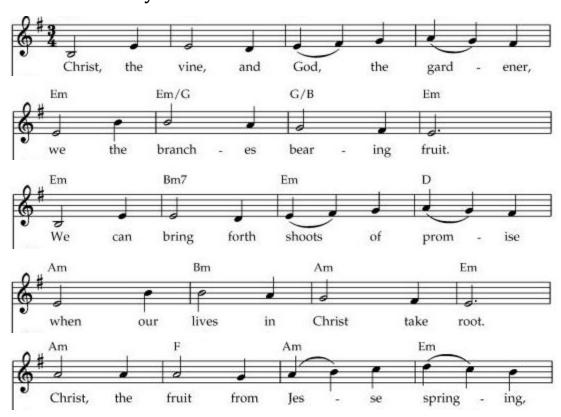
Offertory Anthem: Serve the Lord

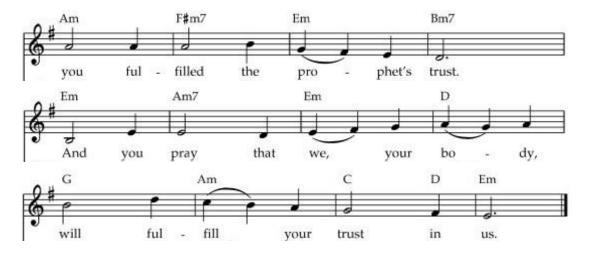
Georg Frederic Handel

The Greenleaf Choir, The Adult Choir

Presentation Hymn: Christ the Vine

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The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

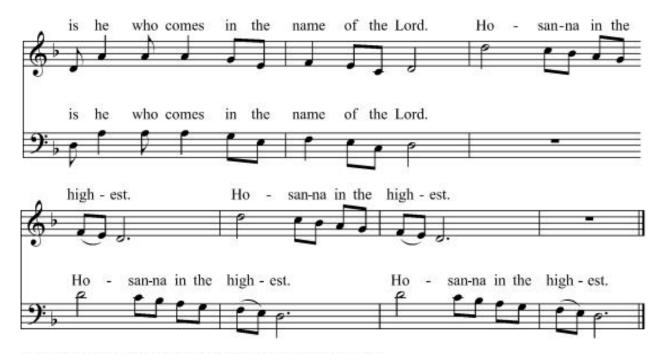
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider says

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus MHSO 37





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The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from Blessed Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Presider and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, draw all things into reconciliation through your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with James, Mary, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

The Presider continues

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

Lord's Prayer (Zambian)

(Soloists sing the words in italics. The congregation joins in unitalicized language.)

Hear our plea, dear Father we pray; shower upon us your heav'nly grace that we may be your people Glorifying you.

Lord, our Father, in heaven abiding, may your name always be hallowed by us. Your will is righteous and ever consistent, in heaven and also on earth.

Give us this day what we really have need of. Please forgive us the sins we've committed. Help us forgive all the sins of our neighbor as you have forgiven us ours.

Far from temptation we ask you to lead us. Save us also from all that is evil. Yours is the kingdom, the power, the glory at this time and world without end.

Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever. Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever. Yours is glory excelling. Now and forever. Forever and ever. Amen.

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The Breaking of the Bread (Silence is kept)

Fraction Anthem: One Bread, One Body



LEVAS 151, Refrain only



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The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

Those that wish a contactless blessing or a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Hymn: I'm a-gonna eat at the welcome table



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Post Communion Prayer (*Please stand as you are able*)

Presider Let us pray.

People Eternal God, heavenly Father,

you have graciously accepted us as living members

of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,

and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage

to love and serve you

with gladness and singleness of heart;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Presider

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us. Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us. Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you.

And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us; the Savior, who redeems and befriends us; and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

- O when the saints go marching in,
 O when the saints go marching in,
- O Lord, I want to be in that number, (when the saints go marching in.)
- When all the tears are wiped away, (2x)O Lord I want to be in that number, when the tears are wiped away.
- O when the lame begin to leap, (2x) Refrain
- O when we see our loved ones there, (2x) Refrain
- O when the hurting disappears, (2x) Refrain
- O when our foes become our friends, (2x) Refrain
- 7. O when the water's free and clear, (2x) Refrain
- O when the hungry all are fed, (2x) Refrain

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Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world,

rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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