



The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: All Saints' Day

O Almighty God,
 Who has
 knit together
 Thine elect
 in one
 communion
 and fellowship,
 in the
 mystical body
 of Thy Son
 Christ our Lord;
 Grant us grace
 so to follow
 Thy blessed
 Saints
 in all virtuous
 and godly living,
 that we may
 come to those
 unspeakable joys
 which Thou
 hast prepared
 for those who
 unfeignedly
 love Thee;
 through the same
 Thy Son
 Jesus Christ
 our Lord.
 Amen.

Collect for
 All Saints' Day,
 p. 256, *The Book
 of Common
 Prayer*, 1928

We shall
 celebrate the Festival of

All Saints' Day at St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills on Sunday, November 5th, which is also the Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity. It is helpful, I believe, to pause and reflect on how much this festival means to us Christians and why it is



important.

The above Collect beautifully portrays the unity of our life in the Lord Jesus Christ, a unity fashioned by Almighty God. The picture does not only show our beginnings in Christ, but it also com-

prises a prayer for God's grace that we may "follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living." The aim of this prayer of grace and the saintly living of God's people is that they may come to know and experience all the

"unspeakable joys" God has made ready for all who sincerely love Him. The prayer itself at least partly answers the question that many a saint has asked, "How do I transition from this humdrum life to the dazzlingly resplendent glory of eternal life with the Lord Jesus Christ?" It is by God's grace at work through our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Other saints have asked, "How do these almost unbearable troubles and persecutions give way to the overwhelming joy of God's people in heaven?" Again, it is God's grace given to all His people that they may follow the holy example of the

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saints that have gone before them. St. James wrote:

My brethren,
count it all joy
when ye fall into
divers temptations;
Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

St. James
1:2-4, KJV

The example of the saints that have gone before us is given to us supremely in the Bible, both in their writings and in their lives, in whatever of their lives has been made known to us in its pages. But it is also shown in the accounts of the lives of the saints of later generations such as martyrs, confessors of the faith, bishops, priests, deacons, theologians, missionaries, and many who have been a prophetic voice in their generation. There are so many saints to whose lives we can look for examples of the manifold graces and virtues of the Holy Spirit at work that the writer to the Hebrews can give this encouragement (*Hebrews* 12:1-3, KJV):

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us

lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; Who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Here we gain a crucial insight, namely, that while the great company of the saints surround us Christians on our earthly journey toward the fullness of God's presence and love, it is the Lord Jesus Christ, the originator and pioneer of our faith, to Whom we must look as our supreme example. He it is Whom we must consider and from Whom we are to draw strength and inspiration when the going gets tough. Our communion and love is first for the Lord Jesus Christ, and then we look to the examples of the saints in whom Christ's various virtues and graces are displayed. It is Christ Whom we love more than any of the saints. St. Patrick wrote of

his devotion to Christ in these words:

...so that I might come to the Irish people to preach the Gospel and endure insults from unbelievers; that I might hear scandal of my travels, and endure man persecutions to the extent of prison; and so that I might give up my free birthright for the advantage of others, and if I should be worthy, I am ready to give even my life without hesitation; and most willingly for His name. And I choose to devote it to Him even unto death, if God grant it to me.

Art. 37, retrieved from <http://saints365.blogspot.com/2014/03/the-virtues-of-st-patrick.html>

How willingly do we devote ourselves to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ? Many of us can learn from the patience and endurance of so many holy men and women of God through the ages. Chapter 11 of the *Epistle to the Hebrews* speaks of all that the heroes of the faith endured as proof of their
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faith. For example, people tend to complain about the high cost of their housing these days, but that needs to be contrasted with some heroes of the faith who “wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth” (*Hebrews 11:38b*, KJV). Today some heroes of the faith might well be living among the homeless of society.

Some might complain about the curtailing of religious freedom in the USA today. But what kind of religious freedom did those saints have who “had trial of *cruel* mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented” (*Hebrews 11:36-37*, KJV)? The faith of these holy men and women of God led them to endure many trials for the sake of God’s kingdom, and

their patience and endurance under trial bore the fruit of a good reputation of heroic faith. Yet they did not receive the promise, the author of the *Epistle to the Hebrews* declares, since together with all Christians of every age they shall inherit everlasting life and the whole spiritual heritage promised by God.

How tempting it is to give up one’s faith in the midst of all sorts of trials which seem to make no sense! Yet our attitude to all such trials must be shaped by our love for God. St. Thomas à Kempis wrote:

A lover [of God] ought to embrace willingly all that is hard and distasteful, for the sake of his Beloved; and not to turn away from Him for any contrary occurrences.

p. 163, Paul M. Betchel (ed.):
Thomas à Kempis: *The Imitation of Christ*, III.v.8. Moody Publishers, 2007

This matches our Lord’s own warning in the Parable of the Sower concerning those who receive the word of God with joy at first, but, since they have no root in themselves, when trials come, they fall away from their faith (*St. Mark 4:16-17*). The good examples set by the heroes of the faith serve to encourage us to stand firm in our faith, but most of all the supreme example of the Lord Jesus Christ inspires us.

Now I come to the final part of this month’s article, in which I pose the question to you all, “How will others remember you for your faith in the Lord Jesus Christ?” By posing this question I do not mean to lift up faith in the Lord Jesus Christ as an idol to be worshipped. What I am asking is simply this, “Can people by observing our lives recognize that we are Christians and living as Christians should?”

– *The Reverend Christopher Parrish*



Our Chapel Family Prayer List

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind, we humbly beseech Thee for all sorts and conditions of men; that Thou wouldest be pleased to make Thy ways known unto them, Thy saving health unto all nations. More especially we pray for Thy holy Church universal; that it may be so guided and governed by Thy good Spirit, that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. Finally, we commend to Thy fatherly goodness:

Archbishop
Foley Beach;

Bishop Bill Ilgenfritz;

Canon
Michael Penfield,
our Vicar-General;

Father Chris Parrish;

Deacon Peter Vogel;
and

Deacon Linda Bracken;

also all those who serve as Thy ministers in governing our nation and state, particularly:

President Donald Trump;
and

Governor Jerry Brown;

as well as all those who are any ways afflicted, or distressed, in mind, body, or estate; especially those for whom our prayers are desired:

the soldiers, sailors,
marines, airmen,
police officers,
firefighters, and pilots
who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian
brothers and sisters
throughout the world;

all refugees;

all who have suffered
bereavement or loss
of their homes
or property
in the northern California
wildfires;

Scott Guinn;

James and Tanya Theiler;
Christian McKagan
and his parents;

Lois Martins;

Dale Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Max;

Bishop Richard Boyce;

Dorian;

Kate Ward;

Kendra, Dan,
Emmalyn, and Dayna
Pack;

Ernst Hernandez;

Ray and Elodia
Boreham;

Jan Martins;

Louanne Norman;

Reagan and
the Stanko family;

Elizabeth Ann and
her husband;

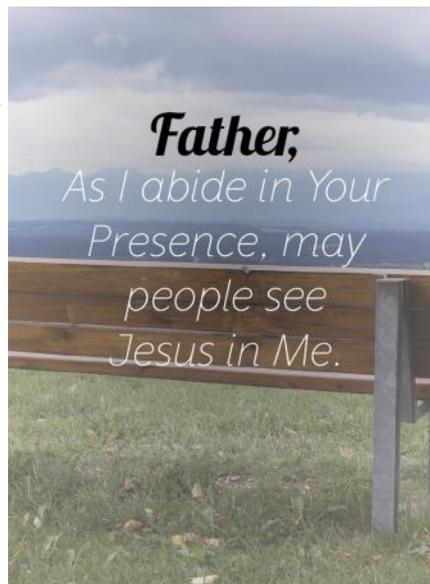
Stephen;

safety on the highways
for all who commute,
especially during
rush hour;

the life and
continuing longevity of
St. Luke's
Chapel in the Hills;

and for all those
who are in our hearts,

that it may please Thee to
comfort and relieve them,
according to their several
necessities; giving them
patience under their suf-
ferings, and a happy issue
out of all their afflictions.
And this we beg for Jesus
Christ's sake. Amen.



Meghan;

Tony Brown;

Kim Vogel;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Estelle Wilson;

Julia McNeely;

Joya de Rossett;

Sharon De Souza;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Chuck;

Don Cottam;

***This prayer list
was current
as of
October 31st.
Please contact
Father Parrish
to make
corrections.***

Parish Postings

The Vestry will meet on Sunday, November 19th, immediately following the worship service. The meeting is open to all.



"O praise the Lord, for it is a good thing to sing praises unto our God; yea, a joyful and pleasant thing it is to be thankful." This beautiful truth is the first line of the Thanksgiving Day canticle from our Prayer Book. Please plan to join your Chapel Family on Thursday, November 23rd, at 11:00 AM to offer praises and thanksgivings to God for our many blessings on the 53rd anniversary of the Chapel's first worship service.



