

ALL SAINTS' DAY 2018

November 4, 2018

AS WE GATHER... This Sunday we observe the feast of All Saints' Day. While many congregations use this service to remember those saints who have departed this life in faith, we do well to remember that "saint" is simply another word for "believer" or "follower of Jesus." All of those who gather to confess Jesus as Lord are indeed already saints. The Gospel for today is a section of the Sermon on the Mount known as the Beatitudes. Jesus begins this sermon by recounting the present reality of those who have faith: they are blessed. Even when it looks as though the faithful are the opposite of blessed, they are indeed blessed because theirs is the kingdom of heaven. They are a part of the reign and rule of God. All saints, including you, are a part of the reign and rule of God; therefore, you are blessed!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING ON GOD

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

~Silence for reflection~

P: Most merciful God,

C: We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

P: God, our heavenly Creator, hears the prayers of all people and answers those prayers. Our prayer for forgiveness is answered in the person and work of Jesus Christ, who died for our sin that we might have new life. By the command of Jesus, I forgive you all of your sins—in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

KYRIE

LBW pg. 78-79

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

LBW pg. 81-82

P: This is the feast of victory for our God Alleluia.

C: Worthy is Chris, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us Pray...Heavenly Father, You have lavished a great love upon Your children from every nation, tribe, and language. Show us mercy and comfort, Lord, as we mourn those saints who have gone before us in the faith, so that we continue to share Your love with all nations, through Jesus, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 7: 9-17

Salvation belongs to God and the Lamb!

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen!

Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honor
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore,

“they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

‘Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,
nor any scorching heat.

For the Lamb at the center of the throne
will be their shepherd;

‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’

‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

EPISTLE

I John 3:1-3

Beloved, we are God’s children now.

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL

Matthew 5: 1-12

Blessed are the poor in spirit.

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

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

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

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

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

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

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

SERMON HYMN “For All the Saints”

LBW 174 (vs. 1,2,4,7)

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest
All who by faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2.

ou were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 You, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

4. Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 Yet all are one within your great design.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7.

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of glory passes on his way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

SERMON

APOSTLES' CREED

**C: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.
 And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 Born of the virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was crucified, died and was buried.
 He descended into hell.
 The third day He rose again from the dead.
 He ascended into heaven
 And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy Christian Church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life + everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

After each portion of the prayers, these words are spoken:

P: Lord, in your mercy

C: hear our prayer

P: In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember before our Lord our departed family and friends who have gone before us in faith and all who are in our hearts and minds this day.

Florence Jancaric

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Greg Oldham

Leah Coleman

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Rosanna Leeson

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P: Almighty God, we remember with thanksgiving those who loved and served You in Your Church on earth and who now rest from their labors. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints and bring us at last to the joy of Your heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

OFFERING (Music)

CHOIR ANTHEM:

“The One”

By Susan Bentall Boersma & Craig Courtney

On the swiftest wings of morning,
from the highest King of Heaven,
comes a holy invitation to a feast.

Interceding for His children,
at the right hand of the Father,
He invites us all, the most unto the least.

Refrain: The One who knows your name has bid you, “come.”

*The One who bore your shame, God’s only Son,
has prepared a celebration as a gift from God above;
a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.*

Gather now around God’s table,
feel the splendor of the Savior,
as He serves the fragrant bread and pours the wine.
Then in grateful adoration of His blood and body given,
praise the One who offers us the feast divine.

Refrain x2

He took, He blessed, He broke, He gave;
a sacrament of peace, a feast of love.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

LBW pg. 88

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PREFACE

LBW pg. 88

P: It is indeed right and salutary...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

LBW pg. 89

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

“Majesty”

TOSB 135

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne
unto His own who His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus.
Magnify. Come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory power and praise.
Majesty, worship His majesty,
Jesus who died now glorified, King of all kings.

The Lord’s my shepherd; I’ll not want. He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me The quiet waters by.
He leadeth me, he leadeth me The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for his own name’s sake;
Within the paths of righteousness, E’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, Yet will I fear no ill;
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still;
For thou art with me, and thy rod And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.
My head thou dost with oil anoint, And my cup overflows.

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Precious Lord take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand—
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; Thro’ the storm, thro’ the night,
Lead me on to the light—Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, linger near—
When my life is almost gone; Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall—Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

POST-COMMUNION SONG: “Thank the Lord” ***LBW pg. 92-93***

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev’ryone what he has done.
Let ev’ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name.
He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of
thanksgiving.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

PRAYER

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG: “Blest Are They”

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
Theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow;
They shall be consoled.

Refrain: Rejoice and be glad!
Blessed are you, holy are you.
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the kingdom of God.

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
They shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they who hunger and thirst;
They shall have their fill. *Refrain*

Blest are they who seek peace;
They are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith;
The glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*

Blest are you who suffer hate,
All because of Me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours in the kingdom;
Shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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