



# ALL SAINTS'

## EPISCOPAL CHURCH

NINIAN  
BISHOP IN GALLOWAY, C. 430

HEALING WORSHIP SERVICE

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## WELCOME!

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here, we're glad to have you join in our praises of God today. We hope you will feel comfortable here and fulfilled, and strengthened spiritually to meet the challenges of your daily life.

## WHILE WORSHIPING WITH US

- We encourage you to use social media to share your prayers, pictures, and presence with us at All Saints'. On Facebook, use the tag @allsaintsfredmd to share on our page. We are a hybrid community of people present physically and online. It is entirely appropriate to connect with the people who are present virtually with us, and let them know that you see and appreciate them.

## COVENANT FOR RE-GATHERING

**In response to the current COVID-19 pandemic**, I promise, with God's help and to the best of my ability, to abide by the guidelines of the Diocese of Maryland for participation in the life of my congregation according to the regathering phase in which my congregation is authorized to carry out its mission and ministry. In fulfillment of the Baptismal Covenant (BCP p. 304-305), I will strive to:

### **Love my neighbor as myself, I will...**

- Wear a mask over my nose and mouth at all times in church buildings and follow public health guidelines for hand sanitizing and disinfecting
- Only attend worship if I am not knowingly infected with the COVID-19 virus, have not been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID 19 in the last 14 days, and have followed all travel restrictions instituted by state government.
- Will abstain from attending if doing so would put me at greater risk due to my own health status

### **Respect the dignity of every human being, I will...**

- Make no physical contact with people beyond the members of my own household
- Maintain a six foot or more distance from other members of the congregation
- Respect any requests for distance, masking, and cleaning, to ensure the safety and comfort level of others

### **Seek and serve Christ in all people...**

- Trust and support the decisions of both my diocesan and congregational leaders
- Stay connected with others in my community by telephone, video chat, email, or snail mail

# NINIAN

## BISHOP IN GALLOWAY, C. 430

*From Holy Women, Holy Men*

The dates of Ninian's life, and the exact extent of his work, are much disputed. The earliest, and possibly the best, account is the brief one in the Venerable Bede's Ecclesiastical History.

Ninian was a Romanized Briton, born in the latter half of the fourth century in southern Scotland. He is said to have been educated in Rome and to have received episcopal ordination. But the main influence on his life was Martin of Tours, with whom he spent some time, and from whom he gained his ideals of an episcopal-monastic structure designed for missionary work.

About the time of Martin's death in 397, Ninian established his base at a place called Candida Casa ("White House") or Whithorn in Galloway, which he dedicated to Martin. Traces of place names and church dedications suggest that his work covered the Solway Plains and the Lake District of England. Ninian seems also to have converted many of the Picts of northern Scotland, as far north as The Moray Firth.

Ninian, together with Patrick, is one of the links of continuity between the ancient Roman-British Church and the developing Celtic Christianity of Ireland and Scotland.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

*Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*

*Chuck Marobnic*

### OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

**Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Holy One, lift our burdens,

**for your yoke is easy.**

O God, as the showers renew the earth, bathe us in your healing power. Stretch out your hand, that we may live and know that you alone are God, in whose faithfulness we have life all our days. **Amen.**

## COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

O God, by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian you caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labors in remembrance we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSON

Acts 10:21–35

Peter went down to the men and said, “I am the one you are looking for; what is the reason for your coming?” They answered, “Cornelius, a centurion, an upright and God-fearing man, who is well spoken of by the whole Jewish nation, was directed by a holy angel to send for you to come to his house and to hear what you have to say.” So Peter invited them in and gave them lodging. The next day he got up and went with them, and some of the believers from Joppa accompanied him. The following day they came to Caesarea. Cornelius was expecting them and had called together his relatives and close friends. On Peter’s arrival Cornelius met him, and falling at his feet, worshiped him. But Peter made him get up, saying, “Stand up; I am only a mortal.” And as he talked with him, he went in and found that many had assembled; and he said to them, “You yourselves know that it is unlawful for a Jew to associate with or to visit a Gentile; but God has shown me that I should not call anyone profane or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without objection. Now may I ask why you sent for me?” Cornelius replied, “Four days ago at this very hour, at three o’clock, I was praying in my house when suddenly a man in dazzling clothes stood before me.

“He said, ‘Cornelius, your prayer has been heard and your alms have been remembered before God. Send therefore to Joppa and ask for Simon, who is called Peter; he is staying in the home of Simon, a tanner, by the sea.’ Therefore I sent for you immediately, and you have been kind enough to come. So now all of us are here in the presence of God to listen to all that the Lord has commanded you to say.”

Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **MUSIC REFLECTION**

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

*Larry Shackley*

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

### **THE GOSPEL**

Matthew 28:16–20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

### **PRAYERS FOR HEALING**

*The Celebrant introduces the Litany with this bidding*

Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.

*The people offer names either silently or aloud.*

Those to lift in prayer from All Saints' community . . .

