



## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **Rite II**

All Saints' Day  
November 1, 2020  
10:00 a.m.

*Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you.*

## **WELCOME TO TRINITY**

*Welcome to Trinity Episcopal Church. We hope that you will feel the presence of God in this holy space. We believe that you will also find God in the community of people who worship here. Trinity is rich in the traditions of the Episcopal Church, and it is our prayer that you will feel warmly welcomed. We believe that it is God's will to restore all people through the grace given in Jesus Christ. May you find peace, reconciliation, forgiveness, healing and love within this church. Come and join us in our ministry of compassion and mercy. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, Trinity welcomes you!*

# THE WORD OF GOD

Organ Voluntary: Psalm Prelude Opus 32, No. 1

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

*This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble. Psalm 34:6*

Hymn 287 For all the saints, who from their labors rest

*Sine Nomine*



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_



thee\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
We feeb - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with\_\_\_ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are\_\_\_ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



\*5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the  
 \*6 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful  
 dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain, and arms are  
 war-riors com-eth rest;— sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the  
 strong. blest. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  
 \*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glo-rious day; the  
 \*8 From earth's wide bounds, from o-cean's far-thest coast, through  
 saints tri-umph-ant rise in bright ar-ray; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host—  
 King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.  
 sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost,  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897)  
 Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1985)

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**  
*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;  
*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**  
*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
*People* **One God and Father of all. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* We remember those who were buried from this parish in the past year.

**Virgil Slack Tilly, III  
Gloria Joyce Hamilton  
David Erskine Broach  
David Ray Cox  
Stephen Everett Jackson  
Robert Gregory Mayfield  
Richard Alan Koenig  
Hulda Hudson  
Michael D. Swimmer  
Jan Peterson  
Susan Morgan Niemi  
Gene Carson Buzzard  
Deirdre Kathleen Lintell**

### **Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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.**

*The following is sung, all standing*

**Benedictus es Domine** (*Please join in singing with the choir*)

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Glo-ry to you, — Lord God of our fa - thers; — you are wor - thy of  
praise; glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you — for the ra - di - ance  
of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —  
Glo-ry to you — in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; — on the throne of your  
ma - jes - ty, glo-ry to you. — Glo-ry to you. seat - ed bet - ween the  
Cher - u - bim; — we will praise you and high ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —  
Glo-ry to you, — be - hold - ing the depths; — in the high vault of hea - ven, glo-ry to  
you. — Glo-ry to you, — Fa - ther, Son — and Ho - ly Spi - rit; —  
— we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. —

## Collect of the Day

*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.**

## First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

*Please be seated.*

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

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

### *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.

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

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.

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

## Sequence

Hymn 293 I sing a song of the saints of God

*Grand Isle*



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, \_\_\_\_\_  
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and \_\_\_\_\_  
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are  
pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and  
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for  
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the  
lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And  
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And  
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can  
one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -  
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain  
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,  
herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of  
by a fierce wild beast; and there's not an - y rea - son  
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just  
God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.  
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.  
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Words: Lesbia Scott (1898-1986), alt.  
Music: John Henry Hopkins (1861-1945)

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

*Deacon* 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."

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

## The Sermon

The Reverend Chris Cole

Good morning, Trinity! Every year the seniors in our seminaries sit for the General Ordination Exams. I sat for those exams myself 10 months ago and one of the questions on the last exam was about All Saints' Day. Here's how the exam question started. "November 3, 2020 is Election Day in the United States. The Sunday prior is November 1, the Feast of All Saints. You are a priest for a congregation in a community that is made up of people all along the political spectrum in terms of both involvement and affiliation. While there have not been open conflicts in the congregation around political issues, a climate of anxiety and political tension is weighing on people. You have discerned that your sermon on All Saints' Day needs to address this situation."

Now, I don't mention this because I think it perfectly mirrors what's happening here at Trinity. Frankly I hear more about anxiety associated with COVID than I do about the election, although election anxiety is certainly there, too. The exam question was trying to predict where we might be as a society by November 1, 2020, but it was written way back in 2019, many months before COVID hit, and if the examiners had known about the pandemic or how responses to it might mirror our political divisions, I'm sure they would have worked that into the question, too. But even without COVID the question got to something real, worries about what will happen after Tuesday, no matter who wins, and the question wants us to think about how All Saints' Day might help us during this time.

To put a personal spin on this, about two weeks ago my spouse and I were hiking in an unfamiliar area on trails that were also used by bicyclers. My spouse asked someone who looked less

confused than we did about which direction we should go on the trail. Instead of giving us directions or simply declining to help us, this person instead asked, “Who are you voting for in the upcoming election?” Needless to say, that question didn’t help us find the hiking trail, but it did take us by surprise. And it’s a weird standard to use to decide if you want to help someone. It assumed social rules I never agreed to. I never agreed that the baseline for being in social relationship, even in something as simple as offering a stranger directions, should be based on our political affiliations. That’s not my standard. It will never be my standard. And yet there it was. So, again, since this is All Saints’ Day, maybe the saints have something to say about all this.

Now I’d like to suggest that at least for this morning we think of the saints in the same way the New Testament does. If you are unfamiliar with it, the Episcopal Church has a great online glossary, and our glossary has this to say in part about the saints, “In the NT, the term is applied to all faithful Christians.” (<https://episcopalchurch.org/library/glossary/saint>) Of course the term has also come to apply to people who have shown exceptional “self-sacrifice, witness, virtue, or accomplishments.” But at least for today, I want to use the simplicity of the New Testament’s perspective and set aside the idea that the saints are limited to the spiritual elites, to superheroes of the faith. Instead, let’s think of the saints simply as people who happen to be part of a community of faith who gather to worship God in Christ.

Now, if we do that, what can we say that binds the saints together, not just with each other but with all other people, including non-Christians? Or, to put it differently, if we are the saints, what connects us to others, no matter what else may be true about them or about us? Here Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury from 2002 to 2012, has a wonderful insight. For him every human being shares at least one relationship in common, a relationship with what he calls the “everlasting attention and love, which is God.” He goes on to say that “if our first relationship is with that energy that made us and sustains us in being” then of course, when we look around, we see our neighbors as people who are first and foremost in relationship with God, who were in that relationship well before they ever met us. It also means that we are *always* in relationship with them, because we all share that common relationship with God. (Williams, *Being Human*, pp. 36-37) God, our creator, redeemer and sustainer, is always the basis of our relationship with other people. That’s what gives every other person dignity, value and worth, regardless of anything else that may be true about them. As Williams puts it, “Human dignity, the unconditional requirement that we attend with reverence to one another, rests firmly on this conviction that the other is already related to something that isn’t me.” (Williams, *Being Human*, p. 38) Every person we meet is already related to God and our reverence for God demands that we treat every person with the dignity that relationship deserves.

Now, I realize it’s easier to base our identities on something else. There are huge echo chambers that want us to believe we are nothing more than our political involvements, our policy

positions, or our party affiliations. And the more we live into that, the more we say certain things like “Oh, I can’t be in a relationship with those people, because of what they believe on issue X or because they voted for candidate Y.” But statements like that ignore our common dignity in God. No matter how divided we are over positions or politics, to be a saint is to always live in the knowledge of our common connection with God and to treat every person with the dignity that such a connection demands.

This all may be a hard sell for some of us, especially when it comes to the matter of injustice. If someone actively promotes a position we believe to be unjust or supports a leader we believe acts unjustly, and if we believe God is the God of justice, then of course we are called to oppose those positions, policies, and persons, to try to right their wrongs, so we can help make God’s justice real on earth for those who have been denied it. To be clear: God always stands with the oppressed. But the saints stand for justice without ever losing their identities in God. Injustice robs everyone of human dignity, both those who do injustice and those who suffer it. Even while standing with the victims of injustice, the saints work to restore the dignity of all people, because that’s what being related through God demands.

