

The Hillside Messenger

A Message from the Rector: *Saints Help Us Follow Christ*

The celebration of All Saints' Day on November 1st in Rome dates from AD 835, although in the latter part of the eight century All Saints' Day was observed in England, and in some churches in Ireland, France, and Germany (pp.256-257, Massey Hamilton Shepherd, Jr.: *The Oxford American Prayer Book Commentary*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1955). All Saints' Day is one of the major festivals of the Church, and is celebrated with an octave, that is, the day itself and the seven days following it, on any one of which, All Saints' Day may be observed. The Collect for All Saints' Day in the *1928 Prayer Book* was composed for the *1549 Prayer Book*, the first English prayer book. This collect concisely expresses the Biblical doctrine of the Church, visible and invisible:

O Almighty God,
who hast knit
together Thine
elect in one com-
munion and fel-
lowship, in the
mystical body of
Thy Son Christ
our Lord; Grant
us grace so to
follow Thy

Thy Son Jesus
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

p.256. *Book of
Common Prayer*,
1928

The Church is here described as the mystical Body of God's Son, the Lord Jesus Christ and as "one communion and fellowship." This description conforms to St. Paul's doctrine of the Church as the Body of Christ (*Romans 12:5; I Corinthians 12:27; Colossians 1:24*). The mystical Body of the Lord Jesus Christ refers to all who believe in Him now, all who believed in Him prior to their death, and all who will come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. All

who are in Christ by faith are members of "the mystical Body of God's Son." In the Post-Communion Thanksgiving "the mystical Body" of Christ is defined as "the blessed company of all faithful people" (p.83, *Book of*

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



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Common Prayer, 1928). This “blessed company of all faithful people” consists of believers of all denominations, ages, races, peoples, languages, nations, including the Church Militant here on earth and the Church Triumphant in heaven with the Lord Jesus Christ. This vast company of believers has been brought together by the creative power of Almighty God in the one Body of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Whatever historical divisions and disagreements there are in the visible Church on earth, there is only one fellowship and communion of the faithful in the universal Church. We have a unity of faith and life in the Lord Jesus Christ that no-one can take away from us, since we are rooted in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, and this unity we must try to maintain:

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God, and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Ephesians 4:3-6,
KJV

These verses indicate the profound unity of the faithful in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The unity we have as members of the universal Church is shown by one faith, one baptism, one hope of our calling, and one Body in Christ.

Yet our awareness of the unity of all the faithful in the mystical Body of the Lord Jesus Christ does not merely lead to the kind of statement St. Peter made at the Transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, “Lord, it is good for us to be here,” (**St. Matthew 17:4a**, KJV), but to following the way of Christ as we see it reflected in the lives of the saints, for this is the petition the Collect for All Saints’ Day asks of God: “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...” It is not just that we celebrate all the saints, or the diversity of the saints, or saints through the ages, but that we also learn from their lives and imitate their virtuous and godly way of life. Really, in doing this, we imitate Christ Himself. St. Paul exhorts the Ephesian Christians:

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given Himself for

us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savour.

Ephesians 5:1-2a, KJV

In following the saints in godly and virtuous living, we will be following Christ and imitating God, as His children should.

As we do this, we are encouraged by “so great a cloud of witnesses” (**Hebrews 12:1**) surrounding us, interceding for our success in living the Christian life victoriously. It is this same blessed company of the faithful who are encouraging us with Christ to lay aside every weight and closely-clinging sin to run the race Christ has set before us (**Hebrews 12:1**). Without perseverance in the Christian race, the race of faith, there is no reward at the end, no participation in “the unspeakable joys which God has prepared for those who love Him.” Now the fact that this immense cloud of witnesses surrounds us implies that they are cheering us on, in fact, interceding for us to persevere and win the great race of faith, in which we look to the Lord Jesus Christ, the “author and finisher of our faith,” (**Hebrews 12:2a**, KJV) from start to finish.

In this great race of faith, with all the perse-

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verance that it requires,
there is no concern for
one's status in this world,
one's position in society,
or one's economic class.
Stanza 1 of Hymn 243 in
the **1940 Hymnal** re-
minds us of this:

I sing a song of
the saints of
God....

Patient and brave
and true,

Who toiled and
fought and
lived and
died

For the Lord they
loved and
knew.

And one was a
doctor, and
one was a
queen,

And one was a
shepherdess
on the green:

They were all of
them saints
of God— and
I mean,

God helping, to
be one too.

“I sing a song of the
saints of God” by
Lesbia Scott,
1929

The truth that saints
have occupied various
stations in life is also ex-
pressed in other stanzas
of the same hymn, as are
the truths that the saints
did not just live in ages
past but live around us at
the present time, and that
the world is “bright with
the joyous saints who
love to do Jesus’
will” (Stanza 3). In other
words, we encounter

saints in our everyday
lives, and many saints
live ordinary lives, and
the world is illumined by
their witness to the Lord
Jesus Christ. While we
celebrate the diversity of
all the saints on All
Saints’ Day, and at many
other times, each of us is
called to show the light
and love of the Lord Je-
sus Christ to people
around us every day of
the year. What we should
ask ourselves is how best
we can share with others
the Gospel of the love of
Christ for the world and
be the saints that God has
called us to be in this
world.

— *The Reverend
Christopher Parrish*

A Note from the Sock Monkey Group

As you know,
our Chapel Family do-
nates clean pantyhose to
the Los Altos Senior Cen-
ter so that their Sock
Monkey Group has stuff-
ing for their dolls. Lee
Ann Vojvoda recently
received this note:

Dear people of St.
Luke’s Chapel in the
Hills,

Thank you so much
for your generous dona-
tions of hose for us to
make the Sock Monkey
Toys!

Your gifts made it
possible for us to contin-
ue doing what we do,
which is to make these
Sock Monkeys for the
children at Lucille Pack-
ard Children’s Hospital.
Each child will get one,
and, hopefully, it will
bring a smile to their
face.

As you can see from
the photo, each Sock
Monkey is made careful-
ly. It takes ten hours or
more to make each one.
They all look different in
the face because they
were all made by differ-
ent individuals.

Thank you again,
Dora Hsiao
for the
Sock Monkey Group



Our Chapel Family Prayer List

***This prayer list
was current
as of October 26th,
and the people
of St. Luke's
will pray
for each need
until we are notified
that it has been met.
Please contact
Father Parrish
to add
or remove names.
Thank you!***

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 Richard Lipka;

Canon Michael Penfield;

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 Joe Biden; and

Governor

Gavin Newsom;

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, coasties, guardians, police officers, firefighters, and pilots who protect us every day;

our persecuted Christian brothers and sisters throughout the world;

all refugees;

all who are suffering from the coronavirus, all medical personnel treating them, and all those who work with the public;

all the victims of California wildfires and the aid workers helping them;

Jim and Edna Davis;

Joya de Rossett;

Debbie;

Scott;

Brittany;

Tanya Theiler;

Dale Quinn;

Brian Quinn;

Mark Quinn;

Lisa;

Ben;

Marion;

Flo;

Max;

Dan and Kendra Pack;
the Stanko family;

Yoshihiko and Hideko Ikegami;

Ali Hemphill;

Lori Hemphill;

Pennel Magaw;

Tracy Magaw;

Mary Frances Reeves;

Mrs. Kitt;

Jon Carter;

Marilyn;

Frank Capone;

Rose Handwerker;

Ann and Frank MacVoy;

Bishop Ilgenfritz;

Dave Shuman;

Libby Codd;

Maria Fernandez;

Patricia Bowers;

Moe Martinez;

Victoria Grace;

Sharon Veach;

Theo Frensch;

Diane Ahlport;

Katy Stone and family;

Bill Zahrt;

Peter Parrish;

Christina;

Father Thomas
and Lora Vece;

Haley and Gabriella; and

John Donnelly; and

for the repose of the soul
of Libby Codd
and the comfort of all
who mourn her passing;

