Saint Paul’s Episcopal Church

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**All Saints Sunday**

**Memorial for the Deceased**

November 7, 2021

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79 Cross Street, Gardner, Massachusetts ~ 01440

***Welcome to St. Paul’s.*** *We’re glad that you have joined us for worship, either in person or livestreamed on our YouTube channel. For as long as COVID infection rates remain elevated in our area, we ask everyone attending in person to wear a mask in worship and to sit safely distanced from people not from your household. At the distribution of Holy Communion (bread only), please come forward one at a time, and return to your seat through the door to your right and from the rear of the nave down the center aisle. Worship leaders are all vaccinated and will only unmask while speaking. Words in* ***boldface type*** *are the congregation’s responses.*

**Prelude:**  *By All Your Saints Still Striving ~* Setting by Charles Callahan

**Remembrance of Saints** ~ *Prayer and Reading of Names*

**The Word of God**

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

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity**

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**

**A Song of Praise** *Benedictus es, Domine 1982 Hymnal S236*

**Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers;**

**you are worthy of praise; glory to you.**

**Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name;**

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you in the splendor of your temple;**

**on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, seated between the cherubim,**

**we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.**

**Glory to you, beholding the depths,**

**in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.**

**Glory to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;**

**we will praise you and highly exalt you forever.**

**The Collect**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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**: Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain  
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
 and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
 for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,  
 Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 24** *Domini est terra*

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, \*  
 the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas \*  
 and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? " \*  
 and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, \*  
 who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,  
 nor sworn by what is a fraud.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the Lord \*  
 and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, \*  
 of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
 and the King of glory shall come in.

8 "Who is this King of glory?" \*  
 "The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."

9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; \*  
 and the King of glory shall come in.

10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" \*  
 "The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

**Second Reading:** Revelation 21:1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual Hymn:** *“St. Michael’s Setting”*

*All Sing:***Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading:** John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Gradual Hymn:** *“St. Michael’s Setting”*

*All Sing:* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**The Sermon** ~ Pastor Dan Wilfrid

**The Hymn:** *For All the Saints,* #287, Verses 1,2,4,6,8

1**. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,**

**who thee by faith before the world confessed,**

**thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia, alleluia!**

2 **.Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,**

**thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;**

**thou, in the darkness drear, the one true light. Alleluia, alleluia!**

4**. Oh, blessed communion, fellowship divine!**

**We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,**

**yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!**

6**. The golden evening brightens in the west;**

**soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;**

**sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, alleluia!**

8. **From earth’s wide bounds, from oceans farthest coast,**

**Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,**

**singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**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 VI ~ The Book of Common Prayer p. 392*

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence*

For all people in their daily life and work;  
**For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.**

For this community, the nation, and the world;  
**For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.**

For the just and proper use of your creation;  
**For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.**

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;  
**For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.**

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Douglas our Bishop; and for all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his Church.**

For the needs and concerns of this congregation and its people; especially for:

Jared Snyder Jon Bowdoin

Lisa Boulanger Brian Cormier

Cindy Richard Maureen Owens

Brandon Grenier Eveline Beauregard

Millie Williams Jay Hipkins

Jacob Decarolis Dawn Deluca

Cyndi Flanagan Andy LePage

Christopher Sharon Hamel

Kim Shea Bob and Lorene McLaughlin

Kathy Lewis Fred and Ginny Monette

Evelyn Wolenty Tom and Felicity Littlepage

Joni Pulnik Suzanna Cleveland

Robin Hatch and family

For those in military service.

For the people of Afghanistan and for the people of Haiti and for all refugees.

For people who have suffered injury and loss from storms, fires and floods.

For our parishioners unable to be with us.

For the repose of the soul of Frank Wells and Jill Pollard.

In thanksgiving for the Sanctuary Candle given by Bob & Maureen Owens, in thanksgiving for Family.

In thanksgiving for the Communion Wine, given by Sylvia Wells in memory of Frank Wells.

In thanksgiving for the Communion Wine, given by Bob & Maureen Owens, in memory of Adam Gallant.

