

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC

THEME: God comforts us with the truth that we are a part of a Holy and eternal community—the Communion of Saints.

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING BLESSING

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

C: Amen!

WE CONFESS OUR SINS...

P: God created us to be in unity with Him and with each other. As soon as Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden the unity God desired for us was lost. Having inherited Adam and Eve's sinful condition, we isolate ourselves turning inward rather than seeking true community. Sometimes life's circumstances too force us into isolation. It can happen when we are shut-in, when we move to a new place, or when we experience the loss of a loved one. During this moment of silence we confess to God and to one another that we do isolate ourselves from true community and we also think about how much we yearn to have this true community.

Silence For Reflection

P: We confess.....

C: Lord, we need Your mercy. In this hour, help us to see our sin and pain and pray for a fresh start. Help us to see the shortcomings in our lives and look to You for the answers to our problems. We admit that we do not seek true community as you would have us. Give us a new vision of what life can be like. Teach us to hope, to love, to give and to have faith. Lord, we need Your mercy.

...HEARING GOD'S FORGIVENESS

P: Our God has heard the cries and felt your pain and has had mercy on us. God has seen our need and provided for our salvation; seen our condition and provided the solution; seen our heart and given us a Savior. Through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sin is no longer the weight that holds us down. We are free to live in victory, free from the sin of our self deceit, free from Satan's power, and free to live in true community with God and others. Praise God for His goodness!

C: Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE "Green Book" 554 This is My Father's World

SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the body of 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

The First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

John on the island of Patmos sees a great vision: “a great multitude that no one could number”

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming 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.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.*

*For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”*

The Second Lesson: 1 John 3:1-3

God gives us a special designation, we are His children

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

CHOIR ANTHEM “Sanctus” arranged by Settke

The Gospel: [Matthew 5:1-12](#)

A special place is prepared for the Saints

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG “Green Book” 174 vs. 1-3, 7-8 only For All the Saints

SERMON “Sharing the Same Roots”

AFFIRMATION OF OUR FAITH

**C: We believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy Universal Church,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERINGS

The offerings gathered are a sign of our whole lives
Offered to God in humble gratitude for his greatest of all
Offerings, his Son offered for our salvation.

THE PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

(after each prayer)

P: Lord in your mercy

C: Hear our prayer.

A PRAYER FOR ALL THE SAINTS

P: We give thanks to you, O Lord our God, for all your servants and witnesses of time past: for Abraham, the father of believers, and for Sarah, his wife; for Moses, the lawgiver, and Aaron, the priest; for Miriam and Joshua, Deborah and Gideon, Samuel and Hannah, his mother; for Isaiah and all the prophets; for Mary, the mother of our Lord; for Peter and Paul and all the apostles; for Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene; for Stephen, the first martyr, and all the saints and martyrs in every time and in every land. And we give you thanks for those among us who have died this year in our Family of Peace: (Moment of Silence). In your mercy, give us, as you gave them, the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

P: It is indeed right and fitting to give thanks and praise you,
Lord of heaven and earth.

In mercy for our fallen world, you gave your only Son,

That all those who believe in him should not perish,

But have eternal life.

We give thanks to you for the salvation you have prepared for us

Through Jesus Christ.

Send now your Holy Spirit into our hearts,

That we may receive our Lord with a living faith

As he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

WORDS OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONGS

"Green Book" 296

"Red Book" 126

Just As I Am

Let us Break Bread Together

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

CLOSING BLESSING

CLOSING SONG "Red Book" 191

Soon and Very Soon

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

C: Thanks be to God!

POST-SERVICE MUSIC