

# The Feast of All Saints

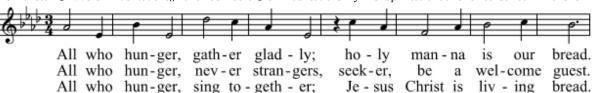
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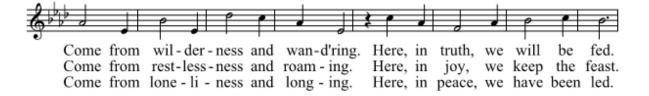
Welcome to St. George's! We are glad to see you this morning, whether in person or virtually. This service booklet has everything you need to fully participate online in today's worship service, including scripture readings as well as prayers and music.

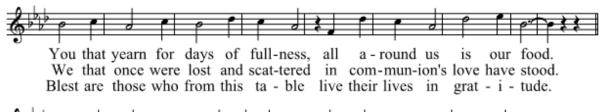
#### Prelude: I. Introit et Kyrie from Requiem by Gabriel Fauré (1845 - 1924)

#### Opening Hymn: Gather #589 All Who Hunger

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Taste and see the grace e-ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

Celebrant: We enter into your presence O Holy One, we who hunger for life: **People:** For it is you O God who nourishes us at the table of grace.

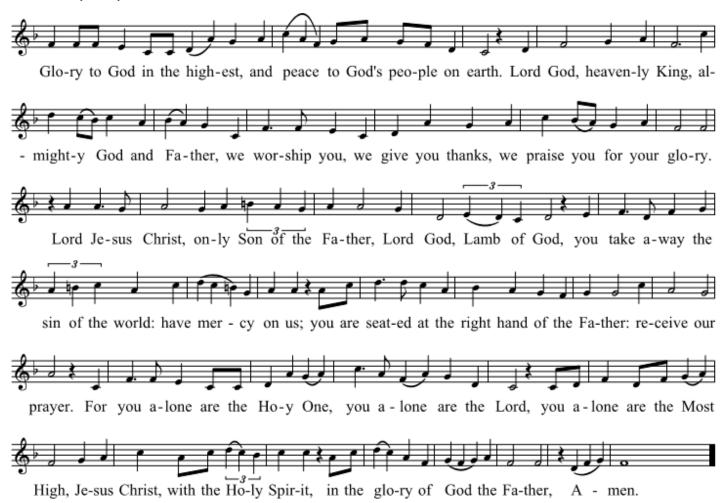
*Celebrant:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**People:** Glory to God for ever and ever.

All pray together: 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. Amen.

#### Gloria: Hymnal 1982 S280 Sung by St. George's Virtual Choir

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Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Celebrant*: Let us pray together the Collect of the day:

God of all people from every tribe and language; you call true witnesses who sing your praise, live in 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.

## **Prayer for the Election**

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all of our powers and privileges: We pray that you be present with all the people of the United States, especially this week. Help us to rely on your strength and to accept our responsibilities to our fellow citizens, that we may elect trustworthy leaders who will make wise decisions for the well-being of our society. We pray for the peace and safety of all who vote and all who protest, and pray that rights of every person be protected and every vote counted, that we may serve you faithfully and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** 

#### 1 John 3:1-3

#### Read by Renée Moore

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. **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will give thanks to the Lord at all times: God's praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will glory in the Lord: the humble will hear and be glad.

O praise the Lord with me: let us exalt God's name together.

I sought your help O Lord and you answered me: and freed me from all my fears.

Look towards the Most High, and be radiant with light: and your faces will not be ashamed.

In my affliction I cried out, and the Lord heard me: and saved me from all my troubles.

Your angel O Lord keeps guard around those who hold you in awe:

#### to rescue them in time of danger.

Taste and see how gracious the Lord is: **happy are those who find refuge in the Most High.** Be in awe of the Lord, you that are God's holy people:

for those who hold the Lord in awe are in want of nothing.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry:

but those who seek the Lord shall lack nothing that is good.

You O Lord ransom the lives of your servants:

and none who take refuge in you shall perish.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, Lord 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." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Christ.** 

The Sermon: The Rev. Connie Reinhardt



#### The Nicene Creed

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**Led by William Bultman

In this challenging time in our life together, in our country, and in our world, we pray to you O Holy One, and we offer our thanks and praise even as we ask you for strength and courage for the days ahead.

Holy One, we thank you for your gifts in creation: for the beauty of the earth, for the changing seasons and the blessings of harvest, and for the bounty your good earth provides. We pray for your wisdom and courage to care for your creation and preserve its resources for generations yet to come. O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

Holy One, we thank you for science, for knowledge, and for the wisdom that is available to us. We pray that we have the fortitude to be vigilant, attentive, and proactive in the face of the coronavirus, and act not only for ourselves, but for the good of others.

O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

Holy One, we thank you for the gift of your church. We pray for Michael our presiding bishop, Mariann our bishop, Connie our rector, and the community of St. George's.

O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

Holy One, we thank you for leaders who truly care for your people. We ask that all leaders of nations, including our own, may speak the truth, lead with compassion, and act with justice. O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

Holy One, we thank you for all who are working for racial justice in our country. We pray that you inspire us to action. May we who believe in freedom never rest until it comes for all people. O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

Holy One, we thank you for the opportunity to serve you by serving others. We pray for the children and families of Gaywood Elementary School, for the homeless guests of the Warm Nights program, and for all those in need, especially those who are poor, those who are hungry, and those who are out of work.

O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

Holy One, we thank you for all of the gifts of our lives. We pray that we may live always in gratitude to you. O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

Holy One, we pray for all who have died, and for all who mourn. We pray as well for the more than 225,000 lives lost to the pandemic in our country and for those around the globe who have died, now in excess of one million.

O God, we give you our thanks and pray for your blessing.

We offer our prayers to you, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.** 

#### The Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: Now let us confess our sins to God. Silence is kept.

People: God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

*Celebrant:* The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,

the will for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. *Amen* 

The Peace

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

People: And also with you.

## **Announcements and Blessings for Birthdays & Anniversaries**

#### The Offertory

The Celebrant says

Do good works and share what you have, for these are the sacrifices pleasing to God.

Traditionally this would be the time for the basket to be passed to receive financial donations from those worshipping in person. For safety reasons, that practice has changed. We encourage you to give electronically wherever possible. You can use your phone to text stgeodragon to 72356. Or just use your web browser to go to www.onrealm.org/StGeorgesChurch/Give. If your bank offers Zelle, you can use your banking app to send a donation via Zelle

to <u>donations@stgeo.comcastbiz.net</u>. There are also baskets at the entrance and exit doors of the Sanctuary for donations of checks or cash. Many thanks for your financial support of St. George's.

# Offertory Anthem: Requiem by Eliza Gilkyson, arr. Craig Hella Johnson

mother mary, full of grace, awaken all our homes are gone, our loved ones taken taken by the sea

mother mary, calm our fears, have mercy drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy hear our mournful plea

our world has been shaken, we wander our homelands forsaken in the dark night of the soul bring some comfort to us all, o mother mary come and carry us in your embrace that our sorrows may be faced

mary, fill the glass to overflowing illuminate the path where we are going have mercy on us all

in funeral fires burning each flame to your mystery returning in the dark night of the soul your shattered dreamers, make them whole, o mother mary find us where we've fallen out of grace, lead us to a higher place

in the dark night of the soul our broken hearts you can make whole, o mother mary come and carry us in your embrace, let us see your gently face

mary

#### The Great Thanksgiving

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.

#### The Celebrant continues

O God of blessing, we thank you always for making us in your image to serve the peace of all creation. You shared your name with our ancestors: Sarah and Abraham, who left their home and became a blessing to all nations; Moses and Miriam, who went through sea and wilderness to the place of revelation; Deborah and Samson, who gave hope and justice to a people ruled by fear; Ruth and Jonah, who went to foreign soil and found a God who loves the stranger.

