

**All Saints**

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# Entrance Rites

*The people stand as they are able.*

## Opening Hymn

The Hymnal 1982 #287 - For all the saints

## Opening Acclamation

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

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

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

*The Hymnal 1982 #437*

1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!  
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!  
3 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his might!  
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!

Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
Powers and do - min - ions lay their glo - ry by.  
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.

ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;  
 his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;  
 Proud hearts and stub - born wills are put to flight,  
 Tell out, my soul, the great - ness of the Lord

in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.  
 his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.  
 the hun - gry fed, the hum - ble lift - ed high.  
 to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

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## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

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

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

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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.*

*The people sit.*

## The Word of God

### First Reading

A reading from The Revelation to John (7:9-17).

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>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

*A period of silence is kept.*

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

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*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 period of silence is kept.*

**Second Reading**

A reading from The First Letter of John (3:1-3).

<sup>1</sup> 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. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People

Thanks be to God

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

The Hymnal 1982 #618 - Ye watchers and ye holy ones

## **Gospel**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12).

Glory to you Lord Christ

<sup>1</sup> When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup> "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup> "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup> "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup> "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup> "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup> "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup> "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup> "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my

account. <sup>12</sup> 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 people sit.*

## **Sermon**

*The people stand as they are able.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

*All say together*

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 people kneel or stand as they are able*

### **Prayers of the People**

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#### **Intercessor**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve  
you;  
*That your Name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the  
world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
*That our works may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.  
*Silence*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **Collect**

O God, the Maker and Redeemer of all believers: Grant to the faithful departed the unsearchable benefits of the passion of your Son; that on the day of his appearing they may be manifested as your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## **Confession of sin**

### **Penitential Sentence**

*The Presider then says*

Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. *Hebrews 4:14, 16*

*The people kneel as they are able.*

### **Confession of Sin**

*All say together*

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.

**Absolution**

*Bishop or Priest*

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.*

*The people stand as they are able.*

# The Peace

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

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

*The Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

# The Holy Communion

*The people sit.*

**Our work this week**

*The Priest says*

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

*Job 19:25-27*

**The Offertory Hymn**

*as their alms as brought forward the people stand, as they are able*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise Him all creatures, here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

*A period of silence is kept.*

## **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 him thanks and praise.*

### *Celebrant*

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:

### *The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #129*

The musical notation is written on two staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and". The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -". Both staves feature triplets of eighth notes in the second measure of each line. The lyrics are centered under the notes.

san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

*The people kneel or stand as they are able*

*Then 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:

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*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

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. AMEN

### **Lord's Prayer**

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

#### ***People and Celebrant***

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**

*A period of silence is kept.*

### **Fraction Anthem**

The Hymnal 1982, Service Music #156

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

*The Priest invites the people to Communion*

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 invited to our Lord's Table. If you wish to receive communion please extend your hands, one over the other, to receive the bread of Christ. To receive a blessing cross your arms over your chest. To receive the cup of Christ, guide the chalice to your lips. If you wish choose not to receive of the cup, please cross arms over your chest. You may choose to remain seated.*

### **Communion Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #324 - Let all mortal flesh keep silent

*The people stand as they are able.*

### **Postcommunion Prayer**

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**Celebrant**            Let us pray.

*Silence*

*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**

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*The Bishop or Priest says*

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

## **Hymn**

The Hymnal 1982 #293 - I sing a song for the saints of God

## **Dismissal**

**Deacon**

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**People**

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

## **Prayer List**

Joe, Billy, Mary, Dale, Randy, Joyce, Eaton, April Hise, Blake, Londa, Sara and Rey, Anita, Charlotte, Pat, Lori & Reyan, Bryant family, Charles, Carolyn, Caden, “E” Angie, Marcel, Ginny, Tri and Lucca; Michelle, Russell, Drace and Lilly; the Nelson family, Barbara Dale and Dale, Frances, Randy, The Burnett and Stallings family, Linda, Debbie W, Matthew, Kathy and her family, Robin Moore and family, the Wilder family, the Keller family, Christie, those suffering from seasonal storms, meals on wheels, making better men of young men, those serving our country, those traveling, and for those we now name...

## **Announcements**

### **ECW Fall Gathering**

November 7–8, at Trinity, Pine Bluff  
Arkansas ECW annual fall retreat will be hosted by Trinity Episcopal Church in Pine Bluff and will feature several workshops on prayer, including a Lectio Divina workshop led by Jeannie McCabe, an art and prayer workshop led by Grace Henderson, and a poetry and prayer workshop led by Kaki Roberts and Peggy Cromwell. For more information and to register, download a flyer.

### **Harvest Celebration and Eucharist**

Sunday, Nov. 9, at Camp Mitchell  
Celebrate the harvest with the Camp Mitchell Agricultural Project. There will be an opening Eucharist at 11 a.m., followed by farm tours, hay-rides, and a locally sourced meal at 2 p.m. This is a fundraiser to support the ongoing efforts of the Camp Mitchell Agricultural Project. The cost is \$20 for ages 12 and over, \$10 for ages 6–11, and free for children 5 and under. If you would like to attend, please RSVP via email or call 501-727-5451 by Nov. 1.

## **Benedictine Advent Retreat**

December 4-7, at Camp Mitchell

A time for centering, quiet, reflection, and rest during the mad rush of the holidays. Led by the Revs. Lisa Hlass, Virginia Chase, and Helen Hargreaves, the retreat will begin Thursday evening, with an optional quiet day Thursday. It will follow a Benedictine rhythm with the Daily Office, community sessions for study and reflection, silence, and optional time to devote to creative endeavors, spiritual disciplines, and rest. The retreat will conclude with Holy Eucharist Sunday morning. For more information, email the Rev. Lisa or call 501-224-1442.

## **Calendar**

### **11/2 All Saints**

9:00 am Eucharist  
10:00 am Fellowship

11/4 6:00 pm Al Anon

11/7 6:00 pm Friday Families

### **11/9 22<sup>nd</sup> after Pentecost**

9:00 am Eucharist  
10:00 am Fellowship  
3:00 pm Mozart is coming;  
1<sup>st</sup> Baptist, Members of ANC and ASU Choirs

11/10-12 Clergy conference

## Worship Leaders

<b>Date</b>	<b>Proper</b>	<b>Service</b>	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<b>Intercessor</b>
11/2	Sunday after All Saints		Beth		Beth
11/9	22 Pen, Proper 27		Kathryn	Corbet	Corbet
11/16	23 Pen, Proper 28	MP	Liz	Kathryn	Beth



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