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ALL SAINTS SUNDAY



All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

November 1, 2026

10:00 am

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Mark Fisher

Director of Music: Sean Michael Jackman DMA, Ed.D

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For All the Saints



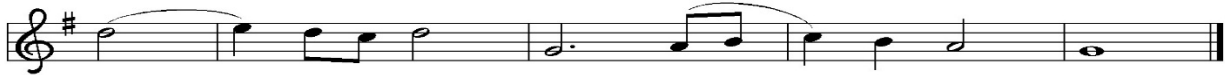
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore in the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



name, O the Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one - er true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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



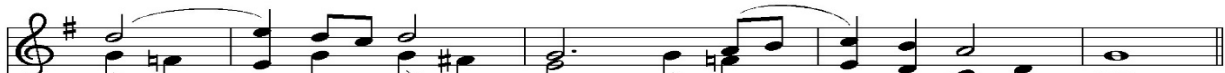
3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



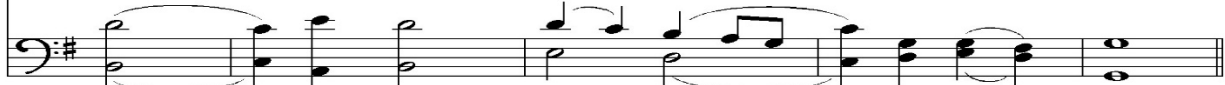
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the song, dis - tant tri - umph song; and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .



all hearts are one in thee, for all are thine.
 sweet are is the calm of a - gain and arms are strong.
 is the calm of par - a - dise are the blest.



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



GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

BELL CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship

PRELUDE: Sonata No. 2, Grave J.S. Bach

Jerusha Taylor, violin

WELCOME/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

please stand as you are able

GATHERING HYMN: For All the Saints ELW 422 V1 V2 V3 and V7

GREETING

P: 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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,

we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation.

We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others.

We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.

Inherit the riches of God's grace. ✝ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.

You are forgiven. Blessed are you. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: ACS SETTING 12



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us pray... Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus 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 Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Please be seated

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

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

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.

⁹ After 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

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

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD; for those who fear the LORD lack nothing. (Ps. 34:9)

A: I will bless the LORD at all times; the praise of God shall ever be ¹ in my mouth.

C: **I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

A: Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; let us exalt God's name together.

C: **I sought the LORD, who answered me and delivered me from ¹ all my terrors.**

A: Look upon the LORD and be radiant and let not your faces be ashamed.

C: **I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me and saved me from all my troubles.**

A: The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD and delivers them.

C: **Taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are they who take refuge in God!**

A: Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD, for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

C: **The lions are in want and suffer hunger, but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.**

A: O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.

¹ See 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. ² Beloved, 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. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

A: The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ACS SETTING 12



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The holy gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord**

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

P: ¹ When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And 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 the sake of righteousness, 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. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please be seated.

SERMON: "" Pastor Mark Fisher

HYMN OF THE DAY: Shall We Gather at the River ELW 423 V1 V2 and V4

1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;

with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;

gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

THE LITURGY OF REMEMBRANCE

P: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. God comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

C: Thanks be to God!

P: When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we, too, might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death.

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no more sorrowing there.

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

P: We remember those who have died in the past year. We celebrate their lives, even as we continue to grieve.

We remember: *(individual names are read followed by a bell toll)*

*Linda Percy, Eva Paulson, Sally Stauffer. Kent Arnold, Tommy Bates,
Marilyn Battiste, Duane Borsvold, Gary Canup, Sara Christensen,
Timothy Fuller, Betty De Sautel, Russell Gangloff, Peter Herman,
Mary Lois Hozdik, Joey Hutchinson, Marie Lama, Marie Little, Sherman Lewis,
Robert McDowell, Nathan Richards, Matthew Papore, Joel Robes, Eva Salerno,
Karen Schanerberger*

At the conclusion of the reading of names, those who wish to do so may come forward and light candles in memory of loved ones.