Come get your hands dirty for God! There will be a Work Party on Saturday, December 2nd, to prepare the Chapel for Advent and Christmas. We will clean the sanctuary, perform any necessary maintenance or gardening tasks, and decorate the Chapel. The Work Party begins at 10:30 AM.



Please note that Joanna's Circle will not meet again until further notice.



The Vestry has elected to collect funds for hurricane relief as our fourth-quarter Community Missions Project. If you contribute to this project, please make a note of it on your check memo line or offertory envelope so our Treasurer will know how to allocate the funds. Thank you!



Please remember the needy as you do your grocery shopping and add a few non-perishable foodstuffs to your cart for them. Bring your donations to church with you any Sunday, and they will be taken to the Palo Alto Downtown Food Closet for distribution. Every little bit helps!



Father Parrish is seeking Lay Readers to assist him with our worship services. Lay Readers are especially sought to help with the twice-monthly noon services. Any confirmed parishioner is eligible to serve, and training will be provided. Please prayerfully consider joining this important ministry.



Please take a moment each Sunday to sign the greeting cards we send to our brothers and sisters in Christ on their birthdays and anniversaries. Thank you!



If you would like to have a favorite hymn sung on a particular Sunday, please let Father Parrish know the week before. If your selection is not in the *1940 Hymnal*, be sure to give him a clean copy of the music and lyrics.



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 5th

All Saints' Day observed

The Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Zechariah

9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service

10:00 AM

Sunday, November 12th

The Twenty-second Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Zechariah

9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Holy Communion

noon

Sunday, November 19th

The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Bible Study: Zechariah

9:15 AM

Holy Communion

10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting

immediately following the worship service

Thursday, November 23rd

Thanksgiving Day

Holy Communion

11:00 AM

Sunday, November 26th

The Sunday next before Advent

Bible Study: Zechariah

9:15 AM

Office of Morning Prayer

10:00 AM

Holy Communion

noon

Saturday, December 2nd

Work Party to prepare the Chapel for Advent

10:30 AM

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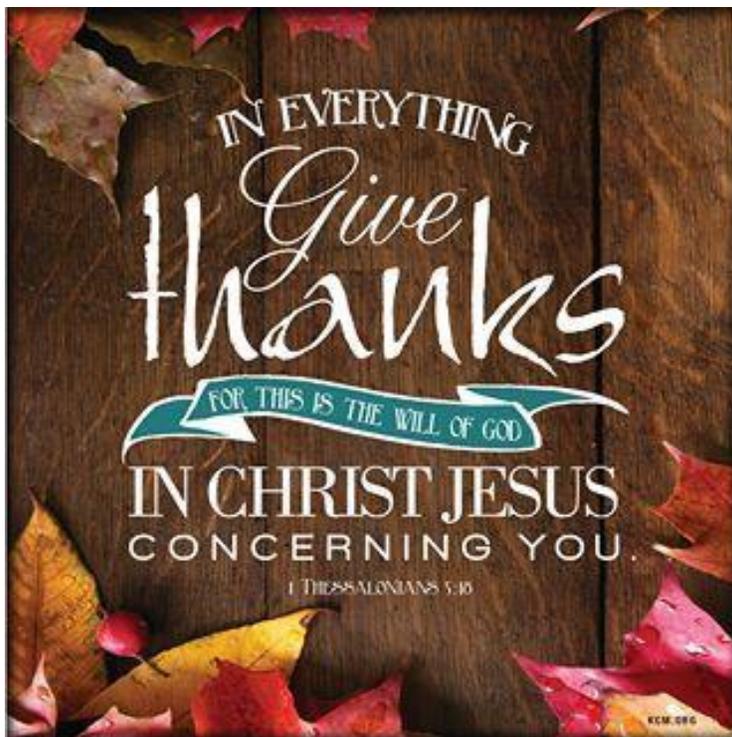
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Sunday, December 3rd
The First Sunday in Advent

Bible Study: Zechariah
9:15 AM

Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM





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Worship Schedule

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Luke's Chapel in the Hills is a traditional Anglican parish which uses the 1928 edition *Book of Common Prayer*. We invite you to join us for worship soon!

*"A place
where the Bible is taught."*



*Biblical in teaching.
Liturgical in worship.
Loving in practice.*

First Sunday of each month
Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month
Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Said Holy Communion
noon

Please note that both services on Feast Days occurring on these Sundays will be Holy Communion.

Third and fifth Sunday each month and Feast Days
Holy Communion
10:00 AM