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PEACEMAKERS OF GOD PERSECUTED THEIR IS KINGDOM
WILL BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS THEIR IS OF HEAVEN
IN SPIRIT THEIR IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN MEEK THE EARTH HUNGER
WILL INHERIT THE EARTH
BLESSED ARE...
POOR FOR THEY WILL BE MOURN COMFORTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS
WILL BE
MERCIFUL WILL BE SHOWN MERCY PURE THEIR HEART WILL BE SEED FILLED GOD

ALL SAINTS DAY: PROPER 26

MORNING PRAYER: RITE TWO 9:30AM

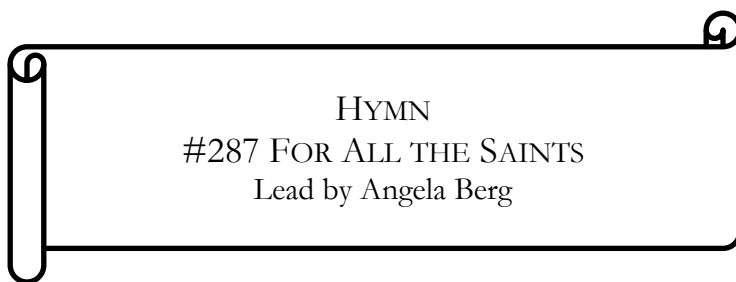
November 1st, 2020

This morning we celebrate with an abridged service of Morning Prayer. This service is taken from the *1979 Book of Common Prayer*. **Words printed in bold are spoken by the congregation.**

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE OPENING SENTENCE

Officiant: You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. *Ephesians 2:19*



CONFESSION OF SIN & ABSOLUTION

Deacon Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our Creator, to set forth God's praise, to hear the holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship God, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence is kept

All: **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. 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.

Officiant: 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. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Officiant: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Officiant: Alleluia. The Lord is glorious in his saints: us

People: **Come let us adore our God. Alleluia**

Psalm 34 *Benedicam Dominum*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; * the praise of God 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 the name of God together.

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

5 Look upon God 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 God * and will deliver them.

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

9 Fear the Lord, you holy ones of God, * for those who fear God lack nothing.

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

22 O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in you.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Read by: Peter Russell

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."

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

CANTICLE 19 Song of the Redeemed *Magna et mirabilia (Rev15:3-4)*

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *
surpassing human understanding.
Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *
O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,
and sing the praises of your Name? *
for you only are the Holy One.
All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *
because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW 5:1-12

Reader: The Rev. Deacon Lynn Werdal

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 Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

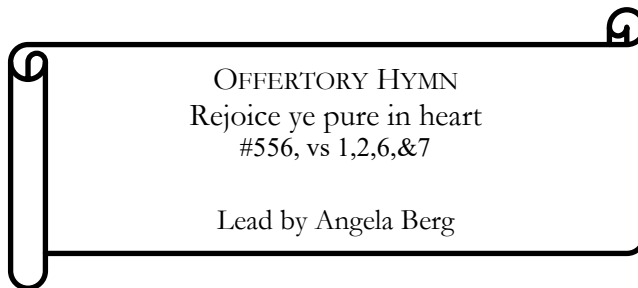
THE HOMILY

The Rev. Mary B. Gregorius

The Peace

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Offertory: LET US WITH GLADNESS PRESENT THE OFFERINGS AND
OBLATIONS OF OUR LIFE AND LABOR TO THE LORD



OFFERTORY HYMN

Rejoice ye pure in heart
#556, vs 1,2,6,&7

Lead by Angela Berg

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Suffrages **B**

- V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.
V. Day by day we bless you;
R. We praise your name for ever.
V. Lord, keep us from all sin today;
R. Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.
V. Lord, show us your love and mercy;
R. For we put our trust in you.
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR AN ELECTION

Almighty God, to whom we must account for all our powers and privileges: Guide the people of the United States (this community) in the election of officials and representatives; that, by faithful administration and wise laws, the rights of all may be protected and our nation be enabled to fulfill your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy upon us.

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither

reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us, for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and wickedness; from sin; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; and from everlasting damnation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all inordinate and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of thy Word and commandment,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy Incarnation; by thy holy Nativity and submission to the Law; by your Baptism, Fasting, and Temptation,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your Agony and Bloody Sweat; by your Cross and Passion; by your precious Death and Burial; by your glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the

day of judgment,
Good Lord, deliver us.

We sinners do beseech you to hear us, O Lord God; and that it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church Universal in the right way,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to illumine all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to bless and keep all your people,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may you to send forth laborers into your harvest, and to draw all humanity into your kingdom,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive your Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to bring into the way of truth all such as have erred, and are deceived,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to live after your commandments,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you so to rule the hearts of your servants, the President of the United States, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to make wars to cease in all the world; to give to all nations unity,

peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom upon all peoples,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to show your pity upon all prisoners and captives, the homeless and the hungry, and all who are desolate and oppressed,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give and preserve to our use the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that in due time all may enjoy them,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to inspire us, in our several callings, to do the work which you give us to do with singleness of heart as your servants, and for the common good,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to preserve all who are in danger by reason of their labor or their travel,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to preserve, and provide for, all women in childbirth, young children and orphans, the widowed, and all whose homes are broken or torn by strife,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to visit the lonely; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, and spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,
We beseech you to you to hear us good Lord.

