Christ Church Trumbull

All Saints' Day November 1, 2020

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Hymn "By All Your Saints Still Striving"

By all your saints still striving,
For all your saints at rest,
Your holy name, O Jesus
For evermore be blessed.
You rose, our King victorious,
That they might wear the crown
And ever shine in splendor
Reflected from your throne.

Then let us praise the Father And worship God the Son, And sing to God the Spirit, Eternal Three in One. Till all the ransomed number Who stand before the throne Ascribe all power and glory And praise to God alone.

Apostles, prophets, martyrs
And all the noble throng
Who wear the spotless raiment
And raise the ceaseless song.
For them and those whose witness
Is only known to you
By walking in their footsteps
We give you praise anew.

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

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

Celebrant

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.

All Amen.

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All 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.

All Amen.

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 honor and power and might be to our God for ever 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.'

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

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All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 (said responsively by half verse)

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

My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD, and was saved from every trouble.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and delivers them.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.

O fear the LORD, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.

The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

The LORD redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

The Epistle 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.

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All Thanks be to God.

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

All 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.

All Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon......Pastor Jane Jeuland

Nicene Creed

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

Prayer Leader:

Let us Pray. Heavenly Father, we thank you today for calling us your saints. In spite of our unholy lives you look at us and see Jesus 'perfect life and death covering ours. Thank you for this grace, the grace we received when we were baptized.

We thank you God that you are a God of healing, compassion, and mercy. We pray for our nation, for our leaders, for the poor, the hungry and the homeless in our community.

We pray for all those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. We especially ask for your healing to be upon: Rob, Doug, Anna, Margaret, Evan, Debbie, Justin, Max, Mike, Brandon, Alexis, Barbara, Brian, Sophia, Paul, Janos, Marika, Dorothy, Brittany, Pat, Ray, Lucy, Chris, Ellie, Adela, Penny, Merna, Jill, & Ruth.

We know that grief may change over time, but when we lose a loved one, the landscape of our lives and the world is never the same. We also trust and believe that you are the God of comfort, who comforts us in our affliction and grief.

On this All Saints' Day, we especially give thanks for all those whom we have loved and since lost and, Heavenly Father, we pray for Your comfort to be with all those who grieve their loss.

We will light a votive candle and have a brief moment of silence following the names of those remembered.

For those who have died in the past year especially, Kevin (Karen's mom), Tom (Shirley Mayo's brother), Jane Flader, Don Murray, Abel Jeuland, and Jack Kelly.

For my grandmother Virginia Knapp and my patients Christine Johnson, Nancy Thomas, and Monica Fitzpatrick.

(Prayer Leader - please read names from All Saints' Departed List here.)

For those who have died in an act of racism this year especially, William Green, Rayshard Brooks, Ahmaud Arbery, Daniel Prude, George Floyd, David McAtee, Breonna Taylor, Aura Rosser, Trayford Pellerin, Walter Wallace Jr. and those whose names we do not know.

For the over 1,173,189 COVID deaths worldwide and the over 232,101 Americans who have died from the COVID-19 virus.

Celebrant

Holy Spirit we thank you that you are so present in this place. Heavenly Father we thank you that you hear our prayers. Jesus fill us with your peace now as we honor those who have died and seek your comfort and mercy. We pray all this through Jesus Christ, our rock and our redeemer.

All Amen.

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All 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.

Celebrant

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.

All Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

Greeters and Counters Needed

We are in need of greeters and counters each week. If you are interested in either or both, please contact Maryanne in the parish office as soon as you can.

Readers Needed

We are in need of readers on Sunday mornings at our worship service. The reader will be in-person with Pastor Jane or at home via Zoom if we can't hold an in-person service. If you are interested, please contact Maryanne in the parish office asap.

Weekly eNews

CCT sends a weekly eNews on Thursdays via email. This eNews contains information about worship services, parish news, events, the ECCT community, and more. If you are not receiving this eNews and would like to, please contact Maryanne in the parish office.

Meditation Group This group is led by Peter Ulisse and meets the 1st and

3rd Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. Please contact the parish office if you'd like to be added to our group.

Weekly Prayer Call This group is led by Ginnie Glassman and Susan Vasone

and meets every Wednesday at 12:30pm. It is a time to talk about what is on your mind, listen to others' concerns, pray for and encourage each other. Please contact Maryanne in the parish office for the Zoom link.

Celebrant Walk in love as Christ loved us and gave himself for us an offering and sacrifice to God.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father 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 for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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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.

The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All Amen.

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Pastor Jane will now distribute the bread and wine on a table. Pastor Jane will put one bread and wine on the pulpit for each person to receive. Please come up one at a time. Wait until the person has returned to his/her seat before getting up to receive. To receive the bread, use hand sanitizer, pick up the bread, lift your mask to receive, then throw out the napkin. Then to receive the wine, pick up the cup, lift your mask to receive, and then throw out the cup. If you do not receive wine, simply pick up the cup, pause in prayerful reception and throw out the cup. Do not take off your your mask completely while receiving. After receiving the bread, please throw out the napkin in the waste basket provided.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.

Blessing

Celebrant May God bless you and keep you. May God make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you now and always.

Closing Hymn "Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs"

Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs, holy women, holy men, with affection's recollections greet we your return again.

Worthy deeds they wrought, and wonders, worthy of the Name they bore; we, with meetest praise and sweetest, honor them for evermore.

Faith prevailing, hope unfailing, loving Christ with single heart, thus they, glorious and victorious bravely bore the martyr's part, by contempt of every anguish, by unyielding battle done; victors at the last, they triumph with the host of angels one.

Therefore, ye that reign in glory, fellow-heirs with Christ on high, join to ours your supplication when before him we draw nigh, praying that, this life completed, all its fleeting moments past, by his grace we may be worthy of eternal bliss at last.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia.