

Church of the Divine Love
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2021
10:15 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

THE WORD OF GOD

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Psalm 24

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Gradual Hymn **#275 – Hark! the sound of holy voices**

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

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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Doxology (sung)

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Sermon Sunday November 7, 2021

Isaiah 25: 6-9; Psalm 24; Revelation 21: 1-6a; John 11: 32-44.

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

Where have you laid him?" Jesus asked them. "Lord, come and see."

The thing that strikes me most about Mary and Martha in today's gospel (John 11:32-44) is their loneliness. They're lonely. They're lonely for their brother. They are lonely for Jesus. They are lonely for the life they used to have. They are alone in their loss, and they feel abandoned.

I know that feeling of aloneness, and I will bet you do too. I think loneliness is one of the great maladies of our world today. And at the center of our loneliness lies scarcity. It's that feeling that there just isn't enough, a feeling that our world is being torn apart, and that we are lost in that tear. At the bottom of that tear is the loneliness of someone who lost his job. At the bottom of that tear is the loneliness of someone who was diagnosed with cancer. At the bottom of that tear is the loneliness of a world that suffers and sorrows. Sometimes I feel overwhelmed by the scarcity; whether it's mine, yours, or the worlds. I get scared by the loneliness of the gospel, when my heart and soul are stretched, and I stand between God's voice and your voice or my own. I suspect there have been times when loneliness and scarcity have overwhelmed and frightened you too.

When loneliness and scarcity overtake me, I get defensive and take things personally, I put me and mine first, I live in fear, I get overly busy, I get restless and begin searching for the next thing to fill and gratify me. "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep." He knows the abyss of loneliness. He experienced it in Peter's denial, Judas' kiss, a night in Gethsemane, the godforsaken cross. He's the one who befriends us in our aloneness. What is it you want Jesus to come and see in your life today? If you were to name your loneliness today, what would it be? What is the scarcity in your life that you want filled? Where does it hurt? What is your need? Who or what is your Lazarus?

This invitation for Jesus to come and see is about more than particular circumstances or events. It's the invitation for Jesus to come and see the things we fear in our lives, to come and see our loneliness, to

come and see our scarcity. Wherever there is scarcity in my life I am dying. Wherever there is scarcity in your life you are dying. Mary and Martha were dying that day. Scarcity is always a thief of life. Mary and Martha, however, refused to let the thief get away this time. They could no longer contain their loneliness, the scarcity in their lives. "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died," Mary said. "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days," Martha said. They are naming the scarcity in their lives, and they are opening themselves to the abundance of Jesus. That's what this day is about. All Saints is a day to name and release our scarcity. It's a day of abundance, a day to unbind the abundance of life that is already ours.

If the saints of this life and the next life have anything to teach us, it's about the abundance of God and the abundant life God offers. It's St. Mary proclaiming that God "has filled the hungry with good things." It's St. Simeon declaring that his eyes have seen God's salvation and he is free to depart in peace. We are much blessed, and God is still in the healing business. The saints know that neither scarcity nor abundance are about quantity. They are conditions of the soul but more often than not we want to quantify scarcity and abundance. Why do we do that? Mary's and Martha's loneliness and scarcity will not be healed with more money, more power, a better position, a new promotion, and neither will ours. The antidote to our scarcity and loneliness is not more. It's abundance. Abundance is the medicine that heals our soul of its scarcity. That's what Mary and Martha really want. And it's what we want. We want our soul to be made whole, to be made well. We want to live the fullness of life. We want to live with integrity, meaning, and purpose. We want to know that our life matters and that the values we hold make a difference not just for ourselves but for the lives of others and for the life of the world. We want to be connected to something larger and beyond ourselves. We want to be abundant.

Whatever your story of loneliness and scarcity might be, Jesus' response to you is the same as it was to Martha. "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" With those words Jesus is moving the conversation from one of scarcity, "Lord, come and see," to one of abundance, "Lazarus come out." The glory of God is to be fully alive, to be abundant with life. Isn't that what Jesus said he came for? "I came that they may have life and have it abundantly" (John 10:10). Jesus is always calling forth abundance from what looks like scarcity. He turns water into wine. He feeds five thousand with five loaves and two fish. He calls Four Days Dead Lazarus out of the tomb.

Our work is not to get an abundance we do not have but to unbind and release the abundance that is already ours. What if we lived from a place of abundance rather than scarcity? How might that change your life? I don't mean that we ignore or close our eyes to the pain of the world or our life but that we let abundance rather than scarcity be our default setting. That's what changes and transforms life. Think about the times you've experienced abundance and how your life was transformed.

Recall a day when the beauty and goodness of your life made you weep and all you could say was, "Thank you." Have you ever said to yourself or to your beloved, how did we get so lucky? It can't get any better than this. And then it does. Picture the face of that one who sat with you in your darkness day after day. He or she didn't judge it or try to fix it. He or she simply showed up and waited with you until the light of a new day dawned. Those and a thousand other things like them are about abundance. And they are as much a miracle as was the water turned into wine, the feeding of the five thousand, or the new life given Lazarus and his sisters.

That's how I want to live. I want to befriend you in your aloneness. I want you to befriend me in my aloneness. I want us to live together in abundance. I want us to stand against the scarcity of the world. I

want us to unbind Lazarus and let him go. Don't you? Isn't that the life you want too? Come out of the tomb, out of the darkness, out of death. Come out and get the stink blown off." Those are Jesus' words to Lazarus, to you, to me. Every time they are spoken, I can't help but believe that the saints grow silent in anticipation, praying and hoping, wondering, waiting, watching, whispering to themselves and each other. **Amen!**

24 PENTECOST/ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

10:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, II (also on zoom)

MONDAY

8:00 AM AA MEETING

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM AL-ANON MEETING

THURSDAY

10AM-2PM THRIFT SHOP

8:00 PM AA MEETING

SATURDAY

10AM-2PM THRIFT SHOP

SUNDAY – 25 PENTECOST

10:15 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II (also on zoom)

SUPPORT THE FOOD DRIVE – DROP-OFF IN THE KITCHEN

Hymn to be sung during the consecration:

Father I adore you,
Lay my life before you
How I love you.

Repeat twice with second verse starting with Jesus

And third verse starting with Spirit

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Give to all who suffer the refreshing waters of your compassion and healing.
Make them dwell in the safety of your care even in the midst of all that troubles
them. Especially we remember before you:

Girard Bishop	Chrissy Neville	Dorothy
Nathan Treadwell	John Loubengeiger	Del
Chris Dickson	Kate Jones	Julia
Michael Echevarria	John Rocco	John Scally
Martinisi Family	Michael & Family	Warren
Charlotte H.	Bernie Walther	Sylvia
Mo (Rachael)	Bill Conklin Sr.	Laura
Anthony Paribello	Barbara Curran	Taylor
Ciara	Elodie	Gabriel
Aidan	Christopher & Family	People of Haiti
Victims of Natural Disasters	Missionaries who were Kidnapped	

Help us to speak words of encouragement and offer deeds of kindness to them. Bring us with them, into the unending joy of your kingdom. Amen

Prayer for Peace

Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn

but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince

of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominions and glory, now and for ever. Amen. *BCP Page 815*

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY 2021

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