

## Pentecost 22, November 1, 2020

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be the one holy and living God  
**Glory to God, forever and ever**

### Collect of the Day (together)

God of all people from every tribe and language; you call true witnesses who sing your praise, live your grace and work for peace: may we share their faith and know our need for you that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. **Amen.**

### First Lesson: 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; or 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."

### Psalm 34:1-10,22

- 1 I will bless God at all times, \*  
and praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the Most High; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of God; \*  
let us exalt God's Name together.
- 4 I sought, and God answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon the Most High and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction, and God heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angels encompass those who fear God, \*

and God will deliver them.

- 8 Taste and see that God is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in the Most High!
- 9 Fear the Most High, you that are God's saints, \*  
for those who fear God lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek God lack nothing that is good.
- 22 O God, you will ransom the life of your servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in you.

### **Second Lesson: 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.

### **The Gospel: 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."

### **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Beth Sherman**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Loving God, creator of this world who is the source of our wisdom and understanding, watch over this nation during this time of election. Help us to see how our faith informs our principles and actions.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.

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**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Guide us through this election as a nation, state, and community as we vote for people to do work on our behalf and on the behalf of our communities. Help us to vote for people and ballot initiatives that will better our community and our world so it may reflect the values Christ taught us.

Intercessor: God, our creator,

**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us create communities that will build your kingdom here on earth – communities that will protect the poor, stand up for the vulnerable, advocate for those who are not seen and heard, and listen to everyone’s voice.

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We pray for this nation that is deeply divided. May we come together for the common good and do as you have called us to do – to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you through creation.

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**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Help us act out of love, mercy and justice rather than out of arrogance or fear.

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**People: Guide us in truth and love.**

Lord, continue to guide us as we work for the welfare of this world. We pray for places that are torn by violence, that they may know peace.

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We pray for communities who are struggling with inequality, unrest, and fear. May we all work toward reconciliation with one another and with God.

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Help us to listen in love, work together in peace, and collaborate with one another as we seek the betterment of our community and world.

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This day we remember and give thanks for the Episcopal Church. For our Presiding Bishop Michael, for our Diocesan Bishop Nicholas, and in the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we remember the Church in the Province of West Africa, and in the diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for All Saints Providence and All Saints Pontiac. And we give thanks for our life together here at St. Augustine’s, especially for the birthdays of The Rev. Gail Wheelock, Emma Sullivan, John Fisher, Rebecca Fisher, and Carl Dunham,

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And finally on this All Saints Day, we give thanks for all whom we have loved and lost, especially.....

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*Together:*

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (or of this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Peace** *The people stand as they are able.*

*Celebrant:* The peace of Christ be with you.

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

### **The Eucharist**

#### **At the fraction:**

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

*Response:* We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**Gracious God, we give you thanks and praise that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; in Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

### **The Blessing**

**Dismissal response: Thanks be to God.**

**Announcements: Please put offertory in the alms basin on the table upon entering or exiting.**





