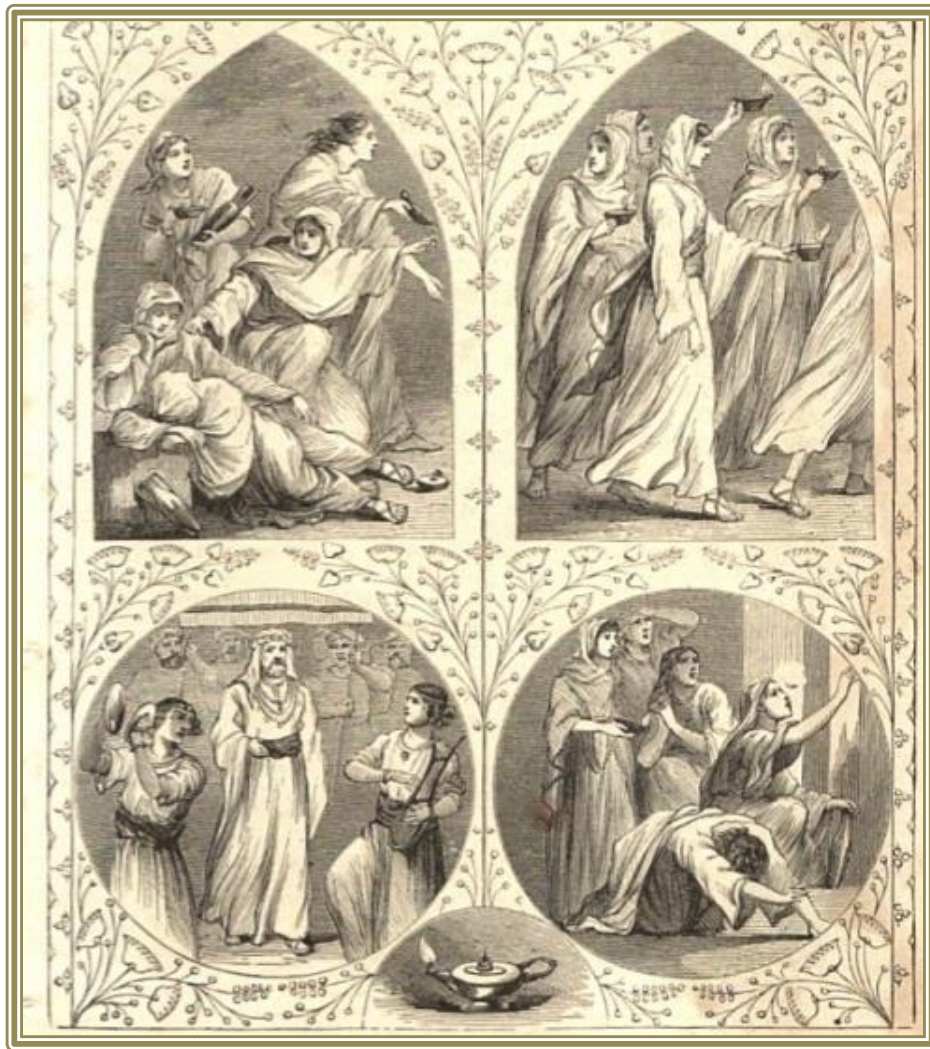


ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
BAYSIDE, NEW YORK



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II 10:00 A.M.



ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH
214-35 40TH AVENUE, BAYSIDE, NY 11361
THE REV. LAURENCE G. BYRNE, RECTOR

WELCOME TO ALL SAINTS

Whether you are a first-time visitor, long-time parishioner, or somewhere in between, we are honored and enriched by your on-line presence this morning, and offer you a sincere welcome home to this parish church. Although many of us we are physically apart, we are together in heart and mind. The tomb could not hold God's Son, and our current situation cannot conquer his people.

As we worship, we encourage you to join fully in the prayers and hymns and to share spiritually in the Holy Communion. If you are at home, sing out the great hymns of the Church and make the responses out loud. If here, for safety's sake just hum along!

Should you be seeking a church to call your own, we hope that your search is over and that you will become a member of All Saints.

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**A SALUTE TO ALL OF OUR VETERANS:
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!**



XXIII PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 8, 2020

10:00 AM HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Hymnal 436

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the
2 O blest the land, the ci - ty blest, where Christ the
3 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a
*4 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to
5 So come, my Sov - ereign; en - ter in! Let new and

1 King of glo - ry waits! The King of kings is
2 ru - ler is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and
3 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for
4 thee: here, Lord, a - bide! Let me thy in - ner
5 no - bler life be - gin; thy Ho - ly Spi - rit

1 draw - ing near; the Sa - vior of the world is here.
2 hap - py homes to whom this King of tri - umph comes!
3 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.
4 pres - ence feel: thy grace and love in me re - veal.
5 guide us on, un - til the glo - rious crown be won.

