



Sunday, April 11, 2021

9:30 am

Morning Prayer

*All Saints' is ...*

*A Worshipping Community, Celebrating God*

*A Compassionate Community, Mirroring Christ*

*A Community of Light, Revealing the Spirit*

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## MUSIC

## WELCOME

### OPENING PRAYERS

Deacon The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

**All And also with you**

Deacon Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All The Lord has risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Deacon May his grace and peace be with you.

**All May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Officiant There is one body and one Spirit.

**All There is one hope in God's call to us;**

Officiant One Lord, one faith, one baptism.

**All One God and Father of all.**

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Deacon Alpha and Omega,

**All Our beginning and our end, you break through the locks of gated communities and harden hearts: accept our doubts, heal our desire for certainty and, by your Spirit's gentle touch, make us people forgiven and forgiving; through Jesus the Christ, the Giver of Peace.  
Amen.**

### THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Reading

*2nd Sunday of Easter – Acts 4:32-35,  
NRSV*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Redeemer Jesus the Christ, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*At the conclusion of the reading*

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit  
All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

*Psalm 133, SSJD*

Oh how good and pleasant it is, when families live together in unity!  
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,  
Upon the beard of Aaron and runs down upon the collar of his robe.  
It is like the dew of Hermon, that falls upon the hills of Zion.  
For there God has ordained the blessing: life for evermore.

Reading

*1 John 1: 1-22:2, The Voice*

We want to tell you about the One who was from the beginning. We have seen the Anointed One with our own eyes, heard the Anointed One with our own ears, and touched the Anointed One with our own hands. This One is the manifestation of the life-giving Voice, and showed us real life, eternal life. We have seen it all, and we cannot keep what we witnessed quiet—we have to share it with you. We are inviting you to experience eternal life through the One who was with the Creator and came down to us. What we saw and heard we pass on to you so that you, too, will be connected with us intimately and become family. Our family is united by our connection with the Creator and the Son Jesus, the Anointed One; and we write all this because retelling this story fulfills our joy.

What we are telling you now is the very message we heard from the Anointed One: God is pure light, undimmed by darkness of any kind. If we say we have an intimate connection with the Creator but we continue stumbling around in darkness, then we are lying because we do not live according to truth. If we walk step by step in the light, where the Creator is, then we are ultimately connected to each other through the sacrifice of Jesus the Son. Christ's blood purifies us from all our sins. If we go around bragging, "We have no sin," then we are fooling ourselves and are strangers to the truth.

But if we own up to our sins, we are shown that God is faithful and just by forgiving us of our sins and purifying us from the pollution of all the things we ought not to have done. If we say, "We have not sinned," then

we depict God as a liar and show that we have not let God's word find its way into our hearts.

You are my little children, so I am writing these things to help you avoid sin. If, however, any believer does sin, we have a high-powered defense lawyer—Jesus the Anointed, the righteous—arguing on our behalf before the Creator.

*At the conclusion of the reading*

Reader Listen for the leading of the Spirit

**All Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

*John 20:19-31, The Inclusive Bible*

Deacon May God be with you.

**All And also with you**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Saviour,  
Jesus the Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, Jesus the Christ.**

In the evening of that Same day, the first day of the week, the doors were locked in the room where the disciples were for fear of the Temple authorities. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Having said this, the Saviour showed them the marks of the crucifixion. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw Jesus, who said to them again, "Peace be with you. As God sent me, so I am sending you." After saying this, Jesus breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, they are forgiven. If you retain anyone's sins, they are retained."

It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas - nicknamed Didymus, or 'Twin' - was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling Thomas, "We have seen Jesus!" Thomas' answer was, "I will never believe it without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into the spear wound."

On the eighth day, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them, Saying, "Peace be with you." Then to Thomas, Jesus said, "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!"

Thomas said in his response, "My Saviour and my God!"

Jesus then said, "You have become a believer because you saw me.

Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed."

