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A Eucharistic Liturgy for the Eleventh Week after Pentecost¹

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All Saints' Episcopal Church
Saugatuck, Michigan

God seeks the full thriving of God's creation and the full flourishing of all God's creatures. The Christian Church participates in that divine work as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love.² The core purpose of **All Saints' Episcopal Church**, therefore, is to receive and share the power of God's love to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

To find out more about the mission and ministry of All Saints in Saugatuck and Douglas and beyond, find us on the Web (www.saugatuckallsaints.org). Contact us with questions or to sign up for our twice-weekly E-news Bulletin (we never share your contact information!) by sending an email to allsaintswmich@gmail.com or by calling us at (269) 857-5201.

¹ Image: "The Canaanite Woman," by Sadao Watanabe

² From the Catechism of *The Book of Common Prayer* (p. 855).

WELCOME!

The work of the Church continues during the coronavirus pandemic even though we are not gathering inside our physical sanctuary for worship. We invite your participation from home in this Eucharistic liturgy (this morning using **Rite I**) during this season of the Church year after **Pentecost**, often referred to as “ordinary time,” a season of ordering our lives according to the faith, hope, and love of all the other seasons. We will continue this pattern of Eucharistic liturgy in the sanctuary for August as we assess how to ensure our safety while also engaging effectively in our shared life of worship. We welcome everyone’s feedback as we continue to explore how to enrich our lives of prayer and service.

The Word of God

✦ Gathering

An organ prelude invites a time of preparation for worship.

The Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Assembly **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Presider

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The following hymn of praise is sung:

“We Sing the Almighty Power of God” (Hymnal 1982, #398)

1 We sing the almighty power of God
that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad
and built the lofty skies.
We sing the wisdom that ordained
the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command,
and all the stars obey.

2 We sing the goodness of the Lord
that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word
and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how your wonders are displayed,
where'er we turn our eyes,
if we survey the ground we tread
or gaze upon the skies.

3 There's not a plant or flower below
but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow
by order from your throne;
while all that borrows life from you
is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be,
you, God, are present there.

✦ **Collect of the Day and Readings from Scripture**

The Presider The Lord be with you.

The Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

The Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

☞ **The First Reading**

Isaiah 56:1-6-8 (reader: Christi Allen)

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Assembly responds **Thanks be to God.**

A portion from the Psalms or other Canticle

Psalm 67

1 **May** God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

- 2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
- 7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

☞ **The Second Reading**

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 (reader: Christi Allen)

The Reader concludes The Word of the Lord.

The Assembly responds **Thanks be to God.**

☞ **The Gospel**

Matthew 15:21-28 (Deacon Francis)

The Deacon says

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

The Assembly responds

Glory to be to thee, O Lord.

After the Gospel reading, the Deacon says

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Assembly responds

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

☞ **The Sermon**

The Rev. Dr. Jay Emerson Johnson

✦ **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.**

✦ Prayers of the People

The Deacon leads the Assembly in prayer:

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Whayne, our Bishop, the Standing Committee of this diocese, and the clergy and lay leaders of this parish, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation of All Saints in Saugatuck; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land, especially Donald, the President of the United States, and Gretchen, the Governor of this state, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity; especially those remember and name now: _____.

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

✦ **Confession of Sin**

The Deacon says

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

Minister and Assembly

Almighty God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

maker of all things, judge of all:

We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins

and wickedness,

which we from time to time most grievously have committed,

by thought, word, and deed, against thy divine Majesty,

provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us.

We do earnestly repent,

and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings;

the remembrance of them is grievous unto us,

the burden of them is intolerable.

Have mercy upon us,
have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
forgive us all that is past;
and grant that we may ever hereafter
serve and please thee in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of thy Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presider offers words of absolution

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

✦ **The Peace**

The Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

The Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

✦ **Announcements**

The Holy Communion

*Honoring both the restrictions outlined by Governor Whitmer concerning public gatherings and the guidance of our own bishop in this diocese for the sake of public health and safety, we are not sharing the physical elements of the Eucharist (the bread and wine). We are, however, consecrating these elements at the Table on Grand Street as a way to visualize the blessing of God's own self-offering to us in the body and blood of Christ. We invite your responses to the Eucharistic prayer and to pray with us for the rich blessings of **spiritual communion** until we are able to gather in person again.*

✦ **The Offertory**

The Deacon sets the table while the following hymn is sung:

"In Christ there is no East or West" (Hymnal 1982, #529)

1 In Christ there is no east or west,
In him no south or north,
But one great fam'ly bound by love
Throughout the whole wide earth.

