All Saints’ Day
November 4, 2018
10:30 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Episcopal Church
Middlebury, Vermont

Our purpose: To grow in God’s love and serve Christ in all people
Our mission: To be an inclusive community awake to God in worship, learning and service
10:30 a.m.  

Holy Eucharist  

St. Stephen's Counterpoint part I  

Cantabile  

Rite II  

Preludes  

St. Stephen's Counterpoint part I  

Roger Bourland  

Joseph Clokey  

Hymn  

For all the saints  

Hymnal 287  

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1 For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might:  
3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!  

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet  

Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.  
thou, in the darkness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.  
all are one in thee, for all are thine.  

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!  

*7 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day; the  
*8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
The Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People: And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

Song of Praise

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal S 280
Ministry Moment

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 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. Amen.

First Lesson Isaiah 25: 6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

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

Psalm Psalm 24

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

"Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.

They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."

Second Lesson  
Revelation 21: 1-6a
I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them as their God;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

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

Hymn  
How lovely is thy dwelling place

1 How lovely is thy dwelling place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Beside thine altars, gracious Lord, the swallows find a
3 They who go through the desert vale will find it filled with
4 One day within thy courts excels a thousand spent a -
When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"
Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"
So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

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 the pauses, you are invited to add petitions silently or aloud.)  

Celebrant: Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. I ask your prayers for Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Tom, our Bishop; for the priests who minister to us; and for all the members of this parish daily engaged in their varying ministries. On this day, I also ask your prayers for St. Paul’s Church in Windsor and the Episcopal Church, Province I: Dioceses of Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Vermont and Western Massachusetts. Pause

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.

In this time of transition, I ask your prayers for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we seek new leadership for the Episcopal Church in Vermont. Give listening hearts and receptive minds to those appointed to search for candidates, and inquiring and open hearts to those discerning a call to serve as Bishop of Vermont. May we all share the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. May we be united in our desire for your will for this Diocese, that the love of Christ may be evident to all; for it is in Jesus' name that we pray. Pause

Lord, in your mercy  
Hear our prayer.
Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Pause

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Pause

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are linked with ours whether near or far, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Pause

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We remember silently those known to the parish: Jeff, Sarah, Vinny, Don, Keung, Mike, Roger, Mary, Sarah, Lia, Stefanie, Stacey, Brooke, Anne, Tom, Carol, Sarah, Celia. Pause. I invite you to name aloud or silently others for whom you seek our prayers. Pause

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy, O God, all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. I invite you to name aloud or silently those whom you especially commend at this time. Pause

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.
The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
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.

Celebrant: 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.

Our loose plate offering today is designated for the Discretionary Fund.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem

Celebrant: All things come from you, O Lord,
People: And of your own have we given you.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer A

The people remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and says:

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Hymnal S 130
The people stand or kneel.

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:

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

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.

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Our Father in heaven,
    hallowed be your Name,
    your kingdom come,
    your will be done,
    on earth as 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

A chime will sound at The Breaking of the Bread symbolizing the culmination of the Eucharistic Prayer. Silence follows.

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us:
People: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Ministration of Communion

You are welcome at this table. To receive gluten free bread please inform the server at the time of communion. To receive grape juice instead of wine please go to the right side of the altar rail (near baptismal font), and inform the server at the time of communion.

Fraction Anthem

Be known to us Hymnal S 171
Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord

1 Draw nigh and take the Body of the Lord,
2 Saved by that Body and that holy Blood,
3 Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
4 Offered was he for greatest and for least,
5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,

1 and drink the holy Blood for you outpoured.
2 with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
3 by his dear cross and blood the victory won.
4 himself the Victim, and himself the Priest.
5 and take the pledges of salvation here.

6 He that his saints in this world rules and shields to all believers life eternal yields:
7 with heavenly bread he makes the hungry whole, gives living waters to the thirsting soul.
8 Alpha-Omega, unto whom shall bow all nations at the doom, is with us now.

The Postcommunion Prayer (stand)

People: God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

The Blessing

Celebrant: The God of all grace who called you to eternal glory in Christ Jesus, restore
establish and strengthen you in the faith and the blessing of God our
Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always. Amen.

Hymn

Ye holy angels bright

Descant

1 Ye holy angels bright, who wait at God's right hand,
or
2 Ye blessed souls at rest, who ran this earthly race
and
3 Ye saints, who toil below, adore your heavenly King,
and
4 My soul, bear thou thy part, triumph in God above:
and

with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy

through the realms of light fly at your Lord's command, assist our
now, from sin released, behold the Savior's face, God's praises
onward as ye go some joyful anthem sing; take what he
with a well-tuned heart sing thou the songs of love! Let all thy
Dismissal

Celebrant:  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People:    Thanks be to God.

Postlude  Rise up O Saints of God

Celebrant & Preacher: The Very Reverend Diane Nancekivell
Ushers: Steve Sontum, Cathy and Emily Walsh
Crucifer: Bill Brooks
Eucharistic Ministers: Bill Brooks, John Hammer
Additional Server: Tom Turley
Lectors: Holly Stabler, Tom Turley
Intercessor: Bob Ruggiero
Altar Guild: Barb Wood
Choir Director: Susanne Peck  Organist: George Matthew, Jr.
Coffee Hour: Tom Turley, Sandy Ketcham
Ministry Moment: Bill Eichner

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Music Notes
Today's music is based on three familiar hymns inspired by saints: "St. Stephen's Counterpoint" on #73, "Cantabile" on #370 and "Rise up O Saints of God" on #551.

Service Schedule for November and December

November 4: Diane Nancekivell
November 11: Diane Nancekivell
November 18: Catherine Nichols as Celebrant, Christopher Hogin, Preacher, single service at 10:00am for Annual Campaign In-gathering to be followed by parish potluck.
November 22: Thanksgiving 10am service
November 25: Larry Yarbrough as Celebrant, Irv Cummings, Preacher

December 2: Diane Nancekivell, 1st Sunday of Advent
December 9: Larry Yarbrough as Celebrant, Br. Aidan Owen, Preacher
December 16: Catherine Nichols
December 22: Gentle Christmas 11am, led by Ann Cooper, followed by soup luncheon
December 23: Catherine Nichols
December 24: 4:00pm Pageant and 9:00pm service, Larry Yarbrough
December 25: 10am service, Sarah Horton
December 30: 10am service of Lessons and Carols, led by Jay Parini
Welcome to St. Stephen’s!

It is our honor and pleasure to have you visiting with us today. Your presence enriches our worship. Following the service, please take a moment to sign the guest register next to the front door. After the 10:30 a.m. service there is a coffee hour for all to enjoy a cup of coffee and conversation. Current copies of the Parishscope, the parish newsletter, are available for you to take with you.

For additional information, please visit our website at www.ststephensmidd.org.

We welcome children at St. Stephen’s!

- **Child care** is provided in the Ark upstairs from 9:00 a.m. until noon with our wonderful caregiver Suzie Klemmer.

- **Children’s “quiet bags”** are available on the hooks at the back of the church.

- **The Chapel** at the back of the church is sound equipped for parents who wish a quieter environment for their children.

All who are seeking a deeper relationship with Christ are invited to share in the communion. At the proper time the ushers will direct you to the altar to receive communion. If you desire to receive a blessing rather than communion simply cross your arms across your chest. To receive gluten free bread please inform the server at the time of communion. To receive grape juice instead of wine please go to the baptism side of the altar rail (right). There, inform the server at the time of communion.

If you have any questions, please ask any Vestry member – their nametags are marked.

There is an elevator in the reception area opposite the Parish Administrator’s Office. Take the door next to the Baptismal Font. A wheelchair and personal amplification devices are available for those who need them. See an usher for assistance. There are restrooms on all three floors.

Whenever a prayer or response is in **bold** you are encouraged to read this aloud.

In the Episcopal Church we commonly stand for prayers or hymns- you may sit if you prefer.

If you have pastoral care needs, contact Jessica Hoagland (388-9012, hoagland.j@comcast.net), pastoral lay ministry coordinator; Mary McGuire (802-598-1895 or 388-6740, mary.c.mcguire10@gmail.com), Senior Warden; or Annemarie Deering in the office (388-7200, ststephensmiddlebury@gmail.com).