

MORNING PRAYER

ALL SOULS' DAY

NOVEMBER 1, 2020

OPENING SENTENCE

We give thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light.

Colossians 1:12

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

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.***

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. ***Amen.***

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

V: Lord, open our lips.

R: 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.***

Alleluia

THE VENITE

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

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Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

For the Lord is a great God, *
 and a great King above all gods.
 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
 and the heights of the hills are his also.
 The sea is his, for he made it, *
 and his hands have molded the dry land.

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
 and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
 For he is our God,
 and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *
 Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

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***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.***

THE PSALM APPOINTED: PSALM 34 *Benedicam Dominum*

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
 his praise 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 his Name together.
- 4 ***I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
 and delivered me out of all my terror.***
- 5 Look upon him 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 him, *
 and he will deliver them.
- 8 ***Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
 happy are they who trust in him!***
- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 ***The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.***
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
 I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 ***Who among you loves life *
 and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?***
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
 and your lips from lying words.

- 14 ***Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.***
- 15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.
- 16 ***The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.***
- 17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.
- 18 ***The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.***
- 19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.
- 20 ***He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.***
- 21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
- 22 ***The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.***

***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.***

THE LESSONS

A READING FROM REVELATION 7:9-17

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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CANTICLE 21: YOU ARE GOD *Te Deum laudamus*

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord: we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

***To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.***

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

***Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;
Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.***

You, Christ, are the king of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

***You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.***

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

***Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood, and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.***

***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 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN #656: BLEST ARE THE PURE IN HEART

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL OF 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."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

Robert Fruehwirth

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

V: The Lord be with you.

R: ***And also with you.***

Let us pray.

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin the Archbishop of Canterbury, Michael our Presiding Bishop, Sam and Anne our Bishops with all bishops, priests, and deacons. We pray for Kanuga Conferences, St. Mary's School, and Galilee Ministries of East Charlotte. We also pray for Pastor Holman and Dickerson Chapel AME.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for our President, our Congress, and our State Government. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers

during this voting cycle and for an easing of violence and for the spirit of peace to prevail. We pray for Justice United and Durham CAN.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. We pray for the work of the Eno River Association and for the communities threatened by wild fires on the west coast.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable in Orange County. We pray for inmates, first responders, and healthcare workers. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray for those who mourn, especially Judy Snyder at the death of her husband, Bob. We pray for those in our parish family, especially: Jackie, Mildred, Katherine, Lois, Tom, Molly, Jim, Rowen & Jan, Bob, Ann, Anne, Daisy, Tom, Champe, Keyon, Andy & Barrie, Patrick, Laura, Sandra, and Bartow.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially Bob, that your will for them may be fulfilled, and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

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.**

CLOSING HYMN #287: FOR ALL THE SAINTS (VV. 1,4,6,7,8)

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

SUNDAY FORUM

THIS WEEK AT ST. MATTHEW'S

Sunday (11/1)

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign Concludes Today: *Abiding in Faith, Acting in Hope, Anchored by Love*

- **Sunday Morning Gathering on Worship Zoom including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering on Zoom
 - **9:10** Silence & Music
 - **9:15** Morning Prayer
- **10:15 Family Faith Formation** (Formation Zoom)
All are welcome to attend our Celebration of All Saints' Day. Faith Formation for the St. Matthew's Family is our intergenerational programming on the Zoom Formation Channel following Sunday Morning Prayer. We hope that all members of our parish family--not simply those with young children--will consider joining us for worship.
- **Confirmation Class** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm

Monday (11/2):

- **All Saints' Eucharist at Noon; Memorial Garden**
- **Education for Ministry; 6:30pm**
- **Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm**

Tuesday (11/3):

- **Morning Silence (Worship Zoom); 7:30am** Gathering for Silent Meditation
- **Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm**

Wednesday (11/4):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom); 8am**
- **In-Person Eucharist (Memorial Garden); 2pm** Registration Required
- **For Those Who Live Alone (Meeting Zoom); 5pm** / Margaret Brill hosting
- **Choir (Meeting Zoom); 7:00pm**
- **Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm**

