

Liturgy of the Word, Rite Two
(A Service of Ante-Communion)



All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020



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Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

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

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

Song of Praise

Gloria

Hymn S280

Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) **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.**

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17

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 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.”

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 34:1-10, 22 *(to be read responsively by whole verse)*

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

The Epistle

Second Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

(The people stand)

Celebrant: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People: **I do.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayers of the People

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

A brief silence.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world. For our President Donald, our Governor Ralph and all in authority that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person.

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan, Jennifer and Porter our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. We pray for ... Are there others? (Pause) Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We pray for those celebrating birthdays; especially ... and those celebrating anniversaries.... Are there others? (Pause)

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader: We pray for all who have died, including..., that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. Let us pray for those who have given their lives in service of our country including ...

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

Necrology – Remembering Our Faithful Departed

Concluding Collect

Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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

Celebrant & 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.**

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

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.**

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

November 1, 2020 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

It is Stewardship Season: Please fill out and return your pledge card or pledge Online (stperersinthewoods.org- Giving tab).

Audubon At Home Certified Wildlife Sanctuary

The animals have decided and our wildlife sanctuary is a hit. We have attracted at least ten Audubon at Home Sanctuary Species. In recognition of the important contribution we have made to the protection and restoration of native habitat in Virginia, the Audubon Society of Northern Virginia's Audubon At Home Wildlife Sanctuary program has officially certified our sanctuary. The church has been certified as of June 5, 2020. This accomplishment earns us the right to display the *Audubon At Home Wildlife Sanctuary* sign, identifying our property as part of a growing effort to expand healthy habitats needed to sustain native plants and animals in our region. The Audubon Society of Northern Virginia believe our efforts will serve as an inspiration to others to follow our example of stewardship.

Honey from the Woods

We will be selling 4 oz jars of St. Peter's in the Woods honey for **\$10 each, no limit**, following our outdoor service on Sunday. Or stop by the office during the week. All proceeds from the sale of the honey will go to expanding our Giving Garden, which provides fresh produce to local food pantries.



Sunday Coffee Hour Zoom @ 11 AM – Virtual fellowship hour
Join Rev. Susan and your church friends via Zoom this morning at 11. We can “see” each other, check in, share our news and support one another!

Adult Formation Opportunities:

Sundays at Noon - Our last meeting for Unafraid will be this Sunday, Nov. 1st. We will discuss the last chapters: Chapter 19 "I'm Not Ready to Die" and Chapter 20 Living with Fear, Yet Unafraid.

Thursdays at 8 AM - Our exploration of our Episcopal faith, beliefs and practices continues, Thursdays @ 8 am. Each class features a brief video and time for discussion and questions.