

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH

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Building a joyful community of faith in Christ through worship, learning, praise and service

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist, Rite I

September 19, 2021, 8:00 am

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie & Gloria

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

People **Christ have mercy upon us.**

Presider Lord, have mercy upon us.

All **Glorify be to God on high**, and on earth peace, good will towards men.

We praise thee, we bless thee,

we worship thee, we glorify thee,

we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ,

with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons:

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

PROVERBS 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 54

said responsively

- 1 Save me, O God, by your Name; *
in your might, defend my cause.**
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God; *
give ear to the words of my mouth.**
- 3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,
and the ruthless have sought my life, *
those who have no regard for God.**

- 4 **Behold, God is my helper; ***
it is the Lord who sustains my life.
- 5 **Render evil to those who spy on me; ***
in your faithfulness, destroy them.
- 6 **I will offer you a freewill sacrifice ***
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 **For you have rescued me from every trouble, ***
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

A reading from the Book of James.

JAMES 3:13--4:3, 7-8A

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel

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

MARK 9:30-37

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

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.

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops, priests, and deacons, especially Michael our Presiding Bishop, Carlye our diocesan Bishop, Vicki and Shawn our clergy, and the Community of St. John Baptist, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Joseph our president and Philip our governor, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially those on our parish prayer list: Annie, Mike Cappiello; Matthew Frost; Jean Kimak; Betty Konrad; Laurie; the McNulty family; Rabbi Randi Musnitsky; Phyllis Wallace; the refugees from Afghanistan and those still seeking to evacuate; those still recovering from the flooding and destruction from the hurricane; are there others you wish to name?.....

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for those in our Parish Cycle of Prayer: David & Goli Thursfield, Nadia; Suzanne Traub; Phyllis Wallace; Betsy Wallace, Will & Chrissy; Kathleen & Gerard Walsh, Katelyn; and Bill Ward.

And for our parish ministries and our civic community, especially for: All Saints' Altar Guild; and the Watchung Hills High School, Teachers & Students.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

With Christians around the world we ask thy wisdom and guidance for world leaders who will gather in Glasgow at the UN Climate Change Conference; and give us the compassion and grace to be good stewards of your Creation.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially [the Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong](#), and those we name aloud or in our hearts _____, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Lord in thy mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Amen.

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

People **Most merciful God**, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon

you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. *Matthew 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. *John 3:16*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer II *standing*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit**

Presider Lift up your hearts

People **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

People **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, Creator of the light and source of life, who hast made us in thine image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.**

**Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, 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."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mightily resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ hath 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The ministers receive the Sacrament, and then deliver it to the people.

The Post-Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast

prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Congregation is seated.

Parish Announcements

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All Saints' Announcements

September 19, 2021



Thank you for worshipping with us today. If our service has ministered to you, please consider making a donation to All Saints'. You can use our offering plate at the rear of the church; or scan this QR code with the camera app on your phone, which takes you to our on-line giving portal. We depend on the donations to fund our ministries and mission.

Thanks!

All Saints Handbell and Junior Choir - Our Junior Choir will be ringing handbells for the first part of this year, and we want to invite YOU to join us. Rehearsals will be in person on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 beginning on Thursday, September 23. Children in grade 2 and older and adults are welcome, no previous ringing experience is needed. You will learn everything you need to know at rehearsal! *For more information or to sign up speak to Alison Siener Brown (asienerbrown@gmail.com).*

Adult Choir will begin rehearsals on Thursday, 9/23 at 7:30pm in the Church. We'll wear special singer's masks, be spread out in the nave, and have the ultra-violet ventilation system running. If you love to sing, we'd love to have you join us. *For more information or to sign up speak to Alison Siener Brown (asienerbrown@gmail.com).*

Parish Family Sunday School starts next week, 9/26. We will meet twice a month in the Parish House after the 10 am service. Children, teens, parents, adults are all invited to be part of learning together and building friendships across the generations within our parish family. We will use materials based on "Manna & Mercy: a Brief History of God's Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe." It is a re-telling of God's big story in the Bible in a format that looks a bit like a graphic novel. If you aren't able to participate in the class but would like a copy of the book, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex; cost is \$10.

Worship Boxes for Children are available for kids to have in the pews with them.

- Each child Toddler-Grade 8 can have a Worship Box with their name on it to use whenever they come to Church.
- Each box contains quiet activities and an age-appropriate Bible that will help kids pay attention while worshipping with their families.
- Each box has a "Worship Notes" page with questions about the day's service and a picture to color – crayons or colored pencils, too!
- Boxes are stored on the shelves next to the coat rack - pick them up when you arrive and return them at the end of every service – ready for next time.
- Guest boxes are available.

Bible Study starts this Wednesday at 10:15am on Zoom. Our theme for the fall will be *Care for God's Creation*, looking at passages from both Old & New Testaments. If there is enough interest, we can also run this group on Wednesday evenings. Please email Mother Vicki to sign up for the Zoom link and/or inquire about an evening group: allsaints_rector@hotmail.com. (*Note: when the COVID-19 levels in Morris County have stabilized at the yellow/medium level we will consider making this group hybrid – both in-person and .0*)

Faith@Home Bags can be picked up today. They will contain materials to help your faith and prayer at home. *Bags will be available for families with children, but anyone may request a bag by signing up on the sheet in Narthex or emailing Mother Vicki: allsaints_rector@hotmail.com.* If you need your bag mailed to you, please let us know.

Rummage Sale News - Collection times this week: Sun 9/19, Noon-2pm; Mon. 9/20, 3-5pm; Tues 9/21, 10-11:30pm, 5-6pm; Wed 9/22, 7-8:30pm; Fri 9/24, 3-5pm; Sun 9/26, noon-2pm - ***Last Day to Donate!***

We need: Sturdy cardboard boxes – appx 2x3 feet

Baked goods for the bake sale table – see Carol Berry (chair)

Donations for the food sale table – see Barbara Barbeau (chair)

And we still need help to price, sort, box, set-up the Sale, work the event, clean up on Saturday, Oct. 2, 9am-2pm. Contact Kimberly Celeste with questions: celestewk@msn.com. This is both a major fundraiser and a wonderful community event. Please get involved and lend a hand!

Worship this Fall - thank you for continuing to follow our COVID-19 practices for the health and safety of all, especially children who cannot yet be vaccinated (ventilation, masks, alternate pew seating, sign-in, Communion in bread only). **Thank you, also, for your prayerful respect, patience, and consideration for one another as our Christian community practices our faith in a spirit of care for one another and our neighbors.**

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Victoria Geer McGrath *Rector* The Rev. Shawn Carty *Priest Associate*
Alison Siener Brown *Director of Music* Susie Harris *Parish Administrator*