

THE FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

chant: *Michael Velting*

THE SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The people stand for the hymn.

HYMN 293

I SING A SONG OF THE SAINTS OF GOD

Grand Isle

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

The Gospel is read.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Andrew Van Culin

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

The people stand.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Celebrant Dear sisters and brothers we have been buried with Christ in baptism. So that we may walk with Christ in newness of life, let us now renew our own baptismal promises.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **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.**

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

People **Amen.**

THE ASPERSING OF THE CONGREGATION

Baptismal water is sprinkled on the congregation as a reminder of their own Baptism.

VIDI AQUAM

Plainsong

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, Alleluia. It brought God's life, and his salvation, and the people sang in joyful praise: Alleluia, Alleluia.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader As we recall the blessed ones who have gone before us, let us offer our prayers to God who crowns the saints with eternal victory.

With the angels and archangels and the spirits of the blessed ones who stand before the throne of heaven; we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

With Mary, mother of our Savior and God, Jesus the Christ; we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

With the holy patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs; we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

With all the saints, witnesses to the gospel; we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all nations, tribes, peoples, and languages; we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wendell, our Bishop, and for all here who have gathered in the assembly of the saints; we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For (N.) and all who are being baptized this day into the company of God's holy ones; we pray to you, O Lord.

People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers, for those who are sick within our community (*N.*), for those on our parish cycle of prayer (*N.*); we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who rest in Christ (*N.*), our ancestors, and all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith; we pray to you, O Lord.

People

Lord, hear our prayer.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints and holy ones, let us offer ourselves and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

People

To you, O Lord, our God.

We pray for our own needs and those of others.

The people may add their own petitions.

Lord, in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant

O God, the King of saints, we praise and magnify your holy Name for all your servants who have finished their course in your faith and fear. We pray that, encouraged by their examples, aided by their prayers, and strengthened by their fellowship, we also may be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

People

Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Gospeller Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people kneel. A brief period of silence is observed.

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.

The Celebrant offers the absolution, and the people respond Amen.

The people stand.

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then are seated.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while the offering is collected.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People 
There-fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu-ia.

THE INVITATION

To receive Communion, come to a Communion Station or to the Altar Rail at the direction of the ushers. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than Communion, cross your arms over your chest—this will alert the priest of your request. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.

VOLUNTARY ALLE MENSCHEN MUSSEN STERBEN, BWV 643 *J. S. Bach*
(1685-1750)

AGNUS DEI

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

The people stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

People **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

The Gospeller dismisses the people.

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

HYMN 625 YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT *Darwall's 148th*

VOLUNTARY IMPROVISATION SUR LE "TE DEUM" *Charles Tournemire*
(1870-1931)