

The Holy Eucharist  
for  
*Hallowmas*



*The Episcopal Church of The Holy Innocents  
in the Borough of Beach Haven, New Jersey  
31 October, 2021 ~ 9:30 AM*

*Welcome! In The Episcopal Church all baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. BCP means The Book of Common Prayer (Red Book).*

*\* Indicates to stand as you are able*

**Prelude**                      *Voluntary*

**\*Hymn #490**      *I want to Walk as a Child of the Light*                      HOUSTON

**Opening**

*Celebrant*              Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*People*                      **Thanks be to God.**

Christ, as a light,  
**Illumine and guide me.**  
Christ, as a shield,  
**Overshadow me.**  
Christ under me.  
**Christ over me.**  
Christ beside me  
**On my left and my right.**  
This day be within and outside me,  
**Lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.**  
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;  
**In the mouth of each who speaks unto me.**  
Christ as a light;  
**Christ as a shield,**  
Christ as a guide. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:* O Lord God Almighty, as you have taught us to call the evening, the morning, and the noonday one day; and have made the sun to know its going down: Dispel the darkness of our hearts, that by your brightness we may know you to be the true God and eternal light, living and reigning for ever and ever. *All:* **Amen.**

*Gloria in excelsis S-277 (All sing)*                      David Hurd (b. 1950)

**The Collect of the Day**

*Celebrant*              The Lord be with you.

*People*                      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*              Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their

footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. **All: Amen.**

**Reading**      *The Witch of Endor*

**I Samuel 28:3-25**

Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in Ramah, his own city. Saul had expelled the witches and the wizards from the land. The Philistines assembled, and came and encamped at Shunem. Saul gathered all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa. When Saul saw the army of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. When Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, not by dreams, or by Urim, or by prophets. Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek out for me a woman who is a medium, so that I may go to her and inquire of her." His servants said to him, "There is a medium at Endor."

So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes and went there, he and two men with him. They came to the woman by night. And he said, "Consult a spirit for me, and bring up for me the one whom I name to you." The woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the wizards from the land. Why then are you laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?" But Saul swore to her by the Lord, "As the Lord lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" He answered, "Bring up Samuel for me."

When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice; and the woman said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!" The king said to her, "Have no fear; what do you see?" The woman said to Saul, "I see a divine being coming up out of the ground." He said to her, "What is his appearance?" She said, "An old man is coming up; he is wrapped in a robe." So Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

Then Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?" Saul answered, "I am in great distress, for the Philistines are warring against me, and God has turned away from me and answers me no more, either by prophets or by dreams; so I have summoned you to tell me what I should do." Samuel said, "Why then do you ask me, since the Lord has turned from you and become your

enemy? The Lord has done to you just as he spoke by me; for the Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hand, and given it to your neighbor, David. Because you did not obey the voice of the Lord, and did not carry out his fierce wrath against Amalek, therefore the Lord has done this thing to you today. Moreover the Lord will give Israel along with you into the hands of the Philistines; and tomorrow you and your sons shall be with me; the Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.”

Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of the words of Samuel; and there was no strength in him, for he had eaten nothing all day and all night. The woman came to Saul, and when she saw that he was terrified, she said to him, “Your servant has listened to you; I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to what you have said to me. Now therefore, you also listen to your servant; let me set a morsel of bread before you. Eat, that you may have strength when you go on your way.” He refused, and said, “I will not eat.” But his servants, together with the woman, urged him; and he listened to their words. So he got up from the ground and sat on the bed. Now the woman had a fatted calf in the house. She quickly slaughtered it, and she took flour, kneaded it, and baked unleavened cakes. She put them before Saul and his servants, and they ate. Then they rose and went away that night.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 130**    *(Read responsively by whole verse)*

**BCP, p. 784**

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.

6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;  
7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Reading** *The Valley of Dry Bones*

**Ezekiel 37:1-14**

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD."

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

War broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

“Now have come the salvation and the power  
and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah,  
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,  
who accuses them day and night before our God.

But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by  
the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even  
in the face of death.

Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But  
woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to  
you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!”

