



All Saints' Sunday

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"Love God, Serve Neighbor"

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Gathering Song

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

1 Advanced Bells

All Saints’ Sunday

L: All Saints’ Sunday is a day when the church celebrates the communion of saints – meaning all Christian people of every time and place – which includes each of us. As we celebrate the communion of saints, we also remember all those who died who now live within the fullness of eternal life in the very heart of God.

So, we take a moment at the beginning of our service to remember six saints of the Advent community who have died during this past year. We thank God for giving them to us to know and to love as companions in our pilgrimage here on earth. In their death, we believe they will experience no hunger, nor thirst and no longer will they be oppressed. In their eternal life, we believe they now rest in God. We give thanks to God for their lives.

Call to Worship for All Saints Day

L: We remember, O God . . .
The countless saints of history
who have blazed a trail of courage through time,
We remember, O God . . .
The tender touch of loved ones,
the example of heroes,
the healing words of comforters,
the remarkable acts of fearless ones.
We remember, O God . . .
The gentle strength of grandparents,
the loyalty of friends,
the kindness of strangers,
the joy of children, the sacrifice of parents.

On this All Saints' Day, we remember, O God, our brother . . .

Kalvin Roberson

Handbell rings.

On this All Saints' Day, we remember, O God, our brother . . .

James Chisholm

Handbell rings.

On this All Saints' Day, we remember, O God, our brother . . .

Pastor Raymond Peters

Handbell rings.

On this All Saints' Day, we remember, O God, our brother . . .

Ralph Yarberry

Handbell rings.

On this All Saints' Day, we remember, O God, our brother . . .

Leo Peeler

Handbell rings.

On this All Saints' Day, we remember, O God, our sister. . .

Peg Buckstad

Handbell rings.

We remember, O God . . .

The supreme love of Jesus,

the blessing of his Spirit,

the reminder of his words,

the sharing of his suffering,

the glory of his resurrection:

shown forth in the lives of his disciples,

young and old,

dead and living,

articulate and silent,

strange and familiar,

brilliant and ordinary.

We remember in every time and place the saints of God
who have shown us the Lord.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses . . .

let us worship God with joy!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

All Saints' Day Prayer

L: Let us pray. You are our God and we are your people, and we are grateful that you have claimed us as your own.

You have set us in the company of all the saints past and present, among those who have made bold witness to your goodness and your truth. Your Word opens up new futures where we see no way forward.

You know the places in our hearts where we are afraid

— afraid of a future we cannot control

— afraid of losing health and independence

— afraid for the well-being of our children

— afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future

Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts, so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears. Give us hearts and minds and spirits ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads, confident that you will not lead us beyond your loving embrace.

We ask in Jesus' name whose outstretched arms welcome us and hold us securely in your grace. Amen.⁺

The First Reading

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

⁺ Written by Christine Jerrett and posted on the *Christine Jerrett* blog.

The Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

Children's Church

The Message

Song of the Day

ELW #728 *"Blessed 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

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

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they who show mercy
Mercy shall be theirs
Blest are they, the pure of heart
They shall see God

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

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

Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are you who suffer hate
All because of me
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom
Shine for all to see
Rejoice and be glad
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Remembering Together: In the Company of the Saints

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Watching for a new heaven, waiting for a new earth, we pray to the Lord, saying, Lord have mercy,

C: and wipe away our tears.

L: Lord, we pray for the church. Transform this broken body into a communion of saints, a company of the faithful, working for good in your world. Lord have mercy,

C: and wipe away our tears.

L: Lord, we pray for the world, especially for our Ukrainian brothers and sisters who have openly resisted the invasion of their country and who have sacrificed so much for the cause of justice, as well as other countries that are dealing with political unrest and conflict; for Ethiopia, Afghanistan, Yemen, Israel-Palestine, Haiti and Myanmar.

Protect those who are poor and hungry and give them hope. Move those with plenty to share with those who have little. Help all people to love their neighbor as themselves. Replace the rule of wealth and war with your realm of justice and peace. Lord have mercy,

C: and wipe away our tears.

L: Lord, we pray for the communities in which we live. Make your home among us and dwell with us in all these places. May our communities reflect the beauty and peace of your new creation and be a place of refuge for all. Lord have mercy,

C: and wipe away our tears.

L: Lord, hear us now as we pray for those families and friends you have placed upon our hearts.

We especially pray for:

- Melissa Butler
- Helen Cheyney
- Terence Connelly
- Charliese Eichler
- Tom Hawk
- Tracy Heberlig
- Carol Hollingsworth
- Gary Homesley
- Donnell Horton
- Amy Hull
- Joe Johnson
- Ashley King
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Gene Lajuensee
- Bobbi Larson
- Holden Little
- Kevin Middleton
- Jake Mosher
- Jane Ogilvie
- Terry Park
- Reagan Poli
- Joyce Quigley
- Eddie Ridge
- Jack Schulte
- Wylee Stephens
- David Townsend
- Laura Tucker
- Herbert Watson
- Joan Welsh
- Lisa Williams
- Renate Wilson
- Terry Wisner
- Chuck Wolfe

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Jim Abbott, co-worker of Andy Goerke, died October 30

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: We offer prayers of praise and thanksgiving at birth of Noah Elizabeth Radcliff on October 27, granddaughter of Pam Isacks, and daughter of Anna & Braden Radcliff. Lord have mercy,

C: and wipe away our tears.

L: In silence, let us make our own specific prayers for those on our hearts and minds today.

Time for the community to pray.

L: Lord, as your Holy Spirit moves among us this day, call to our memories all the saints who have shared their lives with us and now rest in your presence . . . our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, brothers and sisters, and family and friends.

Time for the community to pray.

L: Lord have mercy,

C: and wipe away our tears.

L: As you have sustained your saints through every age and every season, keep us faithful, here and now, until your will is done on earth as it is in heaven. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SHARING THE MEAL

Offering (Please sign and pass the pew pads)

Offertory Song "The Great Cloud of Witnesses" Sanctuary Singers

Table Prayer

L: God of mercy and grace,

C: you open your hand in blessing and your abundance flows unending. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen.

The Words of Institution *"Come and See"*

L: On the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room. He took the bread and blessed it as he said, "Here's my body broken for you." He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed his head and prayed. And then he said, "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sin away."

Congregational Response

1 Come and see the glo - ry of the Lord. Come, be - hold the
 2 Come and give thanks un - to the Lord. Come, be - hold the

Lamb. Come and see the mer - cy of the King,
 Lamb. Come and sing the prais - es of the King,

bow - ing down be - fore him. him. For he is
 bow - ing down be - fore

Lord a - bove the heav - ens, Lord in all the earth,

Lord of all the an - gels, wor - thy to be served.

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, Lord.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

C: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

"Lamb of God"

1 Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 2 Lamb of God, I'm ask - ing you to
 (3) pre - cious blood of Je - sus Christ

sin of the world. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way my sin. I con - fess that
 cleans - es me from sin. The pre - cious blood of

take a - way the sin of the world.
 I've done wrong, I need your help a - gain.
 Je - sus Christ cleans - es me from sin.

Refrain

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have
 mer - cy on me. Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have

Last time to coda ♪

mer - cy, have mer - cy on me. 3 The

Coda ♪

Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Communion Solo

"I Know that My Redeemer Lives"

Laura Torrence

The Blessing

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C: Amen.

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction (by Rev. William Sloane Coffin)

L: May God give you the grace never to sell yourself short;
Grace to risk something big for something good; and
Grace to remember the world is now
too dangerous for anything but the truth and
too small for anything but love.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

ELW #608 "Softly and Tenderly"



1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Oh, for the won - der - ful love he has prom - ised, prom - ised for



you and for me. See, on the por - tals he's wait - ing and watch - ing,
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not his mer - cies,
you and for me! Though we have sinned, he has mer - cy and par - don,



watch - ing for you and for me.
mer - cies for you and for me? "Come home, come home!"
par - don for you and for me.



You who are wea - ry, come home." Ear - nest - ly, ten - der - ly,



Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing, "O sin - ner, come home!"

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.