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

A: God, we remember those saints who have gone before us;
C: **we lament their passing,**
A: and honor their legacy:
C: **we give thanks for all we have learned from them.**
A: Those who followed the way of Christ faithfully,
C: **we follow their example.**
A: Those who made mistakes along the way,
C: **we learn from their experience.**
A: Those who made progress for peace,
C: **we continue their work.**
A: Those who lived simply and quietly,
C: **we are enlightened by them.**
A: Those who gained honor and distinction without pride,
C: **we are humbled by them.**
A: Those who were martyred for their faith,
C: **we commend them to your care.**
A: They have finished their work on earth,
C: **and it lives on,**
A: reverberating into our lives now
C: **as the work of Christ lives on.**
A: May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us
C: **to good works, humility, simplicity and peacemaking,**
A: as those foremothers and forefathers were inspired by him
C: **to live in grace and love.**

ST JOHN CHOIR ANTHEM: Servant Song R. Gilliard, arr. F. O'Brien

PRAYER REQUESTS AND PRAISE REPORTS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

A: Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways (*local places may be named*). Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness (*especially*). God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

A: Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors (*those who have died in the past year may be named*). Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

P: Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

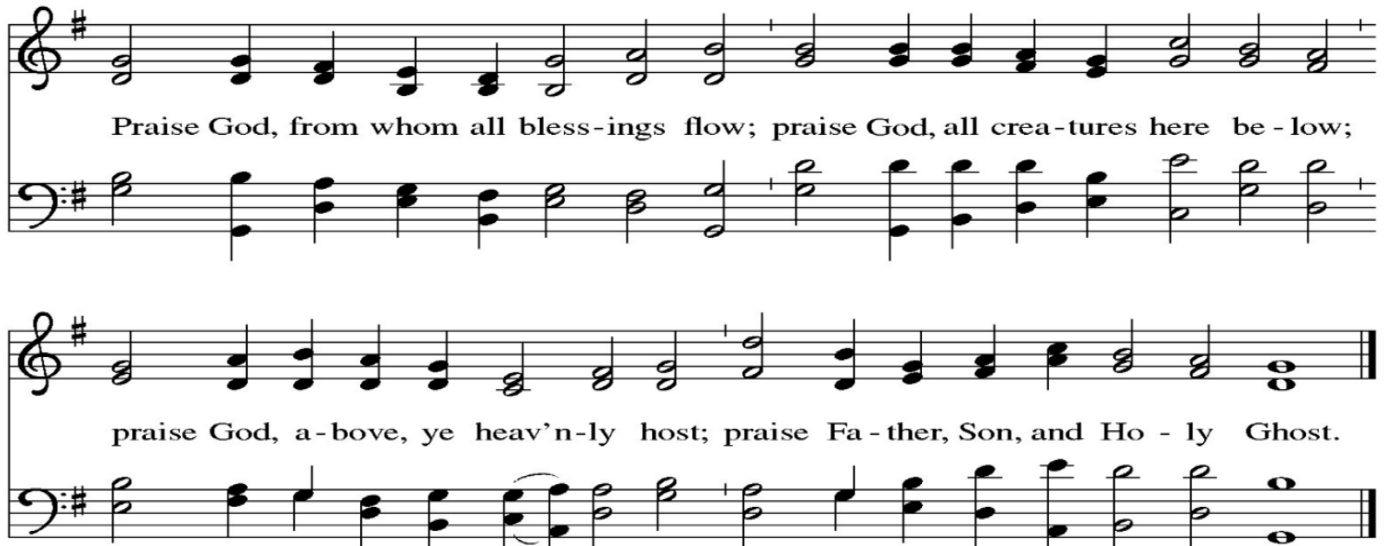
C: And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Christ.

OFFERING MUSIC:

Doxology ELW 885 (please stand as offering is brought forward)



The musical notation is for a doxology in G major, 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God, above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures here be - low;

praise God, a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERING PRAYER:

A: Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.

Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the
race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with [name/s and] all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of
heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY: ACS SETTING 12



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

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: 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

P: In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

**Pastor/Presider extends invitation to online participants to partake of communion The
body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ shed for you. Amen**

LAMB OF GOD: ACS SETTING 12



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION MUSIC:

Please stand as you are able

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.

You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly.

Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

Amen.

RINGING OF THE BELL

BLESSING

P: May God bless you with discomfort, at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears, to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in the world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done, to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor. **Amen**

SENDING HYMN: Oh, When the Saints go Marching in ACS 950 V1 V2 and V5

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

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL

A: We are called by Christ

C: **to be a Sanctuary that Welcomes and Serves All.**

A: Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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