\*Sequence Hymn #366 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* GROSSER GOTT

\*The Holy Gospel Mark 12:28-34

*Deacon:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People:* **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ — this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered

wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God."  
After that no one dared to ask him any question.

*Deacon:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People :* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.** (*All are seated*)

## **The Sermon**

**The Rev. Dr. Judith S. Krom**

**\*The Prayers of the People:** *Form for All Hallows' Day, C.O.E.*

*(The people may stand or kneel)*

*Deacon:* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

*Silence*

*Leader:* Lord, today and tonight, we will face all that most concerns us: our fears, the shadowed places of the mind; the coming of winter darkness; the cold thin place between waking and sleep. We call to mind the powerless, the lonely, those who most fear the knock at the door; all those deceived by the world's empty promises; all those cowed by menaces or threats.

**People: Amen.**

*Leader:* We stand with those weak in body, mind or spirit and those seduced by treats or hurt by tricks. Lord, your light shines into every darkness. You told us: pray 'deliver us from evil'. Your Spirit gives us hope, gives us courage, a candle in the window unhurt by the wind.

**People: Amen.**

*Leader:* In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the new Anglican Province of Alexandria. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for William our Bishop; for Judith our Deacon, for Caroline, our Rector. We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

*Leader:* For Colleen our Mayor, Philip our Governor, and Joseph our President. We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

*Leader:* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*(The People may add their own petitions.)*

*The presider prays the concluding collect, and the people respond, Amen.*

*Deacon:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

### **Confession - Minister and People**

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.*

### **Absolution**

#### **The Grace**

*Celebrant:* Now my friends, all that is true, all that is noble, all that is just and pure, all that is lovable and gracious, whatever is excellent and admirable; with these let us fill our hearts, and the God of heaven will be with us. **Amen.**

#### **The Peace** *(All stand)*

*Celebrant:* Between strangers and friends, old and young, enemies and allies, Christ has broken down our barriers and bound us to himself and to each other that we might share his peace. My friends, the peace of Christ be with you this day.

*People:* **And also with you.**

#### **The Parish Notices**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### **Offertory**

**Anthem**      *The Choir of Holy Innocents'*

### **\*Presentation of the Gifts** *(All stand)*

*"All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee"*



## \*The Great Thanksgiving: Celtic Eucharistic Prayer

*Celebrant* God be with us.

*People* **God's Spirit is here.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them up to our God.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks

*People* **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant:* We give you thanks because through Christ, you have bound our lives to yours that we might forever dwell in you. Through your Holy Spirit, you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love. As children and heirs of your redeeming purpose we join with angels, archangels and all the company of heaven in the unending song of praise.

*Sanctus S-124 (All sing)*

David Hurd (b. 1950)

*Celebrant:* All praise and glory are yours, O God, for in your mercy you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our salvation. He offered his life once and for all people, a sacrifice for the sin of the world.

On the night before he died he gave us an eternal memory of his sacrifice in the offering of bread and wine and invited us to remember his death and passion by partaking of his body and blood.

On that night, after he had given thanks, he broke bread 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, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me. So now, merciful God, we ask you to bless and sanctify, with your Word and Holy Spirit, these gifts of bread and wine, that we, receiving them, may be partakers of Christ's Body and Blood. We pray that all who partake of this Holy Sacrament may be filled with your grace and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## The Lord's Prayer

BCP, p. 364

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

*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast.

**Fraction Anthem: S-154** (*all sing*)

David Hurd (b. 1950)

*(All baptized Christians are welcomed to receive Holy Communion. Diocesan guidelines allow the Holy Sacraments in one kind only. Bread will be offered and Wine will be placed on the altar for adoration.)*

## Invitation

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love God and for those who want to love God more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is Jesus' hope that those who want him should meet him here.

## Music During Communion

*Sh'ma Yisrael*

Traditional Hebrew

Translation: *Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

God our creator,

All You feed your children with the true manna,

The living bread from heaven.