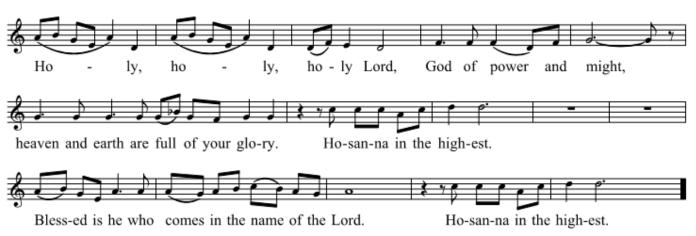
From our ancestors in faith came Jesus, the son of promise, to fulfill the law, embody your love, and draw all people to himself.

He accepted death to break its fearful hold; he was raised to new life to share it in abundance; he comes again to break the bread of justice and pour the wine of hope.

Therefore, with all the people whose story you have shaped, O Holy One, inspired by the multitude of your saints who surround us as a great cloud of witnesses, rejoice in their fellowship and sing in praise of you:

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The Celebrant continues:

Holy One, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus to be our Savior. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to the prisoners,

freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. In love for us and for you he gave himself up to death, and rising from the grave he destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And so we remember that on the night he was betrayed, Jesus gathered with his faltering friends for a meal that tasted of freedom. Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this to remember me."

In the same way after supper he took the cup, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, whenever you drink it, to remember me."

Great then is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

And now, we pray you to send your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice, and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time, gather us from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator with voices of unending praise.

# Blessed are you now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant says

Mindful that not all are present physically to receive the sacrament, we pray with those who receive spiritual Holy Communion this day:

Lord Jesus, in union with your faithful people, we offer to you our praise and thanks. Since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we pray that you come spiritually into our hearts. Strengthen us with your grace, O Lord, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant: And now in the Spirit of Christ, we pray,

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. 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.

# The Breaking of the Bread

The bread is broken and silence is kept

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**People:** Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant: The gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ lived, died, and rose again for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

#### The Communion

Wherever you are on your journey, whatever you believe or don't believe, know that you are welcome at this table. For this is Christ's table, and all are welcome.



# Communion Anthem: IV. Pie Jesu from Requiem by Gabriel Faure

Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu Domine, Dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Pious Lord Jesus, Give them rest. Pious Lord Jesus, Give them everlasting rest.

# The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us pray: Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. We thank you for feeding us with this gathering, this bread and this wine. May they strengthen us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may embody your desire for justice and be renewed for your service to others, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

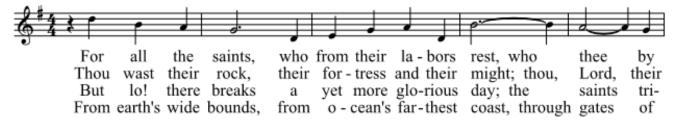
# The Blessing

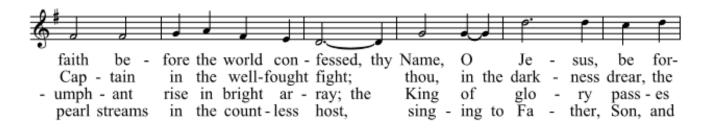
May God give you grace to risk something big for something good, and grace to remember that the world is too dangerous for anything but truth and too small for anything but Love. And may the blessing of God who created us, Christ Jesus who brings us new life, and the Holy Spirit who guides and sustains us be with you now and remain with you always. *Amen.* 



# Dismissal Hymn: Hymnal 1982 #287 For All the Saints

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#### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant:* Let us go forth into the world to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God and our neighbor. **People: Thanks be to God!** 

# Postlude: VI. Libera Me (excerpt) from Requiem by Gabriel Fauré

Libera me, Domine, de morte aeterna, in die illa tremenda Quando cœli movendi sunt et terra Dum veneris iudicare saeculum per ignem. Deliver me, O Lord, from death eternal on that fearful day,
When the heavens and the earth shall be moved,
When thou shalt come to judge the world by fire.