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November 7, 2021

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

**REFLECTION**

*“On this day, we remember all those who have come before us in our families, our parish, and in our community. These saints remain among us in our inheritance of values, of resources, and of accomplishments. What are we doing with what we have inherited - to maintain, strengthen, and grow in our parish, personal life and ministries in our neighborhood and community?” ~ Rev. Ronald Reed*

**PRELUDE**

*Prelude on “Sine Nomine”*

Leo Sowerby

**WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Praise the Lord, all you saints! Praise him all you heavenly hosts!

**Let us praise the name of the Lord: For his name only is exalted!**

Patriarchs and all you Holy Women!

**All you Evangelists and Apostles! Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!**

We are the saints who are the living body of Christ, the Church.

**Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!**

**\*\*HYMN No. 394**

*“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”*

REGENT SQUARE

Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion’s help forever,  
And our confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call you,  
Come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;  
Come, with all your loving kindness;  
Hear your people as we pray,  
And your fullest benediction  
Shed within these walls today.

Here bestow on all your servants  
What they seek from you to gain;  
What they gain from you, forever  
With the blessed to retain;  
And hereafter in your glory  
Evermore with you to reign.

Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever three and ever one:  
One in might and one in glory  
While unending ages run!

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(In Unison)*

Loving God - meet us here and make your word live in us. Remind us, O Lord, of the cloud of witnesses that surround us and help us to follow their example. Help us to lay aside every weight, and the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Make us, like all the saints before us - a people who are eager to share your love with those that are far off and those that are near. Guide us, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit as we worship and serve you -- both in this hour, and in all the hours to come. We ask it in the name of Christ Jesus - our brother and our Lord. Amen.

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

The grace of Christ has been proclaimed and shared by saints across the centuries.  
We believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

**\*\*HYMN No. 730, St. 3**                      *“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”*                      GRAND ISLE  
They lived not only in ages past;  
There are hundreds of thousands still;  
The world is bright with the joyous saints  
Who love to do Jesus’ will.  
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,  
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;  
For the saints of God are just folk like me,  
And I mean to be one too.

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

*Children in kindergarten – 7<sup>th</sup> grade may exit the sanctuary for Sunday School.*

**STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE & NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**FIRST LESSON**    *Revelation 7:9-17*

**SPECIAL MUSIC**    *“Homage”*    Z. Randall Stroope

**GOSPEL LESSON**    *Mark 12:28-34*

**SERMON**    *“Saints and Zombies”*    Rev. William Schram

**HYMN No. 731**    *“Give Thanks for Those Whose Faith Is Firm”*    REPTON

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak:  
On God’s good promise thy rely,  
So while they live and when they die  
How forcefully they speak: the strong, who once were weak!  
Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight:  
Who seek the city God has planned,  
The true, eternal promised land,  
And steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.  
Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone:  
They show by what they say and do  
An inward beauty, warm and true,  
For God’s concerns they own: God’s love through them is known.  
Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today:  
Though often by this world despised,  
Their hearts by God are richly prized.  
Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

**JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

## GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

**And also with you!**

Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses --**

Patriarchs and matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs, and saints.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed, obeyed, adored you - our grateful hymn we sing.**

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses --**

Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured, and cared for us; ancestors who worked and traveled, lived, and died that we might be who we are, where we are -- your precious children in this community of believers.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward - accept our thankful cry.**

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race.

**We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses --**

Family members and members of this congregation; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide, and uplift us -- children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

**We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this, your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.**

We especially lift to you today, O God, those saints whose names are listed, those who come to mind when we are asked "Who is a saint in your life?"

**and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,**  
looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

**Amen.**

## CONSECRATION

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

## SHARING OF COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(In Unison)*

**Lord, we gathered at this holy table at your invitation and in communion with generations past and generations yet to be. Here, we were reminded of the virtuous and godly living of saints that has become an inspiration for us. Lord Jesus Christ, you have called us to run with patience, to be faithful through the years, to bring hope to a broken world. Help us each day to be your people and to live lives of uncommon faith and love. You are the Lord forevermore. Amen.**

## A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

**\*\*HYMN No. 326, St. 1 - 3**

*"For All Saints"*

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

## RINGING OF THE BELL

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
Let us pray together. Lord God, by your grace we are running a race . . . We especially lift to you today, O  
God, those saints whose names are read out loud here today or are set upon our hearts.

*The names of the members/friends of the congregation who have died within the past year will be read.  
A moment of silence will follow during which a bell will ring for each person named.*

Gladys Birrell (6/17/21)

Janet Boeck (2/7/21)

Alice Brackmann (3/25/21)

Norma A. Clements (3/3/21)

Neil Garland (12/18/20)

Laura Ingersoll (7/29/21)

Kaye Prasad (5/16/21)

Kenneth Schuetz 5/14/21)

Joseph Soccio (9/8/21)

Joan Szabo (7/22/21)

Thea White (7/30/21)

**\*\*HYMN No. 326, St. 4 & 5**

*"For All Saints"*

SINE NOMINE

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave, again, and arms are strong.

Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

**\*\*BENEDICTION**

**\*\*Those who are able may stand.**

## WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. William Schram

Rev. Barbara Piercy, Susan Jones, Noel Piercy

Micki Hardenberg, Cantor & Chancel Choir

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