

All Saints Sunday
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Online 9:45am Service



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Welcome! In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

Welcome! Some practical things for you to know:

Children: All children, even those who are noisy, upset, or otherwise discombobulated, are always welcome here!

Restrooms are located to the left out of the doors you entered in to the narthex or lobby; ushers can further direct you.

Holy Communion: All baptized Christians are welcome to the Lord’s Table. Our ushers will guide you.

PRELUDE

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

A LITANT OF REMEMBRANCE

(written by Pastor Lydia)

Pastor: Our Lord Jesus Christ, our Savior, Redeemer, Healer, Liberator, and Comforter tells us:
Blessed are the poor in spirit,

Congregation: because although our faith may be weak, we are part of God and his kingdom.

Pastor: Blessed are those who weep, who grieve, and who are in mourning,

Congregation: because we will be comforted, and our tears will be wiped away.

Pastor: Blessed are the meek, the gentle, and those who suffer their loss in silence,

Congregation: because we will have a place in the land to express our grief.

Pastor: Blessed are those who hunger, who thirst, who long for justice and for answer to their questions,

Congregation: because we will have the satisfaction of knowing the truth and will be filled by it.

Pastor: Blessed are the merciful who share and identify with the sorrow of others,

Congregation: because others will show mercy to me and try to relieve me of my misery.

Pastor: Blessed are those who open their heart to release its poisons and make it pure,

Congregation: because God is the one who will wash us and free us to see Him face to face.

Pastor: Blessed are the peacemakers, those who work to stop the violence and disregard for life,

Congregation: Because we will be living as sons and daughters of God.

Pastor: Blessed are those who are persecuted and silenced while struggling for justice,

Congregation: because the reign of heaven is ours; it has made itself present.

Pastor: Blessed are you when people insult you, when they persecute you, when they plot and execute evil against you, accusing you falsely because you have worked for the good and belong to the kingdom of God,

Congregation: we will be comforted and will rejoice in knowing that we raised our voice and made ourselves present; we will be comforted and will rejoice in knowing that God heard us;

we will be comforted and will rejoice because we were with God and will continue to be with him; we will be comforted and will rejoice with the certainty that God has not left us, not even for a single moment.

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

(from Sundays and Seasons)

Pastor: Let us remember all the saints before God:

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

Congregation: Amen.

A RITUAL OF REMEMBRANCE

Pastor: We remember those within the life of our congregation who have died in the last year: *Hilda Taylor, Henry Adams, George Smith, Pat Falco, Duke Tieman, and Carolyn DuMoulin.*

We remember those others who are interred in our Memorial Garden...

We remember those whose names have been lifted up for this time of remembrance...

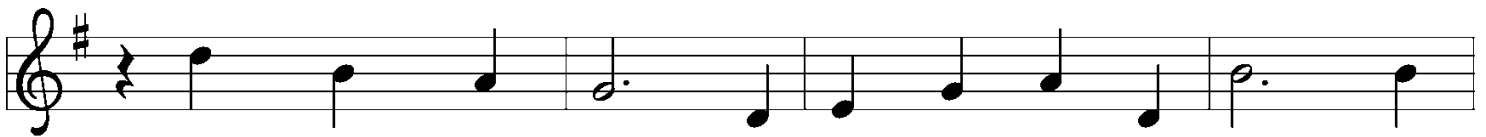
And we remember those other whom we name now with our lips or in our hearts...

Congregation: Amen.

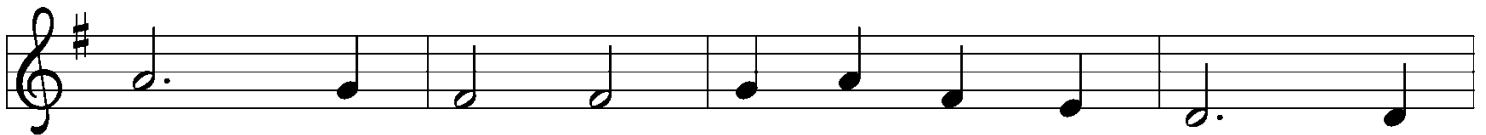
GATHERING HYMN

For All the Saints

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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; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through

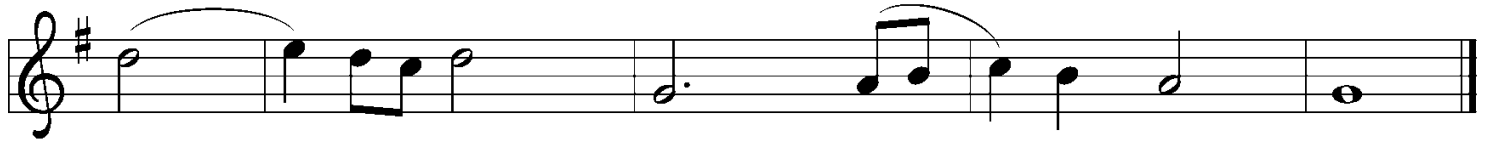


thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . .
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . .

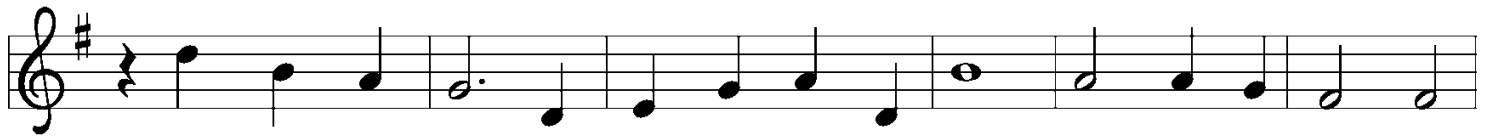


name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness dread, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine, we fee - bly strug - gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west; soon, soon to faith - ful



they in glo - ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 dis - tant tri - umph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
 ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Congregation: And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Worship Leader: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Congregation: Amen.**

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

Reader: ¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

The reading is concluded:

The word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

Reader: ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The reading is concluded:

The word of the Lord. **Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke in the 6th chapter.

Congregation: Glory to you, O Lord.

Worship Leader: ²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

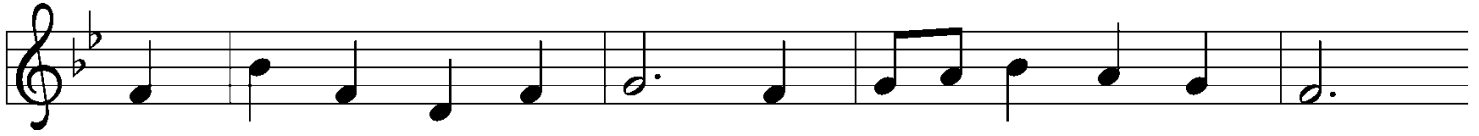
²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

After the reading...

The gospel of the Lord. **Congregation: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON



1 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live,
 2 For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die,
 3 They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,
 4 For this, your name we bless and hum - bly pray a - new
 5 To God, the Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it, ev - er blest,



who fol - lowed you, o - beyed, a - dored, our grate - ful hymn re - ceive.
 who count - ed you their great re - ward, ac - cept our thank - ful cry.
 learned from your Ho - ly Spir - it's breath to suf - fer and to do.
 that we like them in ho - li - ness may live and die in you.
 the One in Three, the Three in One, be end - less praise ad - dressed.

Text: Richard Mant, 1776–1848, alt.

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Worship Leader: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

Prayer Leader: Holy One, your church rests on the faithful who came before us. Give bishops, pastors, deacons, and lay leaders the will to carry the church forward and discern your will for the future. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Prayer Leader: Holy One, the earth is yours and all that dwells within it. Care for places ravaged by natural disasters, especially those places recovering from Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Quell raging fires and halt destruction caused by flooding. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Prayer Leader: Holy One, you raise up leaders to guide your people. Kindle in them a passion to care for others, a desire to seek the common good, and the courage to love their enemies. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Prayer Leader: Holy One, you bless those who are poor, hungry, and reviled. Provide food, housing, and security to all who are vulnerable or in crisis. May those who have more than enough give generously. Bring healing to all who are sick in body, mind, or spirit. We pray especially for those on the prayer list of our congregation, those suffering from violence and terror such as the people of Ukraine and victims of mass shootings, those suffering from natural disasters such as wildfires,

floods, drought, storms such as Hurricanes Fiona and Ian, and diseases such as cancer, COVID-19, and polio, and those we name now with our lips or in our hearts..... Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Prayer Leader: Holy One, hold us in community with one another. Nurture a spirit of abundant hospitality and intentional inclusion among us, welcoming the gifts of adults and children. Inspire creative visions for our life together. Lord, in your mercy,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Worship Leader: Accept these prayers, gracious God, and those known only to you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Congregation: Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Prayer Leader: Let us pray. Gracious God, in your great love you richly provide for our needs. Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing, and make us ready to share with all in need; through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all. **Congregation: Amen.**

DIALOGUE

Worship Leader: The Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Worship Leader: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them to the Lord.

Worship Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Worship Leader: O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. **Congregation: Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray in whichever language is closest to our hearts.

Congregation: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

Worship Leader: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, † bless you now and forever.

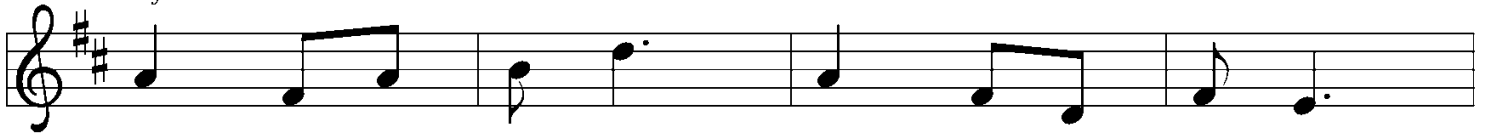
Congregation: Amen.



1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;



lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.

Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

DISMISSAL

Worship Leader: Together we have heard God's Word and joined in prayer, we have given and have been forgiven. Now as this service of worship is ending, this week's service to the world is beginning! Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE