November 1, 2020 - All Saints

**The Penitential Rite**

They are before the throne of God, and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence.

*The officiant says to the people,*

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

*Silence is kept.*  *The officiant and people say together,*

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 neighbours as ourselves.
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.

*The Bishop says,*

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People Amen.*

**Morning Prayer**

**Opening Hymn: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

Christ whose glory fills the skies, Christ the true, the only light Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o’er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Day-star, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day’s return, till thy mercy’s beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
Visit then the soul of mine, pierce the gloom of sin and grief; 
fill me, Radiancy divine, scatter all my unbelief; 
more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

**Leader:** O Lord, open our lips, 
**People:** And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. 
**Leader:** Your faithful servants bless you. 
**People:** They make known the glory of your kingdom. 

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all,**
to you be praise and glory for ever. 
**In the darkness of this age that is passing away may the light of your presence**
which the saints enjoy surround our steps as we journey on. 
**May we reflect your glory this day**
and so be made ready to see your face 
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.

**Leader:** Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 
**People:** They make known the glory of your kingdom. 

**The Proclamation of the Word**

**1st Reading:** Revelation 7:9-17 
After this I 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.”

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

All: Thanks be to God.

_Psalm 34:1-10, 22_

I will bless the Lord at all times; *
    his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

I will glory in the Lord; *
    let the humble hear and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
    let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
    and delivered me out of all my terror.

Look upon him and be radiant, *
    and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
    and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, *
    and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
    happy are they who trust in him!

Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
    for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
    but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
    and none will be punished who trust in him.

Hear us, Lord, when we cry to you. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with the knowledge of your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.
2nd Reading: 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
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
All:  Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: For All the Saints
For all the saints who from their labours 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!

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!.

The congregation may stand or sit for the Gospel reading.

Gospel Reading:
Reader: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you
Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus 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.


People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon: The Most Rev Linda Nicholls, Primate, Anglican Church of Canada

Affirmation of Faith
Hear, O Israel
Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment. The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the Community

Leader: Let us give thanks to the God of all the faithful.
For the beauty and wonder of creation:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.
Leader: For all that is gracious in the lives of men and women, revealing the image of Christ:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.
Leader: For our daily food, for our friends and families:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.
Leader: For minds to think and hearts to love:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.
Leader: For health, strength and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.
Leader: For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.
Leader: For all who pursue peace, justice and truth:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.
Leader: For [ . . . and ] all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ:
All: God of all the faithful, we thank you.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer today we pray for Christ Church Cathedral, here in Whitehorse. We lift up before God The Very Rev Bert Chestnut, The Rev Elsa Cheeseman & Don Cheeseman, Licensed Lay Minister David and Lay Ministers in Training, Monica and Rosemary

In the Canadian Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle today we pray for our own Diocese of Yukon, for the Rt Rev Lesley Wheeler-Dame and all of the clergy and people of the Diocese. In the ELCIC we pray for the president, faculty, students and staff of Lutheran Seminary, Saskatoon

In the world wide Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for the Church of the Province of West Africa The Most Revd Dr Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart - Primate & Metropolitan, Church of the Province of West Africa; Archbishop of the Internal province of West Africa and Bishop of Liberia

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed, the hungry filled and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son made known in life and death.

The Collect
God of all people, from every tribe and language; you called true witnesses who sang your praise, lived your grace and worked for peace. May we share
their faith and live by their example, so that we might be a blessing to the hunger of your world; through Jesus Christ, whose body we are. Amen.

Leader: And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, in the language that is closest to our hearts, we are bold to say,

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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing: Bishop

Closing Hymn: O Praise Ye the Lord
O praise ye the Lord! Give praise in the height; rejoice in God’s Word, ye angel of light; ye heavens adore God by whom ye were made, and worship before God in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Give praise upon earth; in tuneful accord, give thanks for new birth; praise God who hath brought you all grace from above, praise God who hath taught you the pathways of love.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song be ever outpoured all ages along; for love in creation, for heaven restored, for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!

Dismissal
Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia