



ST. FRANCIS
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Sunday Worship

November 3, 2013 – 10:00 AM

All Saints' Day

The Word of God

Welcome & Quiet Time (↑ indicates when to stand) Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with us. We invite you to take part in everything today. Follow the singing with the words in this bulletin. Come to the Table for communion. You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Prelude

Call to Worship

↑Gathering Song #1: I Sing A Song Of The Saints Of God

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green: they were all of them saints of God and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's not any reason no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

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.

↑Gathering Song #2: Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea. A great high Priest whose Name is Love. Who ever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on His hands My name is written on His heart. I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me there depart. No tongue can bid me there depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair. And tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see Him there, Who made an end to all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free. For God the just is satisfied. To look on Him and pardon me. To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb. My perfect spotless righteousness. The great unchangeable I AM. The King of glory and of grace. One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high. With Christ my Savior and my God! With Christ my Savior and my God!

One with Himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by His blood. My life is hid with Christ on high. With Christ my Savior and my God! With Christ my Savior and my God!

↑*All*: 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.

(Please be seated) **A Reading from Ephesians**

(1:11-23)

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

↑**Gradual Song: God Will Make A Way**

God will make a way; Where there seems to be no way. He works in ways we cannot see; He will make a way for me.

He will be my guide; Hold me closely to His side. With love and strength for each new day; He will make a way, He will make a way.

By a roadway in the wilderness; He'll lead me. And rivers in the desert will I see; Heaven and Earth will fade but His Word will still remain. And He will do something new today.

↑**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Luke**

(6:20-31)

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you Lord Christ.

Message (please be seated)

↑**Leader:** Let us stand and profess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

All: 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.

↑ Prayers of the People: Form VI

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. For all people in their daily life and work;

All: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader: For this community, the nation, and the world;

All: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader: For all who serve in our country's military. Defend and strengthen them with courage to deal with the perils they face.

All: For all veterans who helped keep our country free.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

All: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

All: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

All: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader: For Kathryn, our Presiding Bishop, and Shannon, Susan and Ted, our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers; for all who serve God in his Church; for the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]* Hear us, Lord;

All: **For your mercy is great.**

Leader: For Centerville Imports and Auto Repair that the customer base would grow, and that all vehicles would safely operate on the road.

All: **That you would provide transportation for all people in our region.**

Leader: For all in financial need in Metropolitan Richmond: For the unemployed and underemployed, for suitable work, living waters, and fair benefits for all workers in this metropolitan area;; and for sufficient employment to make healthy family life possible.

All: **That all would have work, dignity, and provision.**

Leader: For the Congregations and clergy of All Saints-Sharon Chapel, Alexandria; St. Aidan's Alexandria; Church of the Spirit, Kingstowne; and St. James', Mt. Vernon.

All: **That Your church would be continually filled with your Spirit.**

Leader: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. *[Please feel free to add your own thanksgivings.]* We will exalt you, O God our King;

All: **And praise your Name for ever and ever.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *[Please feel free to add your own petitions either silently or aloud.]* Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

All: **Who put their trust in You.**

Leader: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All: **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

↑Exchange of Peace

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

People: And also with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory

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

↑Eucharistic Prayer from A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989 (adapted)

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Lift your hearts to heaven.

People: Where Christ in glory reigns.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God.

People: It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Priest: It is the joy of our salvation God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, 'Let there be light'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms.

You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will, and to be fulfilled in your love. It is right to thank you. You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:

All (Sung): Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You; Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You, I want to see You. To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory; Pour out Your power and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy, Holy Holy Holy I want to see You (2x)

Priest: Blessed are you, most holy, in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. 'I am among you,' he said, 'as one who serves.' On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me." After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said: "Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me." Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us:

People: God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.

Priest: Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

People: Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first. Praise, glory and love be yours this and every day from us and all people here and everywhere. Amen.

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

All: 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.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread and says:

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

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Priest: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

[NOTE: All are welcome to receive Communion, whatever your faith tradition. Please receive the bread in the open palm of your hand. Then, either consume the bread and move to a chalice and receive from the chalice by guiding the base of the chalice to your mouth or take the chalice from the chalice minister. Or, you may intinct or dip the bread into the chalice and consume it. The glass chalice contains non-alcoholic wine for those who do not wish to consume alcohol for any reason. If you do not wish to receive communion but would like a blessing, please come forward with your arms crossed over your chest.]

Communion Song: How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed!

(Chorus:) Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee: How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *(Chorus)*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and takes me home what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow in humble adoration and then proclaim my God, how great Thou art. *(Chorus)*

↑Post-Communion Prayer (All): Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

↑Blessing

↑Song of Dismissal: Grace Like Rain

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now I'm found was blind, but now I see.

(Chorus:) Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. They're washed away. Hallelujah, grace like rain falls down on me. Hallelujah, all my stains are washed away. They're washed away.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing Your praise than when we first begun.

↑Announcements, Prayer Requests, and Dismissal

Priest: Alleluia. Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Remember in your prayers:

Neale Dickinson
Eric Wilcken's family
Christian Families in Pakistan
Nancy Palmore
Vivian Murad
Michelle Lambert
Chuck Haack
Amanda

Mike Kennedy
Brian
Lauren & Paul Dorman
Linda
Simon Bauers
Louise & Chris Bennett
Martha Poole

Helen
Nancy MacNaughton
Carolyn Messimer
Danielle Harris
Jan Gladd
Virginia Gammon & Family
Ariel Niemeyer

Make yourself comfortable!

Welcome to worship today. We're glad you've come to glorify God with the people of St. Francis Church.

There is no "one right way" to participate. Join in as much as you want.

If you wish to sing, all our music is included in the bulletin. We have a lively contemporary band and music is a significant part of our worship experience. However, we recognize that visitors may not know the music. If you and your family are among these, we encourage you to hum along or simply sit back and enjoy the sound.

Filling out a name tag and placing it on your person will permit us all to greet each other by name while visiting here at St. Francis. Likewise, signing our guest roster will permit us to follow-up with you following this Sunday's worship.

If you are a guest today, don't feel obligated to make a financial contribution to the offering.

Rest rooms are located in the entrance Narthex and in the mobile office/classroom building adjacent to the worship hall.

"We are a welcoming community seeking to share God's unconditional love with all."

Your Vestry Members are:

Senior Warden: Jack Martin

Junior Warden: Bill Weatherford

Other Members: Peter LeViness
Ann James

Larry Kidd
Richard Walker

Register: Marian Elam

Treasurer: Susan Kidd

Below is the schedule for greeters, lay readers and chalciers. If you have a problem with the dates on this schedule, please let Larry Kidd know as soon as possible and he will try to make adjustments. Otherwise, you will need to find a substitute if you are unable to be at church on your assigned date.

| <u>Worship Service Date</u> | <u>Scripture Reader</u> | <u>Prayer Reader</u> | <u>Chalciers</u> | <u>Greeters/Ushers</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 3-Nov | Missy Rand | Kathy Gammon | Jack Martin, Kathy Gammon | John and Libby Clark, Larry Kidd |
| 10-Nov | MJ Weatherford | Bill Weatherford | MJ Weatherford, Bill Weatherford | Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd |
| 17-Nov | Bill Weatherford | MJ Weatherford | Bill Weatherford, MJ Weatherford | Bill Weatherford |
| 24-Nov | Kathy Gammon | Missy Rand | Kathy Gammon, Marian Elam | John and Libby Clark |
| 1-Dec | Larry Kidd | Missy Rand | Susan Kidd, Ann James | Paul and Ann James, Larry Kidd |

~Announcements~

Upcoming Important Dates:

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| Sunday, November 3 | Communion Service | St. Francis | 10:00 a.m. |
| Thursday, November 7 | Vestry Meeting | St. Francis | 6:00 p.m. |
| Friday, November 8 | Kindred Spirits | St. Francis | 7:30 p.m. |
| Sunday, November 10 | Communion Service followed by Pot Luck Lunch | St. Francis | 10:00 a.m. |

Reminder: Caritas on Wednesday, November 27 at Christ Church, 5:00 p.m.

Financial Update—If you have any questions about any of this data, please don't hesitate to ask your treasurer, Susan Kidd.

| | Operating Funds | | Net Gain |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| | <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>or (Loss)</u> |
| 2013 | | | |
| 1st Quarter | \$24,463.00 | \$20,486.48 | \$3,976.52 |
| 2nd Quarter | \$21,422.00 | \$21,276.96 | \$145.04 |
| 3rd Quarter | \$20,693.00 | \$22,431.50 | (\$1,738.50) |
| October | \$5,900.00 | \$6,334.34 | (\$434.34) |
| November | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 |
| December | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> | <u>\$0.00</u> |
| 4th Quarter | <u>\$5,900.00</u> | <u>\$6,334.34</u> | <u>(\$434.34)</u> |
| 2013 Year-To-Date | \$72,478.00 | \$70,529.28 | \$1,948.72 |
| Checking Account Balance | <u>Beginning</u> | <u>Ending</u> | |
| YTD 2013 | \$32,627.98 | \$34,606.70 | \$1,978.72 |

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