Thursday (11/5):

- **Adult Bible Study; 7:30pm** led by Charles Thomas and Jack Troxell (contact Hugh Tilson for Zoom link)
- **Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm**

Friday (11/6):

- **Morning Prayer (Worship Zoom); 8am**
- **Compline (Worship Zoom); 8:30pm**

Saturday (11/7):

- **Parish Work Day; 9:00am; Registration Required**
- **Shawl Ministry 9:30a)**

Sunday (11/7)

- **Sunday Morning Gathering on Worship Zoom including:**
 - **9:00** Gathering on Zoom

- **9:10** Silence & Music
- **9:15** Morning Prayer
- **10:15 Sunday Forum** (Worship Zoom)
- **10:15 Children's Programming** (Formation Zoom)
- **Youth Group** (Formation Zoom) 4:00pm

PLEASE MASK UP IF YOU COME INTO ANY OF THE BUILDINGS ON THE CHURCH PROPERTY!!

THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our Annual Stewardship Campaign began this year on October 4 and concludes on November 1. Your personal pledge packets have been *mailed to you directly*. Included in your packet is your Pledge Form and detailed information about the campaign, finances, and programs here at St. Matthew's. Your responses are vital to financial planning for the many church programs, staffing needs, and outreach that enable the gifts St. Matthew's brings to us and to the community around us as we reflect on the year's theme: *Abiding in Faith, Acting with Hope, Anchored by Love*.

OUR NEXT, IN-PERSON, **OUTSIDE EUCHARIST** IS SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 4 AT 2PM. It'll be in the Memorial Garden where we can accommodate 24 easily. To sign up, first fill out the **health screening form here**. We will then be in touch confirming that you have a reserved slot. Masks are required and physical distancing. We expect to continue this Wednesday Eucharist for as long as the weather allows.

Also, scheduled: Wednesday, November 4, at 2:00

FEST SALES BEGIN ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

FEST SURPRISE BOXES

Pre orders of FeST surprise boxes begin today and run through November 15. These delightful boxes will contain an assortment of small treats, all home made by parishioners- baked goodies such as cookies, muffins, granola, and hand crafted items, like ornaments, cards, earrings, and other. Cost is \$25. Orders can be placed online under the Heritage-FeST window or forms are available at the church. Payment via PayPal or by dropping off a check at the church. Pick up will be drive by delivery on December 5 at the church, noon to 2:00 pm. A little special note: December 6 is the Feast Day of St. Nicholas....what better way to honor St. Nicholas than to order a box and anonymously "surprise" someone with this box of treats.

WREATHS AND ROPING

Wreaths and Roping Orders also begin today and can be ordered through November ?. Order forms are available online and outside Mary's office. Payment preferred at the time of order and can be by check or through the PayPal link online under the Heritage-FeST window Cost is \$30 for fresh fraser fir wreath and \$30 for 25 feet of roping. Pick up will be drive by delivery on December 5 at the church, noon to 2:00 pm.

BAKED GOODS

Specialty Baked Goods- Specialty baked items (Think cakes, breads, Soup mixes and other yummys) will be available for preorder. This list along with prices will be included in next week's Weekly Parish News on November 6. **Karen Ireland will be taking orders by phone (919-732-7538) on Sunday, November 8 from noon to 3:00.** Call early because quantities are limited. Payment preferred by check and can be made the day of pick up, December 5, noon to 2:00. Again, another wonderful way to honor St. Nicholas by delivering a delicious surprise to someone unexpectedly.

ALL PROCEEDS go to benefit people in need in Orange County and are distributed to local area non-profits.

Lisa

THERE IS A PARISH WORK DAY SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 AT 9AM

All are invited to help tidy up the grounds.

