# The Holy Thanksgiving of the People of God for The Feast of All Saints at Saint Peter's Episcopal Church Lebanon, Indiana 46052

## Our Entrance into an Awareness of God's Presence

The people stand as they are able. The Processional Hymn

For all the saints, who from their labors rest



Hymnal 287





The Presider says: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The People respond: And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

#### The Presider may pray:

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. The People respond: *Amen*.

All sing God's praise: **The Gloria** 

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Prayer of the DayThe Presider greets the people in Jesus Christ:<br/>The Lord be with you.The Lord be with you.The People respond: And also with you.The Presider:Let us pray.

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.

The People respond: Amen.

# Our Liturgy of the Word of God

The people sit. Readings are on the insert in the bulletin.

## The First Reading

I 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 Reader:The Word of the Lord.The People respond:Thanks be to God.

#### Our Psalm prayer for this day in response to the reading

## Psalm 34:1-10,22

## Benedicam Dominum

- 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>22</sup> The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, \* and none will be punished who trust in him.

## The Reading from the Christian New Testament

## Revelation 21:1-6a

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 Reader:The Word of the Lord.The People respond:Thanks be to God.

Our Hymn prayer to move us from these readings to the Gospel See Insert for Hymn number I sing a song of the saints of God



#### The Reading from One of the Gospels of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Then, all standing as they are able, the Deacon or a Priest reads the Gospel, first saying The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. The People respond: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

## The Gospel Reading

## 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."

After the Gospel, the Reader says The Gospel of the Lord. The People respond: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### The Sermon

#### The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Through the Paschal Mystery, dear friends, we, together with all the saints, were buried with Christ by Baptism into his death, and raised with him to newness of life. I call upon you, therefore, to renew the solemn promises and vows of Holy Baptism, by which we once renounced Satan and all his works, and promised to serve God faithfully in his holy catholic Church.

The Presider: The People respond:	Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ? I do.
The Presider: The People respond:	Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
The Presider: The People respond:	Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.
The Presider: The People respond:	Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.
The Presider: The People respond:	How will you remain faithful to these things you believe? With God's help by continuing in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers.
The Presider: The People respond:	How will you respond to temptation and failure? With God's help by persevering in resisting evil and, whenever I fall into sin, by repenting and returning to the Lord.
The Presider: The People respond:	How will you share God and Christ with the world? With God's help by proclaiming by word and example the Good News of God in Christ.
The Presider: The People respond:	How will you show others you are a member of the Body of Christ? With God's help by seeking and serving Christ in all persons, loving my neighbor as myself.
The Presider:	How will you participate in making God's world a better place for all in God's creation?
The People respond:	With God's help by striving for justice and peace among all people, and by respecting the dignity of every human being.
The Presider:	May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who by water and the Holy Spirit has gathered his saints from every language, people and nation, and has made us a kingdom of priests to serve him in this age and in the age to come, grant us the grace to show forth with our lives what we confess with our lips, through Christ our Lord.
The People respond:	Amen.

The Presider then sprinkles the people with water to remind them of their baptismal bath in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ

## The Prayers of the People

Prayer is offered with intercession for: the Universal Church, its members, and its mission; the nation and all in authority; the welfare of the world, the concerns of the local community; those who suffer and those in any trouble; and the departed (with commemoration of a saint when appropriate)

The Leader and People pray responsively 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 [N. our Presiding Bishop, and N. (N.) our Bishop(s); 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.

The Presider adds a concluding prayer. The People respond: Amen.

## Confession of Sin

All kneel.

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

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.

## The Priest stands and 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.* 

## Peace

All stand.

Celebrant	The peace of Christ be always with you.
People	And also with you.

Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

## Announcements

Announcements may be made at this point in the service.

## Holy Communion

The Celebrant says

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

Our Announcements gather the life, concerns, and events of this community into our worship.

## Our Liturgy of the Marriage Feast of the Lamb

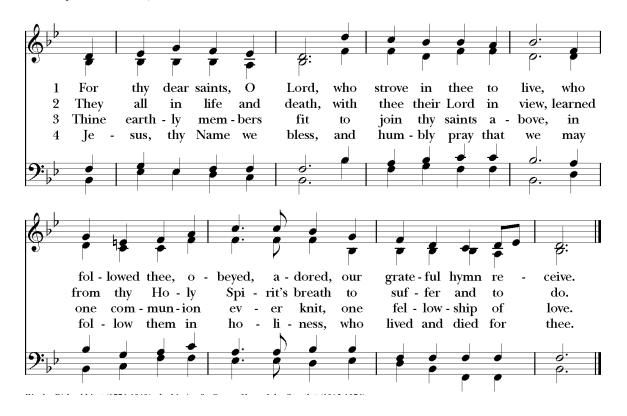
#### The Offering of Our Lives and of Our Gifts back to God

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings to the deacon or Presider of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, as we offer our lives back to God in faith and in faithful life and work. The people stand while the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar and sing:

#### The Offering Hymn (see insert for hymn number)

#### For thy dear saints, O Lord

Hymnal 279



#### Our Great Thanksgiving Prayer to God

The people remain standing. The Presider, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings:

## **Great Thanksgiving**

The people remain standing.