Jesus performed many other signs as well – signs not recorded here – in the presence of the disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Only Begotten, so that through believing you may have life in Jesus' Name.

*At the conclusion of the gospel.*

Deacon      The Gospel of Christ  
All            Praise to you, Jesus the Christ

SUNDAY'S COOL

MUSIC

SERMON      The Rev. Steve Smith  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Officiant      Let us commit ourselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.  
Do you believe in God the Creator?

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

Officiant      Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All            I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's only Son, our Saviour and Redeemer.  
Jesus was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of Virgin Mary. Jesus suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Creator.  
Jesus will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Officiant      Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All            I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Officiant      Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All            I will, with God's help.

Officiant Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the ways of Jesus the Christ?  
**All I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?  
**All I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?  
**All I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human person.  
**All I will, with God's help.**

Officiant Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?  
**All I will, with God's help.**

#### GENERAL PRAYERS

Deacon God of grace and glory,  
**All By the death and resurrection of your Beloved Child your reign of wholeness has been unleashed within our bent and broken world. Open us to your empowering grace that we may be bearers of your world-redeeming love; through the resurrected Christ, our dignity, our power, and our peace. Amen.**

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Deacon Living God, giver of life, hear us as we pray, saying, pour out your blessing, O God;  
**All send us your Spirit of peace.**

Deacon We pray for the church. . .  
Let your church be a living sign of the woundedness and healing of Christ, sharing the gift of forgiveness and the gospel of reconciliation. Pour out your blessing, O God;  
**All send us your Spirit of peace.**

Deacon We pray for the earth. . .  
Help us to see the scars of death that mark your good creation, and to seek the blessing of life that you offer to all creatures. Pour out your blessing, O God;  
**All send us your Spirit of peace.**

Deacon We pray for all nations. . .  
Show us how good and pleasant it is when people live together in  
unity and anoint us with your wisdom so that we may seek the ways of  
life. Pour out your blessing, O God;  
**All send us your Spirit of peace.**

Deacon We pray for this community. . .  
Give us a vision of the common good: not clinging to our own  
possessions but seeking the fullness of life for all as a testimony to  
Christ's resurrection. Pour out your blessing, O God;  
**All send us your Spirit of peace.**

Deacon We pray for loved ones. . .  
Be near to those who walk in darkness and lead us all into Christ's light  
so that our fellowship may be true and our joy may be complete.  
Pour out your blessing, O God;  
**All send us your Spirit of peace.**

Deacon By the blessing of your Spirit, help us to live as we pray so that the  
world may come to know the gift of life in Christ our Lord.  
**All Amen.**

Officiant Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,  
let us pray as Jesus taught us.  
**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 those who trespass against us. And lead us not into  
temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

#### THE PEACE

Officiant May the peace of Jesus the Christ be with you all.  
**All And also with you.**

*AN OFFERING IS HOW WE EXPRESS OUR COMMITMENT TO BUILDING A BETTER WORLD.*  
OFFERTORY *(You are invited to make an offering to the ongoing ministry of All Saints'  
Peterborough by either dropping off a cheque in the mailbox at the church or by  
clicking to donate button on our website.)*

#### MUSIC

PRAYERS OF GRATITUDE

Officiant     Almighty God,  
**All**            once again you have given us what we need: sacrament, one another,  
                  hope for a better day. With renewed energy we offer ourselves to be  
                  sent out in your name; hopeful, grateful, useful, leaders of liberation,  
                  proclaimers of your love. Amen.

Officiant     Glory to God,  
**All**            Whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or  
                  imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church  
                  and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

Presider     May the God of peace, who raised from the dead our Saviour Jesus  
                  the Christ, provide us with every good thing we need in order to do  
                  Christ's will; and the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son and Holy  
                  Spirit, be with us now and forever.  
**All**            **Amen.**

Deacon      Go forth into the world, and be the love you have received from God.  
**All**            **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE



THIS WEEK AT ALL SAINTS'