2 Join hands, disciples in the faith,
Whate'er your race may be!
Who serve each other in Christ's love
Are surely kin to me.

4 In Christ now meet both east and west,
In him meet south and north,
All Christly souls are one in him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

✦ **The Great Thanksgiving**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

Assembly: And with thy spirit.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

Assembly: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Assembly: It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Who by water and the Holy Spirit hast made us a new people in Jesus Christ our Lord, to show forth thy glory in all the world.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,

Presider and Assembly

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Presider continues

All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks,

he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction, and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits, but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. *Amen.*

✦ **The Lord's Prayer**

The Presider

And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

The Presider and Assembly

**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 Breaking of the Bread**

The Presider Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
The Assembly **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Presider and Assembly:

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
grant us thy peace.

✦ **The Invitation to Holy Communion**

Even though we are not consuming the physical elements of the Eucharist, we do affirm its blessings for a “spiritual communion.” A spiritual communion is a personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but because of particular circumstances they are prevented from actually receiving Holy Communion.

☞ **A Prayer for Spiritual Communion³**

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

³ A prayer attributed to St. Alphonsus de Liguori from the 18th century.

✦ A Blessing and Dismissal

The Presider

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The following hymn is sung

“Christ is the World’s True Light” (Hymnal 1982, #542)

1 Christ is the world's true light,
its captain of salvation,
the day-star clear and bright,
desire of every nation;
new life, new hope awakes
for all who own his sway:
freedom her bondage breaks,
and night is turned to day.

2 In Christ all races meet,
their ancient feuds forgetting,
the whole round world complete,
from sunrise to its setting:
when Christ is throned as Lord,
all shall forsake their fear,
to ploughshare beat the sword,
to pruning-hook the spear.

3 One Lord, in one great name
unite us all who own you;
cast out our pride and shame
that hinder to enthrone you;
the world has waited long,
has travailed long in pain;
to heal its ancient wrong,
come, Prince of Peace, and reign.

The Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

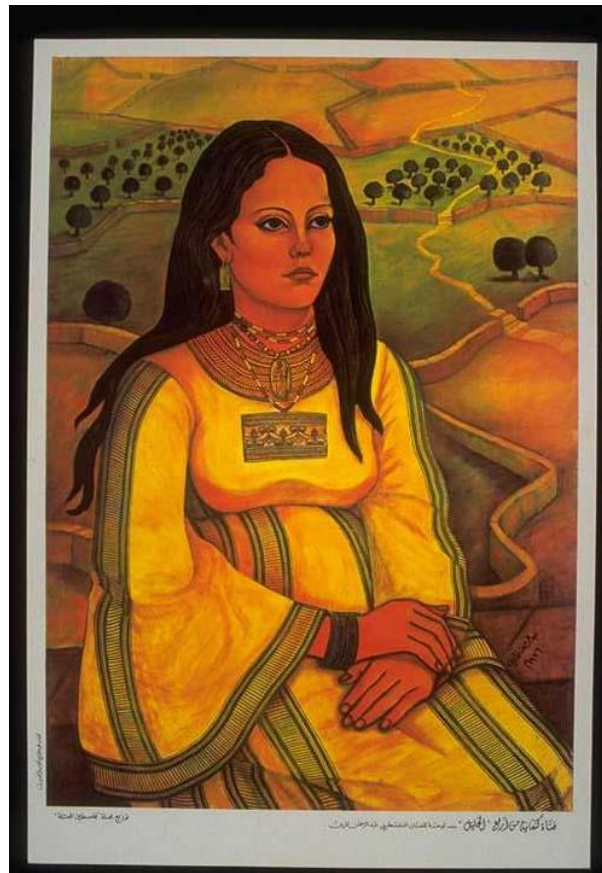
The Assembly Thanks be to God!

An organ postlude sends the Assembly into the world for service.

A Prayer for the Power of the Spirit among the People of God

God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire. Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world: a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit. Wherever and however we gather, unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission, that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

—Commended by the church-wide leadership of The Episcopal Church and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.



"Canaanite Woman," by Abdel Rahman Al Muzain