
All Saints' Day

November 5, 2017

Pre-service Music

As We Gather...

You are not alone—never have been, never will be! In His faithfulness to you, your heavenly Father has promised to never leave you nor forsake you! As you gather in His name on this All Saints' Sunday, the triune God fills you with His presence through His Word and through the body and blood of Jesus in Communion. In a mysterious way, this fellowship you have with God also unites you to all believers of every time and place. That's what you confess when you say you believe "in the communion of saints." You are not alone! You never have been! You never will be!

Ringling of the Bell

After the ringing of the bell, in silence, we prepare our hearts and minds for worship.

Welcome & Announcements

Choir Anthem "We Come to Say Thank You" By Pepper Choplin

Congregation Joins in when prompted:

Thank You, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank You."

For all You've done we say, "Thank You, thank You today
for all the blessings You send our way."

Thank You, O Lord, we come to say, "Thank You."

For all You've done we say, "Thank you, thank You today
for all the blessings You send our way."

Calling on God

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

C: Amen.

P: For all the saints who from their labors rest,

C: Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,

P: Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening to God

P: In today's Epistle, John writes, "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God." Yet, we do not live our lives as if we are children of God.

C: Father in heaven, forgive us for not always living in ways that honor Your name, which we bear as Your baptized children. You lavishly love us, but we have not shown love for You or for our neighbor. Because we are by nature sinful and unclean, we set our minds only on the things of this world and not on the world to come.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

...And Receive God's Forgiveness

P: 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" (1 John 3:2-3). As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

The Kyrie

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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

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

C: Worthy is Christ, 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

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us Pray...Almighty and everlasting God,

C: You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.

P: Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;

C: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Scripture Readings

First Lesson

Revelation 7:9-17

God promises to wipe every tear away.

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."

Second Lesson

1 John 3:1-3

God loves us and calls us His sons and daughters.

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[a] 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.

Children's Message

Gospel

Matthew 5:1-12

Jesus blesses His saints as they come to Him.

P: 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,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: Blessed are those who mourn,

C: for they shall be comforted.

P: Blessed are the meek,

C: for they shall inherit the earth.

P: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

C: for they shall be satisfied.

P: Blessed are the merciful,

C: for they shall receive mercy.

P: Blessed are the pure in heart,

C: for they shall see God.

P: Blessed are the peacemakers,

C: For they shall be called sons of God.

P: Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

C: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

P: 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.

Sermon

"Taking What Matters"

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. You 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!
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!
8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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 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: Holy Scripture says in Psalm 116:15: “Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.” On this All Saints’ Day, we remember and give thanks and praise to God for the life and for the death of His saints. We rejoice with those who rejoice, and that includes rejoicing with those whose happiness now knows no end in the kingdom of glory. During the past year, families in our congregation and our extended church family have been impacted greatly by the death ones we love. As those who trust in Jesus, we do not grieve as the rest of the world greives. We grieve in hope, we pray with confidence, and we live with the certainty that those who have fallen asleep in Jesus are secure in His presence. We also rejoice that one day we shall join them in their heavenly joy, which knows no end. We honor the life and give thanks to Gof for these His saints:

John Crawford

Arnold Hahn

Maxine Hahn

Nancy Raleigh

LaVerne Sandrock

Thomas Tucker

Jeannie Santora

Gordon Glathar

James Long

Sue Holmberg

Tenille Holroyd

Gordon Ross

Joyce Settles

Joe E. Worth

Irvin Yeager

Grace Faaren

Leah Coleman

Lorraine Roosa

Sabine Miner

Warren Sahnaw

Aaron Stoll

Diane Liljestrand

Earl Yeager

P: Almighty God, whose dear Son, our Lord Jesus, rose victoriously over death and the grave, we remember with thanksgiving Your faithful people who have trusted in Jesus, whose tears are gone, and whose sorrows You have turned to joy. We humbly implore You to strengthen us in the confident hope of the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. We pray these things through Jesus, Your Son, our

Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

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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.

The Preface

The Sanctus

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

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

Lord's Prayer

Distribution

Distribution Hymns

"Bind Us Together"

TOSB 14

Bind us together Lord,
Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,
Bind us together Lord, Bind us together
Bind us together with love.

There is only one God.

There is only one King.

There is only one body.

That is why I sing.

Bind us together Lord,

Bind us together with cords that cannot be broken,

Bind us together Lord, Bind us together

Bind us together with love.

“The Solid Rock”

TOSB 222

1. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
2. When darkness seem to hide His face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
3. His oath, His covenant, His blood
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone,

Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

“It Is Well With My Soul”

TOSB 106

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.
2. Though Satan should buffet, the trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.
3. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious tho't:
My sin not in part, but the whole
Is nail'd to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.
4. And, Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be roll'd back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,” it is well with my soul.
It is well (it is well) with my soul, (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and ...+ give you peace.

C: Amen.

Closing Hymn - *“Rejoice in the Lord Always”*

TOSB 180 *twice*

Rejoice in the Lord always

and again I say rejoice in the Lord always
and again I say rejoice
Rejoice rejoice and again I say rejoice
rejoice rejoice and again I say rejoice.

Dismissal