

## Holy Eucharist, November 1st

### The Gathering of the Community *BAS p. 185*

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

*People:* **And also with you.**

### The Collect

Almighty God,  
Whose people are knit together in one holy Church  
The mystical body of your Son  
Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints  
In lives of faith and commitment,  
And to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared  
For those who love you;  
Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, now and for ever.

Reader: A reading from the book of Revelation.

*Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"For this reason they are before the throne of God,  
and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.  
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,  
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,  
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

**People: Thanks be to God**

Reader: A reading from the first letter to John

*1 John 3:1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to us now

**People: Thanks be to God**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Matthew 5:1-12*

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Celebrant* The Gospel of Christ.

*People* **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon**

*A silence for reflection follows the sermon.*

*The Nicene Creed*

*Celebrant* Let us confess our faith,  
using the words of the Nicene Creed

*All* **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.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped 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.**

## Intercessions

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Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy."

For Michael Perry, who will be ordained today as a priest in our Diocese.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the Church, especially our Diocesan Bishop Andrew, our Area Bishop Riscylla, and our clergy Lucia, Susan, Shirley, and Carol.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer for the Church of the Province of West Africa

and in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer for Tecumseth Deanery

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the people of St. John's as we seek to know Jesus and make him known.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For Elizabeth our Queen, for the Prime Minister of this country, and for all who govern the nations, that they may strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For scholars and research-workers, especially those researching covid

and a vaccine for it, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For those on our prayer list \_\_\_\_ and all in need of healing of body, mind, or spirit, let us ask the help of God.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

For [\_\_\_\_ and] all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ.

**Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Let us pray for those celebrating birthdays this week, Mavis McKenna, Camden Ball, and Debra Hook:

Watch over your children Mavis, Camden, and Debra,

O Lord, as their days increase;

bles and guide them wherever they may be.

Strengthen them when they stand;

comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful;

raise them up if they fall;

and in their hearts, may your peace which surpasses understanding

abide all the days of their life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

### **Congregational Thanksgiving**

We thank you for our church community at St. John's and for its ministries. We thank you for all those whose gifts to our church make these ministries possible.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Celebrant* And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*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 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,  
the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

**Dismissal**

*Officiant*    **Go forth in the name of Christ.**

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**