

# The Holy Eucharist, Rite II: All Saints Day, Year A (BCP, 355)

## *A Service of Virtual Spiritual Communion*

Opening Hymn

*I sing a song of the saints of God*

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I sing a song of the saints of God,  
patient and brave and true,  
who toiled and fought and lived and died  
for the Lord they loved and knew.  
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,  
and one was a shepherdess on the green:  
they were all of them saints of God and I mean,  
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,  
and his love made them strong;  
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,  
the whole of their good lives long.  
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,  
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;  
and there's not any reason no, not the least,  
why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,  
there are hundreds of thousands still,  
the world is bright with the joyous saints  
who love to do Jesus' will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,  
for the saints of God are just folk like me,  
and I mean to be one too.

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: 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.**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* 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.**

### **A Reading from the book of Revelation (7:9-17)**

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*        The Word of the Lord.  
*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34:1-10,22 (BCP 627)**

***Unison***

*Benedicam Dominum*

- 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.**

### **A Reading from 1 John (3:1-3)**

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.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God**

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL (Matthew 5:1-12)**

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

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

*Celebrant*    The Gospel of the Lord.

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

### **REFLECTION**

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey;  
We are family on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the miles and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joys and sorrows  
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in Heaven  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you;  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I might have the grace to  
Let you be my servant, too.

## THE NICENE CREED

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**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**  
**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,**

of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
    he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
    he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
    and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
    he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
    in accordance with the Scriptures;  
    he ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
    and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
    who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
  
We look for the resurrection of the dead+  
    and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *Form IV*

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Let us pray for the Church and for the world.  
Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may  
be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal  
your glory in the world.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy  
*People: **Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, especially as we approach this  
week's election; and guide the people of all the nations, in the ways  
of justice and peace; that we may honor one another  
and serve the common good.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,  
that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others  
and to your honor and glory.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant  
that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he  
loves us.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or  
spirit, especially: \_\_\_\_\_. Give them courage and hope in their troubles,  
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

*Silence*

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will  
for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share  
with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

*Silence is kept during the Necrology*

Lord, in your mercy

People: **Hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect*

## **CONFESSION**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**Minister and People**

**God of all mercy,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you,**

**opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

***Celebrant***

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

**THE PEACE**

*Celebrant*    The peace of the Risen Christ be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

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**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

*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 our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;



And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

*Celebrant and People*

**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.**

*The Celebrant continues*

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself,  
as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us  
Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,  
gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,

longing for Christ's coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

*Celebrant and People*

**Dying, you destroyed our death.**

**Rising, you restored our life.**

**Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

*The Celebrant continues*

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with blessed Alban and all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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

### THE FRACTION ANTHEM

*Celebrant* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.  
*People* **We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

*A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.*

*The priest invites the following prayer to be said by all.*

**My Jesus,  
I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection.  
I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul.  
Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood,  
come spiritually into my heart.  
Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus,  
and let me never be separated from you.  
May I live in you, and you in me,  
in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

### HYMN

***Bless the Lord my soul***

**Taize**

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me into life.

*Silence follows.*

### THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.  
Amen.**

### THE BLESSING

The Wisdom of God the Love of God and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

Rejoice, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high,  
the cross of Christ your King.

Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

At last the march shall end;  
the wearied ones shall rest;  
the pilgrims find their Father's house,  
Jerusalem the blest.

Rejoice, rejoice,  
rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

Then on, ye pure in heart!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!  
Your glorious banner wave on high  
the cross of Christ your King.

Hosanna, hosanna!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing.

## THE DISMISSAL

*Celebrant* Go in peace. Serve the Risen Christ!!  
*People* **Thanks be to God!**

