

November 5, 2023: All Saints

God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us;

We lament their passing,

And honor their legacy.

We give thanks for all we have learned from them.

Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully,

We follow their example.

Those who made mistakes along the way,

We learn from their experience.

Those who made progress for peace,

We continue their work.

Those who lived simply and quietly,

We are enlightened by them.

Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,

We are humbled by them.

Those who were martyred for their faith,

We commend them to your care.

For those from our community of faith who have died this past year;

Leola Gourley, Sandra Eastwood, Susan Jarrett, Sandra Schroder, and Juanita Opheim,

They have finished their work on earth,

And it lives on,

Reverberating into our lives now

As the work of Christ lives on.

May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us

To good works, humility, simplicity and peacemaking,

As those foremothers and forefathers were inspired by him

To live in grace and love. Amen.

As the hymn "For All The Saints" is sung, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of those who have claimed the fullness of their Baptism and who now live eternally in the presence of God. After lighting the candle, place it in the box of sand.



Gathering Song God Is Here! (ELW 526)



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 Jesus, be forever blest.
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 King of glory pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare 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 triumph 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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Canticle of Praise

This hymn proclaims Jesus' victory over death and celebrates the fullness of redemption that we await when all things are made new. Drawing from images in the book of Revelation, it includes hymns that are sung in heaven at the throne of God. Today's first reading from Revelation 7 is one that is quoted here.

Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.

All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

Refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le-lu-ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.

Final refrain



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be-gun his reign. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands.

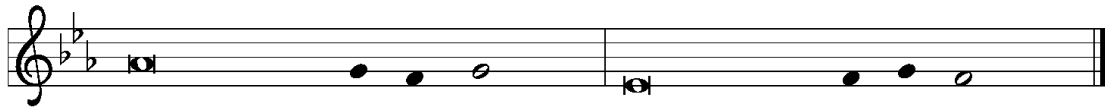
“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22



²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished. **R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel Acclamation

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

Sermon

HYMN OF THE DAY *Death Be Never Last* (ACS 1030)

1 We walk in light of count - less fac - es
2 When sor - row's heav - y hand has weight - ed
3 When joy re - turns with laugh - ter sing - ing

bright as beams of ris - ing sun, cer - tain as the
loss a - gainst the great - er gain, pin - ning down that
thanks to God for life's sweet song, let us fol - low

morn - ing chas - es night in end - less a - ges' run.
grief sore fat - ed lad - en on the bed of pain.
af - ter bring - ing thanks to God for those now gone.

Refrain
Turn - ing eyes now to their shin - ing mem - 'ry, to their faith - ful past,
saints be now the truth di - vin - ing: death be now but nev - er last.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: DEATH BE NEVER LAST, Ray Makeever

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Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.* On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Each petition ends with the words "Hear us, O God" and the response is "**Your mercy is great.**"

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words.

Anthem: "

Holy Communion

Those worshipping elsewhere are invited to prepare your table with the food and drink that will be the Body and Blood of Christ for us,

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

Lift up your hearts.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

And also with you.

We lift them to the Lord.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Eucharistic Prayer

Acclamation and Amen are sung at the appropriate time, the organ will cue the assembly.

Acclamation:



Christ has died. Christ is ris'n. Christ will come a - gain.

Amen:



A - men, a - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

Lord's Prayer

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Invitation to Communion

This meal, in all times and places, is God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all as we share the Body and Blood of Christ, given and shed for you.

Communion Song: Agnus Dei (Schubert)

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have mer - cy on us.

Je - sus, re - deem - er, re - deem - er of the world,

grant us peace, grant us peace.

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Communion Hymn: *Sing with All the Saints in Glory* (ELW 426)

1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!
3 Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.

Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.
Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.
Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!

All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;
God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.
Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,

in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

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Prayer after Communion

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Blessing

The God of glory, ☩ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING SONG *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In* (ACS 950)



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



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num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is at work in you.

Thanks be to God.

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