

# ST. ANDREW'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## All Hallows' Eve Worship October 28, 2018

### Greeting and Introduction to the Service

*Celebrant* This is the day that the Lord has made.

*People* **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Together* **Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship you in Spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Opening Song and Prayer

Hymn 293 "I sing a song of the saints of God"

*Grande Isle*

*Celebrant* Holy God, we gather in this place on this night to celebrate your love for us. We remember the words of David: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom can I be afraid?" On All Hallows' Eve, we face the things we are afraid of and trust that with your help, we are stronger than our fears. Help us feel your power and strength tonight, and guide us now, as we come into your presence. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, who brought us the perfect love that casts out fear. *Amen.*

### Readings

Reading: Ezekiel & the Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a

valley; it was full of bones. He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He

said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the

Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.' I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        Thanks be to God.

Reading: Psalm 23

*The Book of Uncommon Prayer* (Steven L. Case)

- 1 I am not alone,  
because God is with me.
- 2 God will let me rest when I am tired.  
God will help me be strong.
- 3 Even when the world feels dark  
and the people in it seem scary, God is with me.
- 4 The creator of the universe is by my side.  
Nothing can hurt me.
- 5 God has amazing things in store for me  
even when other people try to make me feel afraid.

- 6 My glass will never be empty,  
because God will take care of me.
- 7 God is with me in every move I make.  
I will live in God's house forever.

## Song

### Dry Bones

### *Spiritual*

*Ezekiel cried, "Them dry bones!"  
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"Oh, hear the word of the Lord."*

*The foot bone's connected to the leg bone,  
The leg bone's connected to the knee bone,  
The knee bone's connected to the thigh  
bone,  
The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone,  
The hip bone's connected to the back bone,  
The back bone's connected to the neck bone,  
The neck bone's connected to the jaw bone,  
The jaw bone's connected to the head bone,  
Oh, hear the word of the Lord!*

*Them bones, them bones gonna walk  
aroun',  
Them bones, them bones, gonna walk  
aroun'  
Them bones, them bones, gonna walk  
aroun'  
Oh, hear the word of the Lord.*

## Homily

### Casting Out of Fears

*After each bidding, please respond, Love is stronger!*

### Passing of the Peace

*Celebrant* Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you,  
live at peace with everyone. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

# Testimonial and Announcements

## Lord's Prayer

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 forgive 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

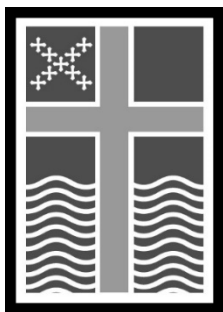
## Closing Song

Hymn 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

*Seek ye first*

## Blessing and Dismissal

Have a safe and happy Halloween!



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