*We read the first names of all those on the parish prayer list.*

Jim & Sally Baer, Donna Bainbridge, Rachel Becker, Sophie Bing, Stacie Breeden, Lu Bro, Sarah & Chad Bro, Barry & Sylvia Brouse, Sara Brownlowe, The Caro Family, Clapper family, Ed Cornish, Ann Cramer, John Crawford, Neile Crutchley, Sara Cutshall-King, Sandy Dunning, Renee Farmer, Susie Fogle, Mary Gibb, Mother Columba Gilliss, Judy Haines, Tracy Snyder Hancock, Anthony & Krista Kitchen, Anita & David Lane, Alison Lewis, Mary Lewis, Ed Long, Jason Lowman, Minde Machande, Barbara Maniha, Amanda McGreevy, Natalie McMaster, Gene Meyers, Linda Miller, Mary Lou Musser, Lynda Osborne, Eleanor Peckham, Al Peden, Dottie Pratt, Caroline Price, Lynne Price, Valeri Rakowski & family, Clarence & Virginia Rinehart, Jack Rogers, Constance Rothmund, John Schmitt & Peter Vasquez, Matthew, Theresa, Grace, James & Christian Subblefield, Rev. Joell Szachara, Bianca Thompson, Bob Vandervort, Jack & Zoe Vaughn & Miranda Blair, Madeline Wadja, Kristen Wetzels, Sadie Wiles-Hoy, Taler Williams, Carol Winckler, April Diggs & Waymon Wright & Family, Gerry Wyman, Janice & family

For the Dearly Departed: Charlene Nicholls Collins

For Military and First Responders: Bruce Beard, Jr., Cpl. Sean Bigger, Grant Brinkley, SFC Chris Hayes, Ens. Aaron Hull, Eleanor Pittinger, Seamus Ryan, Airman Luke C. Rice, Dustin Turner, PFC Jasmine Valencia, 1st Lt. Ryan Zaybekian

*The live-stream leader concludes by reading the prayers offered virtually.*

## **INTERCESSIONS**

God the Creator, Ruler of heaven and earth:

**Have mercy on us**

Jesus Christ, the Healer and Redeemer of this broken world:

**Have mercy on us.**

O Holy Spirit, Giver of life and breath:

**Have mercy on us.**

O glorious Trinity, whose presence fills all of creation:

**Have mercy on us.**

We confess to You, O God, our anxiety at this time of viral pandemic, calling for justice for racism, natural disasters, and contests for power that afflicts the peoples of the world; the lack of relief and security in this time ravages the body and challenges the soul:

**We ask You to hear us, O God.**

We confess our fearful emotions as we witness the loss of steady employment, the lack of a steady supply of the necessities of life, and the uncertain future of economic well-being:

**We ask You to hear us, O God.**

We confess our need for steadfastness and endurance to prepare for the heaviness of daily life as we care for children and for the elderly, for the well-being of our friends, for the impoverished and oppressed, and the health of our communities.

**We ask You to hear us, O God.**

We pray for our health, and for the health of those who surround us, and for those in every place, and especially for those who become ill and are in need of care.

**Restore and heal us, O God.**

We pray for all doctors, nurses, and health-care professionals, for public health workers, and for the provision of needed medical equipment and supplies.

**Restore and heal us, O God.**

We pray for all elderly and infirm residents of nursing care facilities, and for those who work with them, that they may be surrounded with divine protection.

**Restore and heal us, O God.**

We pray for wisdom for those working on the research and development of treatment programs and the development of vaccines and medications.

**Restore and heal us, O God.**

We pray for the Church and its ministries, for opportunities for worship and study even if unable to come together in person, and we pray for all efforts to provide pastoral care and spiritual direction in these days.

**Restore and heal us, O God.**

We pray that your heavenly grace will precede and follow us in this time of trial, and remind us always to turn to you for your saving grace and healing goodness.

**Restore and heal us, O God.**

**Holy God,**

**Holy and Mighty,**

**Holy Immortal One.**

**Have mercy on us.**

## CONCLUDING COLLECT

*The celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect*

God grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change; courage to change the things we can; and wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time; enjoying one moment at a time; accepting hardships as the pathway to peace; taking, as Jesus did, this sinful world as it is, not as we would have it; trusting, O God, that you will make all things right if we surrender to your will; that we may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with you for ever in the next.

**Amen.**

## CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## **ANOINTING FOR HEALING**

*Because we are not touching each other, may you receive this prayer for your healing as the anointing of God's love.*

As you are outwardly anointed with this holy oil, so may our loving God give you the inward anointing of the Holy Spirit. Of God's bounty, may your suffering be relieved, and your spirit, mind, and body restored to grace and peace. May all of us in the frailty of our flesh know God's healing and resurrecting power. **Amen.**

## **THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*You are invited to greet one another with a sign of God's peace. In this time of viral infection, we invite you to turn to each other with a holy bow, recognizing the Christ in each other and offering the gift of peace.*

*If you are alone at this time, send a text message to one with whom you would like to share a sign of peace.*

## **GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

To acknowledge our inability to share the sacrament of communion in bread and wine an empty cup and plate are on the altar to signify our hunger to end our fast. When it is safe to share physical communion with one another, we will celebrate resurrection at the Lord's Table with the bread and the wine and be fed by God's hand.

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

## MINISTRATION OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Faithful God, in the wonder of your wisdom and love you fed your people in the wilderness with the bread of angels, and you sent Jesus to be the bread of life. Though we cannot consume the Blessed Sacrament of Bread and Wine at this time, we thank you for the sacrament of Christ's presence, the gift of spiritual communion, and all other benefits of Christ's passion.

**By the power of the Holy Spirit, may we become the sacrament of Christ's Body. Let our lives be manna to feed our hunger for communion; for the love we share becomes the bread for the world. Amen.**

## THE BLESSING

The Wisdom of God  
the Love of God  
and the Grace of God  
strengthen you  
to be Christ's hands and heart in this world,  
in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen.**

*(source: Celtic)*

## POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah*

*Cohen/ Arr. Marianne Kim*

## THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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