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

A Prayer for Our Congregation

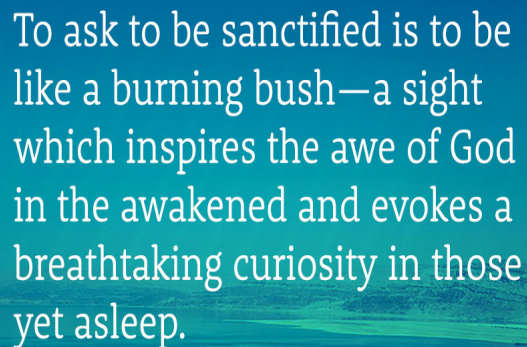
O GOD, Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful, visit, we pray Thee, the Congregation of St. Luke's Chapel in the Hills with Thy love and favour; enlighten our minds more and more with the light of the everlasting Gospel; graft in our hearts a love of the truth; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and of Thy great mercy keep us in the same, O blessed Spirit, whom, with the Father and the Son together, we worship and glorify as one God, world without end. Amen.

In Times of Great Sickness and Mortality

O MOST mighty and merciful God, in this time of grievous sickness, we flee unto Thee for succour. Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from our peril; give strength and skill to all those who minister to the sick; prosper the means made use of for their cure; and grant that, perceiving how frail and uncertain our life is, we may apply our hearts unto that heavenly wisdom which leadeth to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Rain

O GOD, heavenly Father, who by Thy Son Jesus Christ hast promised to all those who seek Thy kingdom, and the righteousness thereof, all things necessary to their bodily sustenance; send us, we beseech Thee, in this our necessity, such moderate rain and showers, that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort, and to Thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



To ask to be sanctified is to be like a burning bush—a sight which inspires the awe of God in the awakened and evokes a breathtaking curiosity in those yet asleep.

Parish Postings

The Santa Clara County Board of Health's mandated mask requirement for all persons who go into any enclosed public space continues. Please comply when you come to worship at the Chapel, or, if you prefer not to wear a mask, please worship with us via Zoom (please contact Father Parrish if you need to be added to the weekly Zoom worship invitation). Thank you!



Please note that Daylight Savings Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 7th. Set your clocks back one hour before you retire on the night of the 6th, then join us at 10:00 AM for our celebration of All Saints' Day!



The Vestry will meet on Sunday, November 21st, at 11:30 AM to conduct the business of the parish. Any interested member of the parish may attend this meeting.



Thanksgiving Day is a day set aside for our nation to gratefully praise God for His many blessings. It is also the 57th anniversary of the first worship service at our Chapel. Please join us on Thursday, November 25th, at 10:00 AM for Holy Communion.



It's that time again! Please join your Chapel Family on Saturday, November 27th, for a Work Party to prepare the chapel for Advent and Christmastide. We will begin at 10:00 AM.



The Very Reverend Canon Michael Penfield, Vicar-General of the Anglican Convocation of the West, will make his annual pastoral visit to St. Luke's on Sunday, December 5th. Be sure to join us to hear him preach and celebrate Holy Communion!



Something to Ponder

The First Sunday in Advent marks the beginning of the new liturgical year for the Church. Since the start of a new year is often a time of setting goals and making resolutions, we'd like to ask:

What Christ-like characteristic do you wish to develop in the upcoming liturgical year?

Think over and pray about this question, then share your answer with us in next month's *Voices of St. Luke's* column! (Please e-mail your answer to Kim

Vogel by November 20th. Thank you!)



Upcoming Events

Sunday, November 7th

All Saints' Day
The Twenty-third Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Sunday, November 14th

The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity

Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Sunday, November 21st

The Sunday next before Advent

Holy Communion
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Vestry Meeting
11:30 AM

Thursday, November 25th

Thanksgiving Day

Holy Communion
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Saturday, November 27th

*Work Party to prepare the Chapel
for Advent and Christmastide*
in the Chapel
10:00 AM

Sunday, November 28th

The First Sunday in Advent

Office of Morning Prayer
in the Chapel and via Zoom
10:00 AM

Sunday, December 5th

The Second Sunday in Advent

Pastoral Visit by
The Very Reverend Canon Michael Penfield

Holy Communion with Holy Unction
in the Chapel and via Zoom
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 and fellowship soon!

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

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

First Sunday of each month

Holy Communion with Healing Service
10:00 AM

Third and fifth Sundays of each month

Holy Communion
10:00 AM

Second and fourth Sundays each month

Office of Daily Morning Prayer
10:00 AM

Please note that all worship services are also available via Zoom for those who are unable to join us in the Chapel.