

**WELCOME LOOP**

**INVOCATION**

**P: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.**

**C: Amen.**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY INTRODUCTION**

**EPISTLE     *1 John 3:1-3*       (We are already God's children.)**

**See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.**

**L: This is the Word of the Lord.**

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION**

**P: Confident of God's salvation in Christ, let us confess our sins to our loving heavenly Father. Lord of all mercy,**

**C: we confess that we have not lived as Your children. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.**

**Pastor declares the Forgiveness of sins**

**HYMN No. 686      “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”      (vss. 1 & 4)**

**Come, Thou Fount of ev’ry blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
Fills my heart with joy and love,  
Teach me ever to adore Thee;  
May I still Thy goodness prove.**

**Oh, that day when freed from sinning,  
I shall see Thy lovely face;  
Clothed then in the blood-washed linen,  
How I’ll sing Thy wondrous grace!  
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry;  
Take my ransom’d soul away;  
Send Thine angels soon to carry  
Me to realms of endless day.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

**P:    Let us pray.**

**Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.**

**C:    Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;**

**P:    through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C:    Amen.**

**FIRST READING**    *Revelation 7:9–17*

(Saints around God’s throne know eternal salvation after having endured persecution.)

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

“Therefore they are before the throne of God,  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.  
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of living water,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

L:    This is the Word of the Lord.

C:    Thanks be to God.

**HOLY GOSPEL**    *Matthew 5:1–12*

(Jesus’ followers are blessed now because of His sure promises.)

P:    The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C:    Glory to You, O Lord.

**P: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when He sat down, His disciples came to Him. And He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:**

**“Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**P: Blessed are those who mourn,  
C: for they shall be comforted.**

**P: Blessed are the meek,  
C: for they shall inherit the earth.**

**P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
C: for they shall be satisfied.**

**P: Blessed are the merciful,  
C: for they shall receive mercy.**

**P: Blessed are the pure in heart,  
C: for they shall see God.**

**P: Blessed are the peacemakers,  
C: for they shall be called sons of God.**

**P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,  
C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

**P: Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad,  
C: for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”**

**P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
C: Praise to You, O Christ.**

**HYMN No. 677**

**“For All the Saints” (vss 1, 2, 4, & 7)**

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
All Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on His way.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**SERMON “Who We Are” Matthew 5:1-12 Pastor Matt**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH**

**THE NICENE CREED**

*Please stand*

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.**

He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## OFFERING

### ✠ REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ✠

**HYMN No. 670**                    **“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”**                    **(1 & 3)**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain: “Alleluia!”  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, pow’rs,  
Virtues, archangels, angels’ choirs:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!”  
Ye holy Twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song:  
“Alleluia, alleluia!” Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before the Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith.**

**READING OF THOSE RECENTLY DEPARTED:**

**P: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN No. 670 "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" (vs. 4)**

**O friends, in gladness let us sing,**

**Supernal anthems echoing:**

**"Alleluia, alleluia!"**

**To God the Father, God the Son,**

**And God the Spirit, Three in One:**

**"Alleluia, alleluia!"**

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH**

**✠ SACRAMENT ✠**

**PREFACE**

**P: The Lord be with you.**

**C: And also with you.**

**P: Lift up your hearts.**

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

**P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

**C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## LET THE VINEYARDS BE FRUITFUL

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord  
And fill to the brim our cup of blessing.  
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,  
That we may be fed with the Bread of Life.  
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;  
Unite them with the prayers we offer now.  
Grace our table with Your presence,  
And give us, a foretaste of the feast to come.

**SELF-REFLECTION** (As the Sacrament is being prepared, let us take this moment of silence to prepare our hearts to receive this sacred meal.)

1. Are you baptized in the name of the Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?
2. Do you know you are a sinner in need of God's grace?
3. Do you believe Jesus died to atone for your sins?
4. Do I believe that God offers His forgiveness through the "real" presence of Jesus, in, with, and under the elements of bread and wine?
5. Do you seek to amend your sinful life?

If you have answered "Yes" to all of these questions you are encouraged to come. Jesus said, "Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest."

## AS WE APPROACH THE TABLE OF THE LORD

**P:** Merciful Lord,

**C:** we do not presume to come to this Your table, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed, through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.



**LORD'S PRAYER**    *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

**P:** Remember us in Your kingdom, Lord, and teach us to pray:

**C:** Our Father, who art in heaven...

**WORDS OF OUR LORD**

**P:** With the very words of Christ we consecrate and partake of this sacred meal.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

(Let us eat together the body of Christ.)

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

(Let us drink together from the cup of salvation, the blood of Christ shed for our sins.)

**POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING**

**P:** Let us pray.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace, comfort and joy in this Sacrament,

**C:** and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You;

**P:** through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C:** Amen.

**BLESSING OF THE LORD**     *Numbers 6:24–26*

**P:** The Lord bless you and keep you  
      The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you  
      The Lord smile upon you and give you peace.

**SENDING**

**P:** Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God!

**CLOSING SONG**            “I Can Only Imagine”    Mercy Me **([videos/communion](#))**