

Service of Holy Baptism & Holy Communion

Park Street Church | All Saints' Day, November 1, 2020

This service, drawn from our historic traditions as part of the Western church, proceeds without undue announcement. The word "liturgy" means "work of the people," and the congregation plays an active role in this liturgy. Instructions, such as when to stand, sit, or kneel, are indicated by the traditional symbol \P , called a "pilcrow." The postures for prayer include kneeling, reflecting the many biblical invitations to kneel before God and even to fall upon our faces in his presence.

A few terms bear explanation: a "collect" (pronounced COL-lect) is a certain type of short prayer used in public worship. The Kyrie and Gloria are ancient Christian hymns that have seen consistent use throughout the Church in the East and the West for over 1,500 years.

Today is All Saints' Day, on which the Church remembers all the saints, known and unknown, in accordance with Heb. 13.7, delighting in them as our Lord does (Ps. 16.3) and calling to mind the glorious inheritance we share (Col. 1.12). The liturgical color white represents the purity of the saints in Christ: "[they] have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" (Rev. 7.14).

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Music is played upon the organ or by the musicians, preparing us in body and mind to enter into the Lord's worship.

¶Immediately at the conclusion of the voluntary, the People stand.

THE ACCLAMATION

Leader Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

¶ All pray together

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.

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

¶ The Leader says to the People

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22.37-40

THE KYRIE

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

People Christ have mercy on us.

Leader Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

 \P The People kneel. The Leader says

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

¶ Silence is kept. The Leader and People say

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 People kneeling, the Leader alone stands, and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the good promise of the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

THE GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

¶ The Gloria is said, all standing.

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Leader Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of your Son: 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 FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 35

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Like the crocus, ²it will burst into bloom; it will rejoice greatly and shout for joy.

The glory of Lebanon will be given to it, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon;

they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God.

³Strengthen the feeble hands, steady the knees that give way; ⁴say to those with fearful hearts, "Be strong, do not fear;

your God will come,
he will come with vengeance;

with divine retribution he will come to save you."

⁵Then will the eyes of the blind be opened and the ears of the deaf unstopped.

⁶Then will the lame leap like a deer, and the mute tongue shout for joy.

Water will gush forth in the wilderness and streams in the desert.

⁷The burning sand will become a pool, the thirsty ground bubbling springs.

In the haunts where jackals once lay, grass and reeds and papyrus will grow.

⁸And a highway will be there; it will be called the Way of Holiness.

The unclean will not journey on it; it will be for those who walk in that Way; wicked fools will not go about on it. No lion will be there, nor will any ferocious beast get up on it; they will not be found there.

But only the redeemed will walk there, ¹⁰and the ransomed of the LORD will return.

They will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

¶ The People stand and recite the Psalm antiphonally. Those on the LEFT side of the sanctuary read the REGULAR type, and those on the RIGHT side of the sanctuary read the BOLD type. ALL read the Gloria Patri.

40.II–I7 Expectans, expectavi

As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me!

¹²For evils have encompassed me beyond number;

my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see;

they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me.

¹³Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me!

¹⁴Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life;

let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt!

¹⁵Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

To But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD"

¹⁷As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me.

You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!

All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Gloria Patri, or "lesser Doxology," is traditionally sung or recited at the end of psalms, in order to place them in an explicitly Trinitarian frame.

¶ The People sit

THE SECOND LESSON

John 5.1–17

Some time later, Jesus went up to Jerusalem for a feast of the Jews. ²Now there is in Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate a pool, which in Aramaic is called Bethesda and which is surrounded by five covered colonnades. ³Here a great number of disabled people used to lie—the blind, the lame, the paralyzed. ⁵One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?" ⁷"Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me." ⁸Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

The day on which this took place was a Sabbath, ¹⁰ and so the Jews said to the man who had been healed, "It is the Sabbath; the law forbids you to carry your mat." "But he replied, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Pick up your mat and walk.'" ¹² So they asked him, "Who is this fellow who told you to pick it up and walk?" ¹³ The man who was healed had no idea who it was, for Jesus had slipped away

into the crowd that was there. ¹⁴Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you." ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. ¹⁶So, because Jesus was doing these things on the Sabbath, the Jews persecuted him. ¹⁷Jesus said to them, "My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I, too, am working."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Do You Want to Get Well?

