

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints

Hymnal #287

For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus, be for ever blessed. 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, the 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!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh 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!

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

Acclamation

pg. 355 in Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.***

Collect for Purity

Gloria

***Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

Collect of the Day

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 Lessons

The First Reading: *Revelation 7:9-17*

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." 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."

Psalm: *Psalm 34:1-7, 22*

- ¹*I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.*
- ²*I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.*
- ³*Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.*
- ⁴*I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.*
- ⁵*Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.*
- ⁶*I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.*
- ⁷*The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.*
- ⁸*Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!*
- ⁹*Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.*
- ¹⁰*The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.*
- ²²*The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.*

The Second Reading: *1 John 3:1-3*

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Sermon

Nicene Creed

Prayers of the People - All remain standing.

Presider or deacon

Let us offer our prayers for the healing touch of Christ among all people, saying **Hear our prayer.**

The Presider will add a concluding Collect.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People

**Most merciful God, 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 neighbors 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.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Music

Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!

Hymnal #551

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
and quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt.

Offertory

Celebrant All things come of thee, O Lord.
People ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the deacon or celebrant. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A from Book of Common Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

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 him thanks and praise.***

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus ***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 Father. . .

. . .Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People ***Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.***

Celebrant We celebrate the memorial of our redemption. . .

. . .Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

The Lord's Prayer

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 and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People ***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Communion Music

I Am the Bread of Life

Hymnal #335

I am the Bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain:

And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up, and I will raise you up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. (Refrain)

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood, drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you. (Refrain)

I am the Resurrection, I am the life.
If you believe in me, even though you die, you shall live for ever. (Refrain)

Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, Who has come into the world. (Refrain)

Text: John 6; Suzanne Toolan, SM, b.1927

Sending Forth

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant and 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.***

The Collection of Pledge Cards

Blessing

Closing Hymn

Oh, When the Saints Go Marchin' In - Medley

Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh, when the Saints go marching in
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in

And when the sun begins to shine, And when the sun begins to shine
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in

Oh, when the trumpet sound its call, Oh, when the trumpet sound its call
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in

Oh, when the new world is revealed, Oh, when the new world is revealed
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in

Oh when the stars fall from the sky, Oh when the stars fall from the sky
Oh Lord I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in

Oh, when the Saints go marching in, Oh, when the Saints go marching in
I want to be in that number, When the Saints go marching in

Glory, glory Hallelujah, The Lord goes marching on!

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People ***Thanks be to God.***

Postlude