All standing, the Celebrant says Blessed be God, Father Son, and Holy Spirit
People **And blessed be his kingdom now and forever Amen**

The Celebrant says the Collect for Purity: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Trisagion

Hymnal S-102

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
 Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.



The Collect of the Day:

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* **And also with you.** *Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in :
 O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel;

and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your

ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. “Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the

Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.” But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the Lord!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

The Psalm

Psalm 78:1-7

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *
 we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
 and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
 which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know, and the children yet unborn; *
 that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
 and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his commandments;

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call

and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Sequence Hymn

Once to Every Man and Nation

The Hymnal, 1940

EBENEZER (TON-Y-BOTEL)

THOMAS JOHN WILLIAMS, 1890

In unison, slowly, with dignity

1 Once to ev - 'ry man and na - tion Comes the mo - ment
 2 Then to side with truth is no - ble, When we share her
 3 By the light of burn - ing mar - tyrs Je - sus' bleed - ing

to de - cide, In the strife of truth with false - hood, For the
 wretch - ed crust, Ere her cause bring fame and prof - it And 'tis
 feet I track, Toil - ing up new Cal - varies ev - er With the

good or e - vil side; Some great cause, God's new Mes - si - ah,
 pros - p'rous to be just; Then it is the brave man choos - es,
 cross that turns not back; New oc - ca - sions teach new du - ties,

Of - f'ring each the bloom or blight, And the choice goes
While the cow - ard stands a - side Till the mul - ti -
Time makes an - cient good un - couth; They must up - ward

by for ev - er 'Twixt that dark - ness and that light.
tude make vir - tue Of the faith they had de - nied.
still and on - ward Who would keep a - breast of truth.

4 Though the cause of evil prosper,
Yet 'tis truth alone is strong;
Though her portion be the scaffold,
And upon the throne be wrong,

Yet that scaffold sways the future,
And, behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow
Keeping watch above his own.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL, 1845

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:1-13

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be

enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ

The Sermon

Fr. Byrne

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.

The Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Lawrence, GERALYN, William, and Daniel, our bishops,
Laurence, our priest, Marjorie, our deacon, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence. The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence. The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

The Celebrant says 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 Peace ***Celebrant*** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

The Offertory

Offertory Hymn

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Hymnal 608

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and power, thy chil - dren shield in

rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
 at thy word, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and
 dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
 dan - ger's hour; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
 calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace; O hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant *People*
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*
 Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People
 It is right to give him thanks and praise.



The Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth [[Here a proper preface is said or sung.](#)] Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: -

Sanctus

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

san - na in the high - est. * Bless - ed is he who comes



Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

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

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us

Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia!

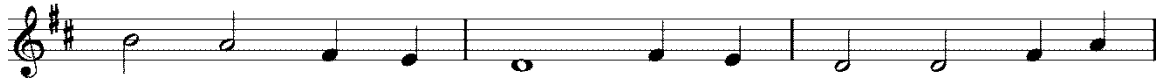
The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died and rose for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

THE COMMUNION OF THE FAITHFUL

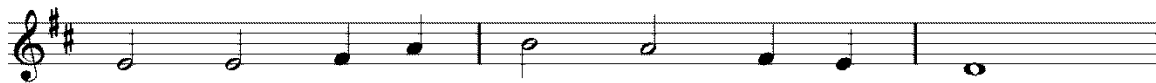
*The few gathered receive on behalf of themselves and all who are gathered virtually. Communion will be distributed at the foot of the chancel steps. **Please keep your mask on.** Receive the wafer and step either to the left or right to the  before consuming the wafer and returning to your seat via the side aisles.*



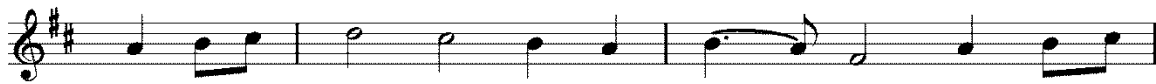
1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



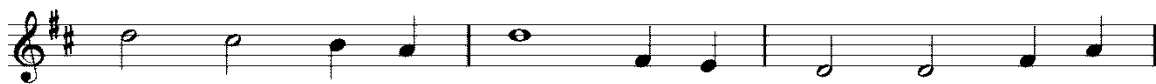
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



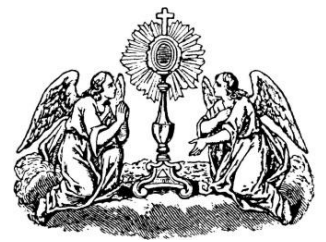
flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Those worshipping remotely may say this act of Spiritual Communion