Mark Booker

¶ Silence is kept. A hymn is played upon the organ or by the musicians.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Exhortation

Scripture teaches that we were all dead in our sins and trespasses, but by grace we may be saved through faith. Our Savior Jesus Christ said, "Unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God"; and he commissioned the Church to "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit." Here we ask our heavenly Father that these Candidates, being baptized with water, may be filled with the Holy Spirit, born again, and received into the Church as living members of Christ's body. Therefore, I urge you to call upon God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ, that of his abundant mercy he will grant to these Candidates that which by nature they cannot have.

The Presentation of Candidates

Leader The parents will now present the candidates for baptism.

Parents We are (names). We present (name) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Examination of Parents

Today, on behalf of these children, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It

is your task to see that these children are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. They must come to put their faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that Christians ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of their souls.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Parents I am, with the Lord's help.

Profession of the One Faith

Question Do you renounce the devil and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the empty promises and deadly deceits of this world that corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the sinful desires of the flesh that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

¶ The Leader invites God's blessing on the candidates, saying

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness and evil, and lead you into the light and obedience of the kingdom of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and confess him as your Lord and Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you joyfully receive the Christian Faith, as revealed in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments?

Answer I do.

Question Will you obediently keep God's holy will and commandments, and walk in them all the days of your life?

Answer I will, with the Lord's help.

¶ The People stand

Leader Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

¶ The Leader then says

Let us join with these Candidates to proclaim our faith in the words of the ancient baptismal confession, the Apostles' Creed.

Leader Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

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

Leader Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ?

People I do. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
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.

Leader Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

People I do. 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. Amen.

Prayer for the Candidates

Almighty and everlasting Father, in your great mercy you saved Noah and his family in the Ark from the destruction of the flood, prefiguring the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Look mercifully upon these your servants. Wash and sanctify them through your Holy Spirit, that they may be delivered from destruction and received into the Ark of Christ's Church; and being steadfast in faith, joyful through hope, and rooted in love, they may pass through the turbulent floods of this troublesome world and come into the land of everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John in the River Jordan when the Holy Spirit descended upon him as a dove.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¶ The People sit

The Baptism

____, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

_____, do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified, to fight bravely under his banner against the world, the flesh, and the devil, and to continue as his faithful soldier and servant to the end of your days. **Amen.**

¶ After all the candidates have been baptized, the Leader leads the People in prayer, closing with the Lord's Prayer said by all.

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 coming day's bread;

And forgive us our debts,

as we forgive our debtors;

And lead us not into trial,

but deliver us from the Evil One.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,

for ever. Amen.

¶ The People stand

THE PEACE

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And with your spirit.

¶ Greet one another in the peace of Christ, refraining from handshaking and maintaining physical distancing.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & LIFE OF THE CHURCH

THE OFFERTORY

Leader For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Cor. 8.9

¶ A hymn is played upon the organ or by the musicians.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

¶ All stand

Leader The Lord be with you.

People And with your spirit.

Leader Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Leader It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power. 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:

All Holy, Holy, Holy,

Lord God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

¶ The People kneel, and the Leader says

All glory be to you, Almighty God; for in your infinite love, you made us for yourself, crowning us with glory and honor to rule over the works of your hands. Yet we did not give thanks to you or honor you as God but turned away. Falling into sin, we, and all your works, became subject to misery and death.

But you, in your tender 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 there, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world, once and for all. He died in our place, making a full atonement for our sins. By your mighty power, you raised him from death and crowned him with great honor at your right hand on high.

Hear us, merciful Father, and by the power of your Holy Spirit, grant that we who eat this bread and drink this wine, in accordance with our Lord's command, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood.

On the night he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

People Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again!

We celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the glorious appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who will unite all things in heaven and on earth – raising us from death and making all things new. 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.**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Leader 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 baptized believers, along with their baptized children, are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, by proceeding up to the front to receive sealed elements as directed by the ushers.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOLLOWING COMMUNION

¶ All stand and pray together

Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for reassuring us at this communion of your favor and goodness towards us; that we are truly members of the body of your Son; and that we are also heirs, through hope, of your eternal kingdom.

We humbly ask you, heavenly Father, to keep us as faithful members of your church and to strengthen us by your Spirit so that we may fulfill those good works which you have prepared for us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BENEDICTION

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

¶ The People sit. A joyous work is played upon the organ or by the musicians. The ushers will dismiss the People by rows, following the voluntary.

Mark Booker, Senior Minister

Nathan Skinner, Director of Music

Nathaniel Efthimiou, Assistant Director of Music

Assisting Minister Adam Herndon, Minister to Families

Lay Reader Emma Verrengia

Elder Lyford Beverage

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