Let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage

Until we come to that place where hunger and thirst are no more;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## A Celtic Blessing for Allhallowstide

At Allhallowstide, may God keep you safe

From goblin and pooka and black-hearted stranger,

From harm of the water and hurt of the fire,  
From thorns of the bramble, from all other danger,  
From Will O' The Wisp haunting the mire;  
From stumbles and tumbles and tricksters to vex you,  
May God in His mercy, this week protect you.

**\*Hymn 688** *A Mighty Fortress is our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

**\*Dismissal**

BCP, p. 366

*Deacon* Let us go forth into the world,  
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

**Serving Today**

**Crucifer** ~ *John Wall*; **Lectors** ~ *Bill Kehr*; **Ushers** ~ *Dave White, Gail Jacobsen*

**Parish Prayer List – October 31, 2021**

***PLEASE NOTE: This is the last Sunday in October. All names will be removed from the prayer list. If you need to add a name, please contact Lisa Halpin, our Parish Administrator by Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.***

Jean & Keith Aclin	Matt Adams	Beth C.
Diane Babbi	Beverlee	Eddie Boll
Borrone Family	Jackson Brackett	Marie Bregler
Joan Connolly	Judy Contreras	Lynn Cowper
Mary Ann Crewdson	Marie Elena D.	Davis Family
Dennis	Carol Dobbins	Meg Dougher
Ella	Faye	Carol Frake
Frank	Katie Gallaher	Shirley Hickey
Hillary	Kara Hughes	Jan & Bob
Janet	Jeannine	Joan, Susan & Bob
Claire Johns	John Johnson, Jr.	Johnny
Karen G.	Karen & DJ	Marie & Carl Keller
Keough Family	Robin Koch	Chester Krom
Cyndi Lamon	Lauren L.	Dave L.
Alan Lee	Diane Lee	Lauren & Ed
Lindsey	Melody Long	Lorraine & Drew
Cecily Lovas	Lucas	Kurt Martin

Mary Ann  
Scott Mitchell  
Maryanne O.  
TJ Patton  
Pinky  
Carol Ann Renzland  
Marie Stasik  
Colin Walker  
Rebecca Whitley  
Karen D.

Mary Jane  
Virginia Nicholas  
Sharon Osborn  
Patty  
Marie R.  
Kathy Rice  
Bill Todd  
Wendy  
Charles A.

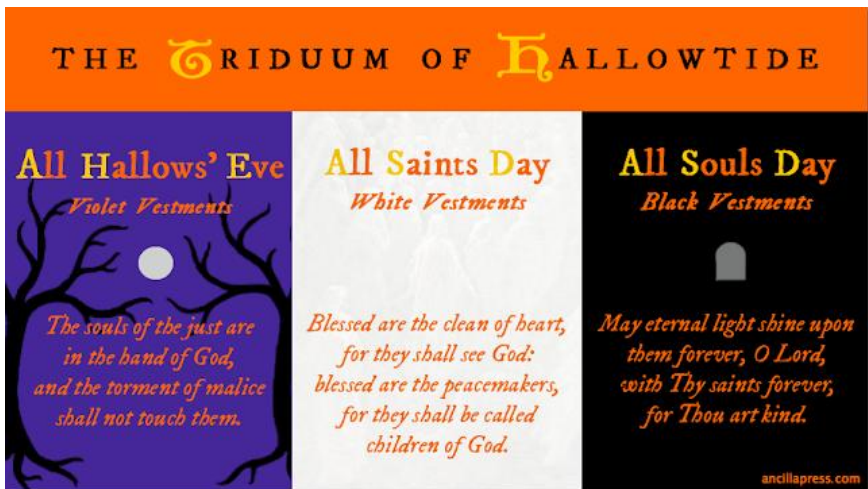
Butch McCaffrey  
Brian O.  
Sherry  
Lucien Picard  
Rick R.  
Lara Sparks Deitz  
Robert Thomas  
Ann White  
Anne J.

**Those serving in the military and other dangerous professions:**

Paul Bailey, Justin A. Dumhart, Danny Melega, Andrew Wall, Brandan White

**Birthdays:** Britton Carrigan (11/01)

**Anniversaries:** Charles & Virginia Nicholas (11/06)



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