PECAN SALE FOR ALAMANCE ORANGE PRISON MINISTRY; ORDER BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6

It's that time of year again, time for pecans! Although things are a little different this year, Alamance Orange Prison Ministry is still doing their annual pecan fundraiser. Remember all funds raised go towards supporting a full time chaplain as well as programming at Orange Correctional Center right here in Hillsborough. All orders will be taken online this year since we won't be seeing each other in person, and orders are due by Friday, November 6th. You have two options for how to order. You can order and pick up directly from AOPM on their website here -

<https://aoprisonministry.org/support-aopm/pecans/>. Or you can order and pick up from me by filling out this google form - <https://forms.gle/UrzyDvDcmyCtEBkF8>. Either way, your support is very much appreciated. If you have any questions you can reach me at robb.smylie@gmail.com.

--Robb Smylie

VISIO DIVINA

This Advent, join me for Visio Divina! We'll meet once a week to share artwork and images related to the week's lectionary texts, and we'll reflect together on the Scripture and what the art shows us about it. If you're interested, email Amy Peterson (coamyp@gmail.com) for more details.

Tuesdays at 7pm

November 24 - reflecting on Advent 1

December 1 - reflecting on Advent 2

December 8 - reflecting on Advent 3

December 15 - reflecting on Advent 4

December 22 - reflecting on Christmas

FORWARD DAY BY DAY DEVOTIONALS

These booklets (\$1), issued quarterly, offer opportunity for daily reflection on the Christian life. The current booklet runs through February. They are on the table of the Ruffin House foyer if you want to stop by some morning or you can let the church office know and one can be mailed to you.

ORANGE CONGREGATIONS IN MISSION: BEEF STEW UPDATE

Providing Beef Stew to Orange Congregations in Mission Food's Pantry is a commitment St. Matthew's has made and kept for years now. If each of us brings a can or two, we'll meet the monthly goal of 175 cans. Thanks to you we've already met our October goal! We hope that you will also consider contributing to OCIM's Holiday meals. Bring your donated cans by the church anytime. Drop them in the basket under the alcove of the Hayden Building or leave them by one of the doors.

Holiday Donations

The pantry will begin accepting items on October 1st.
Donations can be brought to OCIM's pantry Monday-Friday,
9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

* Stuffing * Pie Crust Mix
* Mashed Potato Flakes * Canned Fruit Pie Filling
* Gravy (packets, jars, or cans) * Canned Pumpkin Pie Filling
* Cranberry Sauce * Evaporated Milk (5oz cans) * Canned Vegetables
* Aluminum Turkey Pans
* Flour * Clean Paper Grocery Bags
* Sugar * Clean Reusable Grocery Bags
* Cooking Oil

For financial donations, visit www.ocimnc.org for PayPal OR
mail to 300 Millstone Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278

PRAYER LIST

We pray for all who are sick, or in any need or trouble, remembering especially the following members of our parish family: Jackie Fredericks, Mildred Pruessing, Katherine Nelson, Lois Horn, Tom Vail, Molly Zaragoza, Jim Fesperman, Rowen & Jan Grant, Bob Morgan, Ann Burdette, Anne Weaver, Daisy Huffman, Tom Sinn, Champe Davis, Keyon Hutson, Andy & Barrie Wallace, Patrick Craft, Laura Middlebrooks, Sandra Poffenbarger, and Bartow Culp.

And these others for whom our prayers are desired: Melanie Maupin, Betsy Zaragoza, Gene & Lillian Thompson, Derek Kendall, Harry Dula, Mathew Thomas, Arnold Thomas, Gail Clifford, Dorothy Garton, Erin Vaughan, Bob Caldwell, Baylor Pisano, John Charton, Lucy Gradowski, Ken Foland, Savannah Fonvielle, Colleen Paisley, Ben Mueller, Richard Haase, Linda Saterfield, Chip Joyner, John Logan, the Spurlocks, the Tuckers, Anna Lawrence & Dan Bass, Fred Edoughs, Timothy, Gogi, Bob, Laura Merrill, Jeannine Beardslee, Brooke Harnisch & Dan Roberts, Amy, Evelyne Accad, Amalia, Maddie Powers, Joe & Pat McDonald, Allie, John & Rachel Hougom, and Richard Stevens.

We pray for all doctors and nurses, service workers, inmates, and the unemployed. We pray for educators, students, and parents of school-aged children. We pray for the Board of Elections personnel and poll workers during this voting cycle.