As another Veterans’ Day approaches this week, we also remember those who have served in our armed forces.

**We give thanks for their courage, for their love of country, and for their work to bring peace to our world.**

Healer of all, bind up the wounds of all who have served.

**Show us how to comfort those who are hurting.**

Merciful God, because we know that the families of soldiers also suffer the cost of war.

**We remember widows and widowers, orphans, and all those separated from those they love.**

We pray that swords will be turned into plowshares and that peace will reign.

**We give thanks for all who have served. Shield from danger those who bravely protect us. With them, may we be strengthened to be your peacemakers in the world.**

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

**Your generous goodness comes to us new every day.**

We will exalt you, O God our King;

**And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

We pray for all who have died,

**that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.**

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

**The Collect**

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.**

**The Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Absolution**

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 Peace**

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

**Announcements**

**The Holy Communion**

**Offertory Invitation**

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of life and labor to the Lord.

**Offertory Music:** *At Every Turn ~* David von Kampen, Composer

**Offertory Prayer**

Gracious God, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us, - ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your generosity and love.

**Receive them for the sake of the one who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Eucharistic Prayer C** *~ from the Book of Common Prayer p. 369*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Sanctus** *1982 Hymnal, #S125*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

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

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

And so, gracious God, we who have been redeemed by Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving.

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our forebears: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah and Rebekah, Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, holy God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen***.*

**The Lord’s Prayer**

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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Lamb of God** *sung by all*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; grant us peace.**

**The Distribution**

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come to supper. Feed on Christ in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**Communion Hymn:** *Jerusalem, My Happy Home,*#620

1. **Jerusalem, my happy home, when shall I come to thee?  
When shall my sorrows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?**

2**. Thy saints are crowned with glory great; they see God face to face;  
they triumph still, they still rejoice in that most happy place.**

3**. There David stands with harp in hand as master of the choir:  
ten thousand times would one be blest who might this music hear.**

4**. Our Lady sings Magnificat with tune surpassing sweet,  
and blessed martyrs' harmony doth ring in every street.**

5**. Jerusalem, Jerusalem, God grant that I may see  
thine endless joy, and of the same partaker ever be!**

**Post Communion Prayer**

Let us pray.

**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.**

**The Blessing**

Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for ever.

**Amen**

**Sending Hymn:** *Ye Holy Angels Bright,* #625

1. **Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,  
or through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command,  
assist our song,**

**for else the theme too high doth seem for mortal tongue.**

2**. Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race  
and now, from sin released, behold your Savior's face,  
his praises sound,**

**as in his sight with sweet delight ye do abound.**

3**. Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King,  
and onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing;  
take what he gives**

**and praise him still, through good or ill, who ever lives!**

4**. My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above:  
and with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love!  
Let all thy days**

**till life shall end, whate'er he send, be filled with praise.**

**Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude:** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*

**Worship Leaders and Helpers Today**

Presider/Preacher … Pastor Dan Wilfrid

Reader …Lyn Carroll LEM …Bob Owens

Organist … Judy Greenlees

Altar Guild … Lyn Carroll Camera …Susan Hubbard

**This Week at St. Paul’s:**

Tuesday, 7:30 pm - Bible Study on Zoom.

(This week, we begin a new study of the Gospel of Luke)

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| NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS |  | NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARY |  |
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| Justin Chipman | Nov. 1 | Christina & David Baldini | Nov. 15 |
| Gabriel Baldini | Nov. 4 |  |  |
| Alfred Sirois | Nov. 5 |  |  |
| Nicholas Theriault | Nov. 5 |  |  |
| Margie Bissonette | Nov. 7 |  |  |
| Brian Chipman | Nov. 8 |  |  |
| Catherine Mogavero | Nov. 10 |  |  |
| Edith Kosakowski | Nov. 16 |  |  |
| Robert Mogavero | Nov. 16 |  |  |
| Felicity Littlepage | Nov. 20 |  |  |
| Cherrie Gauthier | Nov. 28 |  |  |
| Denise Whitney | Nov. 29 |  |  |