



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE  
**HOLY COMMUNION**

**November 4, 2018: All Saints Sunday at 8:00am**

## **Scripture**

### **The Collect of the Day**

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.**

### **1st Lesson**

### **Wisdom of Solomon 3:1-9**

The souls of those who do what is right are in God's hand. They won't feel the pain of torment. To those who don't know any better, it seems as if they have died. Their departure from this life was considered their misfortune. Their leaving us seemed to be their destruction, but in reality they are at peace. It may look to others as if they have been punished, but they have the hope of living forever. They were disciplined a little, but they will be rewarded with abundant good things, because God tested them and found that they deserve to be with him. He tested them like gold in the furnace; he accepted them like an entirely burned offering. Then, when the time comes for judgment, the godly will burst forth and run about like fiery sparks among dry straw. The godly will judge nations and hold power over peoples, even as the Lord will rule over them forever. Those who trust in the Lord will know the truth. Those who are faithful will always be with him in love. Favor and mercy belong to the holy ones. God watches over God's chosen ones.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 24** *read responsively, by verse*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**"Who is this King of glory?"**

**"The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle."**

**2nd Lesson**

**Revelation 21:1-6a**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the former heaven and the former earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. I heard a loud voice from the throne say, "Look! God's dwelling is here with humankind. He will dwell with them, and they will be his peoples. God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more. There will be no mourning, crying, or pain anymore, for the former things have passed away." Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new." He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "All is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will freely give water from the life-giving spring.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel** *Please stand*

**John 11:32-44**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you

had been here, my brother wouldn't have died." When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. He asked, "Where have you laid him?" They replied, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to cry. The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?" Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. Jesus said, "Remove the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days." Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."

The Gospel of our Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **Blessing of the Memorial Altar:**

Let us pray. Eternal God, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer: Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; bless this altar as a sign of our love and prayer; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We remember especially those who have died since last All Saints Day . . .*

*Mary Arceneaux  
Caroline Elizabeth Anderson  
Diane Book  
Sally McClellen Currey  
Roberta Gardner  
James Hugh Hutcheson III*

*Fred Lieb  
Ruth Richards  
Joe Ross  
Susan Salsich Turner*

### **Worship Leaders**

Presider	The Rev. Marc Smith	Chalice	Butch Sterbenz
Preacher	The Rev. Mike Angell	Usher	Earl Bonds
Lector	Marvin Alexander	Altar Guild	Bonds/Wilkins Family
Intercessor	Fran Caradonna		

### **Announcements**

**Adult Forum:** Today, join us for Intergenerational Formation: Dia De Los Muertos and All Saints. Next Sunday, join us as our partners from Bravely (the non-profit formerly known as Magdalene St. Louis) come and talk about their work with women who are survivors of addiction and sexual exploitation.

**Intergenerational Game Night:** Today at 5:00p. Bring your favorite game and a dessert or side dish to share. We will provide the pizza and drinks. We will gather from 5-7:30pm.

**Theology on Tap:** November 6 at 6:30p. Theology on Tap returns to Tuesday evenings as the Rev. Beth Scriven leads a discussion about the #MeToo movement, consent, and to share the stories of saints. Join us at Dressel's Pub in the Central West End.

**Blues Game with our Partners from Bravely: November 9** at the Blues game, join us as we partner with Bravely (formerly Magdalene St. Louis). We have a limited number of tickets for \$38 each, and proceeds benefit the work of our partners. Cheer on the Blues, enjoy the game with friends from church, and support Bravely. You can order tickets online or at the welcome table.

**Annual Giving Pledge:** The church will celebrate the Ingathering of Pledges on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please join us in making a commitment to do the work God is calling us to do. Pledge cards are included in the bulletin this Sunday and will be mailed out next week. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this invitation.

**Celebrating the Church Year:** Join us for the second of this year's Festival Choral Eucharist on November 18 at 10:30am. In this service of Readings & Music, we will revisit all the seasons of the church's liturgical calendar year, from Advent through Ordinary time..

**Stewardship Meditation: Growth and Abundance**

Steven Covey describes having an abundance mentality as believing that there are enough resources and successes to share with others. The Bible also supports this idea, as Peter tells us "as each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." This requires "fearless generosity" on our part, having faith that God always gives us what we need to do what he calls us to do. In the Parable of the Talents, the unfaithful servant feared losing his master's money, so he buried it in the ground. He didn't lose any of it, but he also didn't cultivate it so it could grow. He missed an opportunity to be a good steward of his master's gifts.

Holy Communion is growing - in members, in partners, in services to our community. We are in the midst of finding more opportunities to serve our neighbors and spread God's love, at a time when the world desperately needs that. We invite you to be part of this mission. Good stewardship of God's gifts to us acknowledges and affirms God's abundance. As Leo Buscaglia said, "Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

--The Stewardship Committee