



SAINT STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
HOLY EUCHARIST: *ENRICHING OUR WORSHIP*  
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
ALL SAINTS DAY

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*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
*People* Glory to God for ever and ever.

*Celebrant* God be with you.  
*People* And also with you.  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**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.*

**A Reading from the Revelation to John (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*        Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.  
*People*         Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 34:1-10,22**

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 Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12)**

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."

**Sermon**

### **The 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.

### **Prayers of the People – Form II**

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop, Martyr; for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the Church of the Province of West Africa and The Most Reverend Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart, Primate & Metropolitan.

I ask your prayers for Church of the Ascension, Forsyth.

In our St. Stephen's community, I ask for your prayers for Chris and Linda, Dorothy, Jan, Kim, Lisa, Lynn, Miles, Reed, and Susan.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored, especially whom we remember today.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Silence may be kept.*

*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.

## **Absolution**

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 Christ be always with you.

*People*        And also with you.

## **Eucharistic Prayer I**

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.  
Celebrant It is truly right, and good and joyful,  
to give you thanks, all-holy God,  
source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body.  
Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we say:

### *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*

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of the universe and giver of life.  
You formed us in your own image  
and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care  
that we might be your faithful stewards  
and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image  
in one another and in ourselves;  
we would not see your goodness in the world around us;  
and so we violated your creation,  
abused one another,

and rejected your love.  
Yet you never ceased to care for us,  
and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah  
you called us into covenant with you.  
You delivered us from slavery,  
sustained us in the wilderness,  
and raised up prophets  
to renew your promise of salvation.  
Then, in the fullness of time,  
you sent your eternal Word,  
made mortal flesh in Jesus.  
Born into the human family,  
and dwelling among us,  
he revealed your glory.  
Giving himself freely to death on the cross,  
he triumphed over evil,  
opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us,  
Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said:  
“Take, eat:  
This is my Body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and  
for all for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it,  
do this for the remembrance of me.”



Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

*The Celebrant continues*

Remembering his death and resurrection,  
we now present to you from your creation  
this bread and this wine.

By your Holy Spirit may they be for us  
the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts  
may be filled with the Holy Spirit  
and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage  
of your daughters and sons,  
that with Stephen and all your saints,  
past, present, and yet to come,  
we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
to you be honor, glory, and praise,  
for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

*Officiant and People*

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**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.*

*Celebrant then says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.*

### **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.

### **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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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## CHURCHY TERMS OF THE WEEK!

**All Hallows' Eve.** The evening of Oct. 31, which precedes the church's celebration of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1. The BOS provides a form for a service on All Hallows' Eve. This service begins with the Prayer for Light, and it includes two or more readings from scripture. The options for the readings include the Witch of Endor (1 Sm 28:3–25), the Vision of Eliphaz the Temanite (Jb 4:12–21), the Valley of Dry Bones (Ez 37:1–14), and the War in Heaven (Rv 12:[1–6]7–12). The readings are followed by a psalm, canticle, or hymn, and a prayer. The BOS notes that “suitable festivities and entertainments” may precede or follow the service, and there may be a visit to a cemetery or burial place. The popular name for this festival is Halloween. It was the eve of Samhain, a pagan Celtic celebration of the beginning of winter and the first day of the new year. This time of the ingathering of the harvest and the approach of winter apparently provided a reminder of human mortality. It was a time when the souls of the dead were said to return to their homes. Bonfires were set on hilltops to frighten away evil spirits. Samhain was a popular festival at the time when the British Isles were converted to Christianity. The church “adopted” this time of celebration for Christian use by observing All Saints' Day on Nov. 1, and All Hallows' Eve on the evening of Oct. 31.

**All Saints' Day.** Commemorates all saints, known and unknown, on Nov. 1. All Saints' Day is one of the seven principal feasts of the church year, and one of the four days recommended for the administration of baptism. All Saints' Day may also be celebrated on the Sunday following Nov. 1.

**Enriching Our Worship.** A collection of supplemental liturgical materials prepared by the Standing Liturgical Commission (1997) and published by Church Publishing Incorporated. It includes resources and forms for Morning and Evening Prayer, Order of Worship for the Evening, the Great Litany, and the Holy Eucharist. The canticles and prayers represent the recovery of ancient biblical and patristic images, including the identification of Christ with Wisdom and language for God that does not use familiar masculine terms. The liturgical texts reflect the influence of the prayer experience of women, and a desire to honor that experience while remaining faithful to the norms of liturgical prayer as received by the Episcopal Church. Supplemental liturgical texts may only be used with the permission of the diocesan bishop, or the appropriate ecclesiastical authority in the absence of the diocesan bishop. These texts may be used in conjunction with Rite 2 liturgies of the BCP, or supplemental texts may be used to develop an entire liturgy. Copyright is extended to congregations for reproduction of texts included in *Enriching Our Worship*.

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