

Welcome to
The Episcopal Church of the Nativity



Organ Prelude

Charles Herbert Kitson (1874-1944)

Andante



Processional Hymn
Please stand and join in singing
287 in the blue Hymnal

For All the Saints
(verses 1-4)

#287 verse 1

For all the saints,
who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith
before the world confessed,
thy Name, O Jesus,
be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

#287 verse 2

Thou wast their rock,
their fortress and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain
in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear,
the one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

#287 verse 3

O may thy soldiers,
faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

#287 *verse 4*

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

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kindom, now
and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

The children going to Children's Chapel
come forward for a blessing.

A Song of Praise
Benedictus es, Domine

*Please stand and join in singing
S236 in the beginning
of the blue Hymnal*



*#S 236 v. 1-2
Glory to you,
Lord God of our fathers;
you are worthy of praise;
glory to you.
Glory to you
for the radiance of your holy Name;
we will praise you
and highly exalt you for ever.*

#S 236 v. 3-4

Glory to you,
in the splendor of your temple;
on the throne of your majesty,
glory to you.

Glory to you
seated between the Cherubim;
we will praise you
and highly exalt you for ever.

#S 236 v. 5-6

Glory to you,
beholding the depths;
in the high vault of heaven,
glory to you.

Glory to you
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
we will praise you
and highly exalt you for ever.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant: 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. **People:** *Amen.*

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

The reading is also printed in the bulletin.

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."

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm:
34:1-8

Page 627 in the Book of Common Prayer

1

I will bless the LORD at all times;

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his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2

I will glory in the LORD;

*

let the humble hear and rejoice.

3

Proclaim with me the greatness
of the LORD;

*

let us exalt his Name together.

4

I sought the LORD,
and he answered me

*

and delivered me out of all my terror.

5

Look upon him and be radiant,

*

and let not your faces be ashamed.

6

I called in my affliction
and the LORD heard me

*

and saved me from all my troubles.

7

The angel of the LORD
encompasses those who fear him,

*

and he will deliver them.

8

Taste and see that the LORD is good;

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happy are they who trust in him!

Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

The reading is also printed in the bulletin.

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 Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God.



Sequence Hymn
Please stand and join us in singing
286 in the blue Hymnal

Who are these like stars appearing? (verses 1-3)

286 *verse 1*

Who are these like stars appearing,
these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing;
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia! hark, they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

286 *verse 2*

Who are these of dazzling brightness,
these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness,
robes whose luster ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand?
Whence comes all this glorious band?

286 verse 3

These are they who have contended
for their Savior's honor long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 5:1-12

The readings are also printed in the bulletin.

Celebrant: 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."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon
The Rev. Dr. Gary Nicolosi
“Rise Up! You Saints of God”

The Nicene Creed
page 358 in the Book of Common Prayer
(Please stand)

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 For All Saints Day

Leader: Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us make our prayer in the power of the Spirit, looking to Jesus, the pioneer of our faith.

That with the noble fellowship of the prophets we may discern the signs of your kingdom in our midst, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That with the glorious company of the apostles we may proclaim your gospel throughout the world, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That with the white-robed army of martyrs we may be ready to suffer for the truth's sake, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That with all who are anointed by your Spirit we may bring good news to the poor and freedom to the oppressed, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: That with the saints in light we may bind-up the brokenhearted and comfort all who mourn, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Remembering those who have died in the last year and for all the faithful departed (especially____) that they may enjoy the fellowship of the saints in glory, we pray to you, O Lord:

People: Lord, hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, we give you thanks for all the saints who have found favor in your sight from earliest times, prophets, apostles, martyrs and those whose names are known to you alone: and we pray that we too may be counted among your faithful witnesses; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Please kneel.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,

by what we have done,

and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you

with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Celebrant and People:

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will,

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant:

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

People: Amen.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Please share a sign of Christ's peace with your neighbors.

Announcements

Please be seated

Offertory Anthems



Mark Hayes
“Fly Away Medley”

Sung by the Adult Choir

From "I'll Fly Away"

Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away; I'll fly away.

From "I'll Fly Away"

When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away.
I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away; I'll fly away.

From "We'll Understand It Better By And By"

Trials dark on ev'ry hand,
and we cannot understand
all the ways that God would lead us
to that blessed Promised Land;
But He'll guide us with His eye,
and we'll follow till we die;
We will understand it better by and by.

