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Color of the Day: White - the festival color of the Church. It is reserved for celebrations that reflect themes of purity, light, innocence, holiness, and redemption, including special events in Jesus' life as His Birth, Baptism, Transfiguration, and Resurrection

Opening Hymn #670 - Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones
Confession and Absolution Page 151

☩ ☩ ☩ Service of the Word ☩ ☩ ☩

Introit Page 152

Ps 107:1-2, 41-42; antiphon: Ps. 107:8

These are the ones coming out of the great tribu- | lation.*
They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood | of
the Lamb.

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be | put to shame; *
in your righteousness de- | liver me.

For you are my rock and my | fortress; *
and for your name's sake you lead me and | guide me.

Into your hand I commit my | spirit; *
you have redeemed me, O LORD, | faithful God.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;

as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

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Kyrie Page 152

Hymn of Praise (Gloria in Excelsis) Page 154

Salutation & Collect of the Day Page 156

O God, the source of all that is just and good, nourish in us every
virtue and bring to completion every good intent that we may grow
in grace and bring forth the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ,

Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Old Testament Reading Page 156

Revelation 7:2-17

²Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with
the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four
angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³saying,
“Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed
the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴And I heard the number
of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:
⁵12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of
Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, ⁶12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
⁷12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, ⁸12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin
were sealed. ⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that
no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples
and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb,
clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and
crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits
on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing
around the throne and around the elders and the four living
creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and
worshiped God, ¹²saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever
and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these,
clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to
him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming
out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made
them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵“Therefore they are before
the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Gradual Page 156

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

Fear the LORD, | you His saints, *
for those who fear Him lack | nothing!
Many are the afflictions of the | righteous, *
but the LORD delivers Him out | of them all.

Epistle Reading Page 156

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Alleluia & Verse (Common) Page 156

Holy Gospel Page 157

Matthew 5:1-12

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Children’s Message

Hymn of the Day #677 – For All the Saints

The Sermon We Are God’s Children Now – 1 John 3:1-3

Want to read along, miss a sermon, need some inspiration, need a review of church doctrine? Check out Pastor Bogs’ blog at: <http://rabswritings.blogspot.com/> or Pastor Mendez’s blog at: <https://pastormendez.blogspot.com/>

Introduction

Today is _____.

The Other Lessons

In the first lesson _____.

John also tells us _____.

In the Gospel lesson _____.

Jesus says _____.

The Father’s Love

First and foremost _____.

When Jesus came into _____.

The world rejected _____.

John says we are _____.

What Does This Mean?

God is _____.

God first _____.

God first _____.

God brings _____.

As we celebrate _____.

Our ultimate hope _____.

Other Notes or Questions for Pastor: _____

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Prayer of the Church & Offering Page 159

Our First Fruits and Tithes are our regular, top priority, proportionate, grateful gifts to the Lord for the work of the Gospel. Our Offerings are special gifts for special causes over and above our tithes. This is an act of worship for members and friends of St. Matthew who are moved by God’s love to respond to the Gospel. Guests should not feel obligated to participate.

Offertory Page 159

✠ ✠ ✠ **Service of the Sacrament** ✠ ✠ ✠

Preface Page 160

It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should in all times and all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way to everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and saying:

Sanctus & Prayer of Thanksgiving Page 161

Lord’s Prayer & The Words of Our Lord Page 162

Pax Domini & Agnus Dei Page 163

Distribution Page 164

Before partaking of the Lord’s Supper, we ask that you read our communion statement on the pew insert behind the Bible. Thank you.

Distribution Hymns #667 – Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses
#619 – Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
#747 - No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone

Post-Communion Canticle (Thank the Lord) Page 164

Post-Communion Collect & Benediction Page 166

Closing Hymn #789 - Praise and Thanksgiving