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
 I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
 Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least
 spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there
 and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*



After Communion, the Celebrant says, Let us pray together:

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

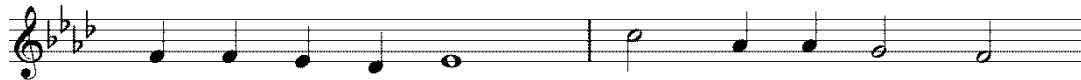
Closing Hymn

Come, Labor On

Hymnal 541



1 Come, la - bor on. Who dares stand i - dle
2 Come, la - bor on. The en - e - my is
3 Come, la - bor on. A - way with gloom - y
4 Come, la - bor on. Claim the high call - ing
5 Come, la - bor on. No time for rest, till



1 on the har - vest plain, while all a - round us
2 watch - ing night and day, to sow the tares, to
3 doubts and faith - less fear! No arm so weak but
4 an - gels can - not share— to young and old the
5 glows the west - ern sky, till the long sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain? And to each ser - vant
2 snatch the seed a - way; while we in sleep our
3 may do ser - vice here: by feeblest a - gents
4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear: re - deem the time; its
5 o'er our path - way lie, and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."
2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.
3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.
4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.
5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

Dismissal Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God!

Postlude



LITURGICAL GIFTS

The altar flowers are given by Susan and Paul Parfrey to the glory of God and in celebration of Owen Smith's 4th birthday and Emily Smith's 8th birthday

There is availability for liturgical gifts. Please email requests to Rector@allsaintsepiscopalbayside.org or call the parish office



Coffee Hour Online



Join us for conversation and fellowship on Zoom (BYOC) <https://zoom.us/j/562246703>

Memorial Highlight



We are blessed to have more than a century's worth of memorial gifts. Today's highlight is the brass cross on the "Victory Altar." No indication when it was given or by whom. The cross was refurbished this past summer. It is given "In Memory of Ensign Peter A. Neill, 1944." **Today's quiz:** What does the IHS on the cross mean? First (and second) correct answer texted to 203-273-4909 gets the prize. Last week's winners: No one! I will save the question for a future quiz.

LIGHTS!

CAMERA!

EVANGELISM

IN

ACTION!

Sincere thanks to all who have made contributions to our Tech Fund. We are about half-way to our goal of \$4,000.00 more for hardware, software, and the attendant equipment. Our online presence is reaching a wide range of people and is the most effective evangelism and outreach we can do at this time. I am well aware that this is a terrible time to ask for donations, but I am asking anyway! If you can make a donation please send it or bring it in. Please be sure to note that it is for the Tech Fund. We're good on chalices, but we need newly holy hardware....Your gift could be a great 21st Century memorial or thank-offering!

It Comes Earlier Every Year

There are two traditional Christmas events coming soon. Each has to come well before Christmas, of course. 1. Adopt-A-Family: We were assigned only one family this year. Many thanks to Juanita Allen-Hurse for being the All Saints coordinator again this year. 2. The St. John's Episcopal Hospital Toy Drive. Information on the toy drive was sent last week, but you can go to ehs.org/toydrive or take a shortcut to the wishlist on Amazon Smile: <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/charitylist/l/36SXXMBF2WR2N>

The Bottom of the Barrel

...is not something we want to see. As your circumstances permit, please continue to bring food for the food pantry. Food insecurity is a growing concern for many people right now. Mother Karen (the new rector at Grace) shared with the Deanery clergy that demand at the food pantry is way up. All Saints has been a generous supplier, and I hope we can continue to be.

The Holly Bazaar



It takes more than a pandemic to stop the Bazaar! Our chairperson, Stephanie Hornback is guiding us into a new model for a mostly on-line bazaar. Please see the “Ramsay Report” for more information and ways you can participate.

Watch your mailbox for Holly Bazaar raffle tickets. The raffle will be all snail mail this year. Since physical attendance will be very limited, we are counting on a successful mail-in raffle.

The All Saints Shop

Show your parish pride with “Church Merch,” “Sacred Swag” or whatever you call a great collection of custom T-shirts, drink-ware, and more! Visit via our website. Each item you buy helps to fund our mission and ministry.

Church School Highlight

The cornerstone of this week’s lesson is “Blessed are the merciful for they will receive mercy.” In what has been a turbulent and anxious week, it is good to remember that mercy is fundamental to the message of Christ. Perhaps Shakespeare put it best in *The Merchant of Venice*: “The quality of mercy is not strain'd, It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven Upon the place beneath: it is twice blest; It blesseth him that gives and him that takes”

On the Cover: The parable of the ten virgins. Antique Bible illustration

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