From "We'll Understand It Better By And By"

By and by, when the morning comes,
when the blessed saints of God
are gathered home;
We will tell the story, how we've overcome;
We will understand it better by and by.

From "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder"

When the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder,
when the roll is called up yonder,
I'll be there, I'll be there.

From "On Jordan's Stormy Banks"

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
and cast a wishful eye
to Canaan's fair and happy land,
where my possessions lie.
I am bound for the Promised Land;
I am bound for the Promised Land.
O who will come and go with me?
I am bound for the Promised Land.

From "Oh, when the saints go marching in"

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marchin' in!

From "I'll Fly Away"

I'll fly away, O glory, I'll fly away;
When I die, hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away; I'll fly away.
I'll fly away; I'll fly away.
O, I'll fly away, Lord, when the morning comes.
I'll fly away!

Please stand and sing as the Offering is brought forward

Hymn # 380, verse 3



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*The Great Thanksgiving:
Book of Common Prayer page 369*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks
and praise.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

*Please join in singing
WLP #858 Sanctus*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WLP #858 Sanctus

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Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-

21

san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant: After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Celebrant: Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant: Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal.

Celebrant: Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant: Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

People: AMEN.

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ
has taught us, we are bold to say:

Celebrant and People:
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.

*Please join us in singing
the Fraction Anthem
#S 152 in the blue Hymnal*

Alleluia.
Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast.
Alleluia.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the people of God.

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive communion.

Healing prayers and prayers of Intercession are available in the Prayer Chapel during Communion.

Communion Anthem



African American Spiritual
“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

Sung by the Choir

verse 1

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see

Coming for to carry me home.

A band of angels coming after me,

Coming for to carry me home.

verse 2

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.
If you get there before I do,
Coming for to carry me home.
Tell all my friends I'm coming too,
Coming for to carry me home.*

verse 3

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.
Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.
The brightest day that ever I saw
Coming for to carry me home.
When Jesus wash'd my sins away,
Coming for to carry me home.*

verse 4

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*I'm sometimes up and sometimes down,
Coming for to carry me home.
But still my soul feels heavenly bound,
Coming for to carry me home.*

verse 5

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*

*Swing low, sweet chariot,
Coming for to carry me home.*



Communion Hymn
Please join in singing
335 in the Blue Hymnal

I am the bread of life

335 verse 1

I am the bread of life;
they who come to me
shall not hunger;
they who believe in me
shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father draw them.

335 Refrain

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

335 verse 2

The Bread that I will give
is my Flesh for the life of the world,
and they who eat of this bread,
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever.

335 Refrain

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

335 verse 3

Unless you eat
of the Flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his Blood,
you shall not have life within you,
you shall not have life within you.

335 Refrain

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

335 verse 4

I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
They who believe in me,
even if they die,
they shall live for ever.

335 Refrain

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

335 verse 5

Yes, Lord we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God
who has come
into the world.

335 Refrain

And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up
on the last day.

Celebrant and People:

Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Celebrant and People:

Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

People: Amen.



Recessional Hymn

Please stand and join in singing

“When The Saints Go Marching In”
(words on the screen)

Choir intro

*Glory, glory hallelujah!
The Lord goes marching on.*

All singing verse 1

*Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.*

verse 2

And when the revelation comes,
And when the revelation comes:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the revelation comes.

verse 3

Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, when the new world is revealed,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the new world is revealed.

verse 4

Oh, when they gather round the throne,
Oh, when they gather round the throne,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When they gather round the throne.

Choir

*Hallelujah, brothers, Hallelujah sisters!
Hear the music going round and around,
While the saints go marching up into glory,
Oh, hear those angel trumpets sound!*

All singing verse 5

And when they crown him King of Kings,
And when they crown him King of Kings,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
when they crown him King of Kings.

Choir verse 6

*And when the sun no more will shine,
And when the sun no more will shine,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the sun no more will shine.*

Choir verse 7

*And when the moon has turned to blood,
And when the moon has turned to blood,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
when the moon has turned to blood.*

All singing verse 8

And on that Hallelujah day,
And on that Hallelujah day,
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
on that Hallelujah day.

All singing verse 9

Oh, when the saints go marching in,
Oh, when the saints go marching in:
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,
When the saints go marching in.

Priest: Alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Instrumental Postlude

Improvisation on
“When The Saints Go Marching In”

Alastair Longley-Cook – guitar

Ilona Kubiaczyk-Adler – piano