But All Saints’ Day also reminds us of something else, that despite our divisions and differences, the life of a Christian saint is always one of hope. That’s what our tradition has given us. Hope. It begins with our baptisms, which the Book of Common Prayer calls full initiation by water and the Holy Spirit into Christ’s Body the Church. (BCP, p. 298) Baptism gives us each a new identity, a new way of life, a new way of discovering who we are and how we should live. More than political activities or party affiliations, baptism creates a new people. Our reading today from 1 John 3:2 says “we are God’s children now,” and that started with our baptisms. Today we’ll renew our baptismal vows. Those vows bind us together in our common Christian calling.

As to our hope, all of today’s readings talk about it. Revelation reminds us of those who have come before us, the victorious martyrs, who take no credit for themselves for their place in heaven but rather give glory always to God and Christ. 1 John and Matthew both compare the future of the saints to the more disappointing, anxious and tense experiences of today. 1 John assures us that “we are God’s children now” while Matthew says in the beatitudes, “Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.” (Matthew 5:8) The beatitudes, in particular, offer every Christian hope. Each line addresses some aspect of our current life and then gives us a promise for the future. Each one offers hope. And today, in particular, we remember that we are the saints, the children of God, and we live in the knowledge that one day we, too, will see God. Today we remember that the saints, past, present and future, live with God as one people, forever.

Now, I wasn’t necessarily thinking of all this when that person on the hiking trail gave my spouse a political opinion test. To that person our political identity was regarded as more important than basic

dignity or simple hospitality. But the person who asked the question was no less human for it, nor were we no less human for being subjected to it. In the days to come we will have plenty of opportunities to be rude to one another, or to be worse. But the saints invite us to show the world our value and dignity by living in the truth that we all share a relationship with God before we form relationships with each other. And when this view of being in relationship with each other is brought together with our baptismal vows, we can surely change this world to be more like our promised eternal life with God, the one already enjoyed by the departed saints. Let's show the world what it's like to see God in each other. Let's make that our goal, beloved saints, regardless of what happens on Tuesday.

## The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*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,  
maker 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.  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the  
Father almighty  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Ghost?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Ghost,  
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.**

*The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows*

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hast 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.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Deacon says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant 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.**

*The Priest stands and says.*

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.**

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 Peace

*Please stand.*

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

## Announcements

*The Celebrant may say*

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

*Ephesians 5:2*

## Offertory Anthem

Thomas Matthews (1915-1999)

Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, Nor hurt nor torment cometh them a-nigh, O holy hope of immortality. Souls of the righteous in the hand of God, they seem to die, but they are at peace.

## At the Presentation

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

## Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Hymn 618 Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Lasst uns erfreuen

*Unison*

1 Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright ser - aphs, cher - u -  
 2 O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more glo - rious than the  
 3 Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye pa - tri - archs and  
 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su - per - nal an - thems

*Harmony* *Unison*

bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain, Al - le - lu - ia! Cry  
 ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es, Al - le - lu - ia! Thou  
 pro - phets blest, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Ye  
 ech - o - ing, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! To

out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, powers, vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, all saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the Spi - rit, Three in

*Harmony*

choirs, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 Lord, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 song, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
 One, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

*Unison*

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Words: John Athelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)  
 Music: melody from *Auserlesene Catholische Geistliche Kirchengeseng*, 1623;  
 adapt and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Organ Voluntary:** Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**Clergy:** The Reverend Dr. W. Lee Domenick, *Rector*; The Reverend Cheryl Harder, *Associate Rector*; The Reverend Chris Cole, *Curate*; The Reverend Deborah Underwood, *Deacon*; The Reverend Bert Bibens, *Deacon*; The Reverend Linda Paul, *Deacon*; The Reverend Noel Doherty, *Assisting Clergy*

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