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The Feast of All Saints

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Prelude:

"Autumn" from "The Four Seasons"

by Antonio Vivaldi

The Greeting

Presider

May the strength of God, the compassion of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

The Kyrie

Presider

O God, our maker and redeemer, when we forget that this is your world and we are your people: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have willfully misused your gifts of creation, forgetting that we are the stewards of your bounty: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have condoned evil and dishonesty and have failed to strive for justice: **Christ, have mercy.**

When we have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others: **Lord, have mercy.**

When we have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves: **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by the Holy Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hymn of Praise:

"For All the Saints"

Common Praise #276

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!

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!

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 Collect of the Day

Presider

Let us pray.

God of the ages, your saints who lived in faithful service surround your throne and praise you night and day. May we, your saints on earth, join our voices with theirs to proclaim your rule of righteousness and peace, which comes to us through Jesus Christ now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Revelation 7.9-17

Before the Reading the Reader says, A reading from Revelation.

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 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."

After the Reading the Reader says, Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm of the Day: Psalm 34.1-10, 22

Psalmist

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt the name of God together.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

I sought the Lord, who answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon God 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.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear God *

and will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; * happy are they who trust in God!

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

Fear the Lord, you holy ones of God, *
for those who fear God lack nothing.
The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, * and none will be punished who trust in you.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him.

The Second Reading: 1 John 3.1-3

Before the Reading the Reader says, A reading from the First Letter of 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.

After the Reading the Reader says, Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Alleluia

Deacon

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The saints are before the throne of God, and the One who sits upon the throne will shelter them.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

The Gospel: Matthew 5.1-12

Before the Gospel the Deacon says, The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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."

After the Gospel the Deacon says, The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Ven. Richard Geoffrey Leggett

After the Sermon we have a period for silent reflection.

The Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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 COMMUNITY

The Investiture of Birgit Petersen with the Order of the Diocese of New Westminster

Birgit comes and stands before the Altar with the other Members of the Order. The Citation is read. After the Citation is read, Birgit will be invested with the Insignia of the Order.

After her investiture, the Leader begins the intercessions, petitions and thanksgivings.

Intercessions, Petitions and Thanksgivings

Leader of the Prayers Let us pray to the God of all the faithful.

With the noble fellowship of the prophets may we discern the signs of your reign in our midst: God of all the faithful, **remember your promise of mercy.**

With the glorious company of the apostles may we proclaim your gospel throughout the world: God of all the faithful, remember your promise of mercy.

With the white-robed army of martyrs may we be ready to suffer for the truth's sake: God of all the faithful, **remember your promise of mercy.**

With all who are anointed by your Spirit may we bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed: God of all the faithful, **remember your promise of mercy.**

With the saints in light may we bind up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn: God of all the faithful, **remember your promise of mercy.**

With the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people may we come to the inheritance of the saints in glory: God of all the faithful, **remember your promise of mercy.**

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son made known in life and death. **Amen.**

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Offertory Hymn:

"Blest Are the Pure in Heart"

Common Praise #439

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.

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

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

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

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Let us pray.

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Thanksgiving at the Table

Presider

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

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.

Holy and compassionate God, Creator of all things, seen and unseen: endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of Jesus the Christ, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to the giving of his life.

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.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes, saying:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us. And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, so that who share in Christ's body and blood may live to praise your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all. Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Sovereign of the universe, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

The Communion of the People

If you are not receiving Communion in-person, then offer this prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Music during Communion:

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want: he makes me down to lie in pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness, even for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill; for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes; my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me, and in God's house for evermore my dwelling place shall be.

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayer after Communion

Presider Let us pray.

God our guide, you have fed us with bread from heaven as you fed the people of Israel. May we who have been inwardly nourished be ready to follow you all our days; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Doxology

Presider Glory to God,

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.

Announcements

The Blessing of the Community

Presider

May the power of God sustain you. May the wisdom of the Word enlighten you. May the mercy of the Holy Spirit unite you.

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

The Recessional Hymn:

"For All the Saints"

Common Praise #276

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day – the saints triumphant rise in bright array: the King of glory passes on his way.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

The Dismissal

Deacon

Go in peace as God's holy ones. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude:

"La Rejouissance"

from "Music for the Royal Fireworks" by G. F. Handel

Following the Eucharist you are invited to a small reception in the Parish Hall in honour of Birgit.