That it may please you to support, help, and comfort all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to have mercy upon all humanity,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and to endue us with the grace of thy Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to thy holy Word,
We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to strengthen such as do stand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

That it may please you to grant that, in the fellowship of St. John, St Lydia and all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,

We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

Grant us thy peace.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us

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. Amen.

V. O Lord, let thy mercy be showed upon us;

R. As we do put our trust in thee.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Deacon: Let us bless the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all those suffering through the uncertainty of this constantly evolving pandemic, especially **Maria** Lamorgese-Gibbons (from Holy Innocents). We pray for those who are in the hospital or home recuperating, especially: **Laura** O'Malley (John & Clare McAndrew's niece), **Pat** Alvino, **Yumi**, **Linda** Hill, **Ronald** Garvey, **Max**, **Anne**, **Cathy**, **Barbara**, **Ellie** Ruvo, **Steven** Schubert, and **Shlomo** Teladano. We pray for those who are homebound: **Esmerilda** Hastings, **Margaret** Vaccaro, **John & Lee** Williams, **Dorothy** Dushin, **Ronald** Acheson, **Jim**, **Marge**, **Joe** Smith, **Carolyn** Damiano, **Deanna** Ammirato and **Bill & Dorothy** D'Amato. We pray for those struggling with chronic illness, especially: **Liz & Jeff** Daniele, **Andrew** Tom, **Rena** Kaplan, **Rebecca**, **Vince** Servio, **Sarah** Paruolo, **Annaliese** Haag, **Martha**, **Gerald**, **Marilyn** Griffin, **Joyce**, **Paul** Ruvo, **Helene**, **Jason**, and **Jeff**. We pray for **Edwin Sanchez and the students at El Hogar School**, and the **American Friends of the Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem**.

We pray for those who have died, especially, the over 220,000 in this country who have died from COVID-19.

In prayer for those we love yet see no longer, may they rest in God's sweet embrace:

Alice and Gifford Acker

Herta Brandt

Ying Choy Cheong

Allen Dahl

Howard & Mary Flemming

Newton & Carolyn Flemming

Howard Percival Gowen

O. Roy & Gertrude Greene

Harold & Dolores Gregorius

Jeanne Harris

Fidelma Kwee Swee Khoo

Mary Hung Sim Liew

Mary Catherine McDonald

Amanda Philips

Rosilda Mary Savard

Prescott Lockwood Verrill

Susan Jane Verrill

Dylan Dionisopoulos Vietz

Edward Francis Keng Yu Wong

Michael Kenneth Tong Poh Wong

- ✦ **Tuesday Noon Zoom Prayers:** We will be reading the Psalm for the day, keep an eye on your inbox, the Zoom link will be emailed Tuesday morning at 11AM.

- ✦ **Wednesday Bible Study Group Discussion at 11am:** We have just begun The Letter of James who has a lot to say about faith and good works. Keep an eye on your inbox, the Zoom link will be emailed Wednesday morning at 10AM.

- ✦ **The Pleasantville Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry NEEDS YOUR HELP**
Please donate food: Cases of sterilized milk, soups, tuna, chicken, beans, peanut butter, coffee, etc. can be drop shipped to St. John's if that is easiest for you.
OR
Pick up ShopRite Gift Cards for distribution
OR
[Make a monetary donation through the Pantry's website](#)

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As you know, our 2021 Stewardship Campaign is well underway. We hope you have enjoyed the vestry moment videos that we have been sending to you and hope that you have had a chance to attend one of the Zoom town hall meetings we have held.

We also hope you have begun to prayerfully consider your upcoming pledge to St. John's and are ready to make your yearly financial commitment. A pledge card is enclosed, we ask that you return the card to the office by Wednesday, November 4th.

Consecration Sunday is November 8th, and we regret that the COVID pandemic precludes us from our usual practice of presenting our pledge cards together as a community of faith and then enjoy the fellowship of our Consecration Sunday brunch. However, we would like to be able to have the pledge cards in hand so that we can place them on the Altar during the filming of the virtual service, and again present them during the live Service on Sunday morning the 8th.

We cannot stress enough the importance of your pledge. St. John's cannot formulate a budget for 2021 until we know the amount of financial support we can count on from our parishioners. Please submit your pledge card as soon as you can. You can scan it and email it to the Parish Office at stjohnspleasantville@gmail.com or you can put it in the regular mail.

Pledge cards also available on our website, stjohnspleasantville.org

We thank you for your continued financial support and pray that all is well with you and your family,

Sincerely,

Wardens: Cindy Sullivan and Matt Ruvo

Vestry Members, Ken Foley, Laura Simpson, Lynn Russell, Philippa Seltzer-Muschko, Jim Dirlam, Sarah Hoadley, and Joan Scire

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✦ Please join Deacon Lynn and Mother Mary+ for St. John's virtual **Coffee Hour** today at 10:30am!

- ✦ **Offering:** During this time when we are not meeting together the church still incurs expenses. Please continue to support the church. You can mail your offering to the church office. If you would like to make an online pledge you can do so by going to our website stjohnsplesantville.org and clicking on the "Donate" button. Thank you for your continued generosity during this anxious time. You may also support the church by shopping with AmazonSmile, the link is also found on our website.

- ✦ **Lawn Care at St. John's:** Thank you to all who have sponsored a week or more of lawn care for St. John's,

- ✦ **St. John's Thrift Shop has** reopened with limited hours on Saturdays from 10a to 2p Stop in and welcome everyone back. Offer to help out with sales, donations or marketing.

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