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.

For in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.Hosanna in the highest.Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as the Presider continues:

We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation. Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new. And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

#### Presider and People

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

#### The Presider continues

Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace. Remember all who have died in the peace of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone; bring them into the place of eternal joy and light. And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, (with \_\_\_\_\_) and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

The Presider leads the people with one of the following versions: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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 for give 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, forever and ever. Amen. As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All say: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Then may be sung the Fraction Anthem. The People repeat the refrain after the priest sings it the first time, and then after each verse.

The Presider:	Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The People:	Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The Presider:	The bread which we break, alleluia,
	is the communion of the body of Christ.
The People:	Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.
The Presider:	One body are we, alleluia,
	for though many we share one bread.
The People:	Be known to us, Lord Jesus, in the breaking of the bread.

At the invitation to Communion, feed on Christ in your heart by faith as you pray these words

(Those joining virtually should join with the Celebrant saying these words, those gathered inperson will not say these words): In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Presider says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are invited to come to our Lord's table for a blessing. All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the blessing of communion. Others may come forward for a blessing from the priest indicating this by crossing their arms over their chest.

The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words

The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

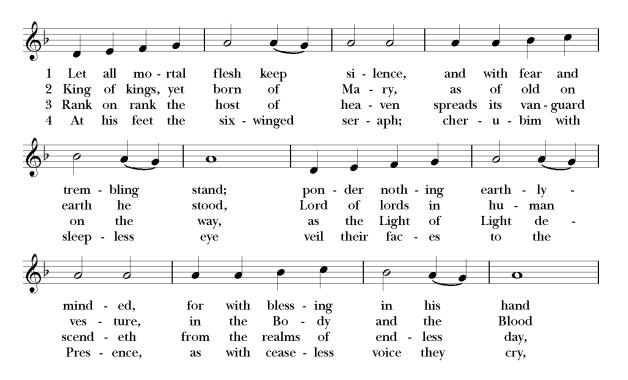
The People respond: Amen.

The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

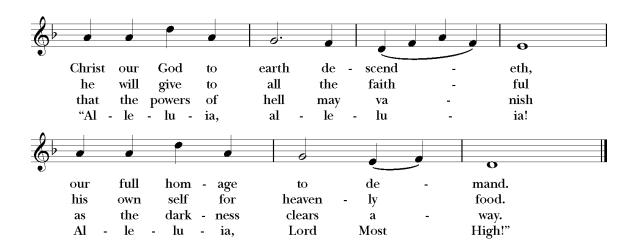
The People respond: Amen.

#### Our Communion Hymn of Thanksgiving to God (see insert for hymn number)

#### Let all mortal flesh keep silence



Hymnal 324



#### Our Final Prayer of Thanksgiving to God

Let us pray.

#### The Presider and People pray together:

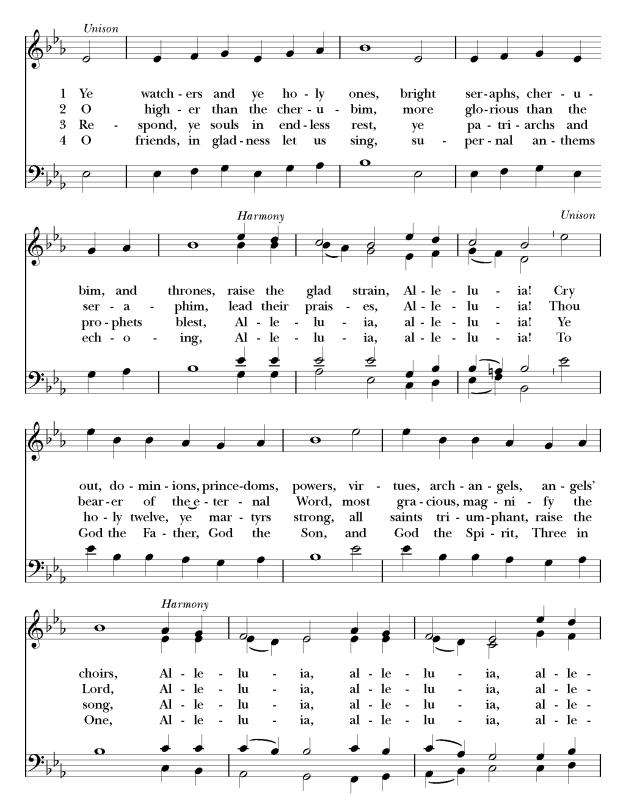
Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, may bless the people. **The Solemn Blessing for All Saints** 

Presider:	May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate this festival of all the saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion of the way.	
The People respond:	Amen.	
The Presider:	May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them.	
The People respond: Amen.		
The Presider:	May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, patterns of holy living and victorious dying, strengthen your faith and devotion, and enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity.	
The People respond:	Amen.	
The Presider:	And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.	
The People respond:	Amen.	

#### The Recessional Hymn *(See insert for hymn number)*

Hymnal 618





#### We are Sent into the World with Jesus Christ

The Deacon, or the Presider, dismisses everyone with these words: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. The People respond with gusto: Thanks be to God.