Westminster
Presbyterian Church

November 7, 2021
24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
ALL STAINTS SUNDAY
COMMUNION SUNDAY

Welcome and Announcements — **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Prelude — "Dona Nobis Pacem" (Grant Unto Us Peace) — UNKNOWN GERMAN

Let us open our hearts and minds to the rhythm of the gathering music as it centers us in God's presence for worship.

***Gathering Words** — **Eric Miller**

*The * in the liturgy indicates that you are invited to stand in body or in spirit.*

Wherever we find ourselves,
God is there, ahead of us, providing:
Food and water in the wilderness,
rest for the weary, support for the journey,
a tangible sense of God's presence,
a call to the next task in the kin-dom.

Wherever we find ourselves,
in grief and in joy, in plenty and in want,
God is there, ahead of us, providing.

***Opening Prayer** — **Eric Miller**

In the quiet of this place, speak again, O God.
To our successes and our failures,
our zeal and our apathy,
our one-sided vision and our hope,
speak.

For we are here to renew our relationship with you,
to enliven our connection to the cloud of witnesses,
and to strengthen our foundation on your word.
So we stand on this holy ground,
awaiting your voice,
whether thundering or silent.

~quiet~

Amen.

***Opening Hymn No. 366** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL

Call to Confession **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

When we least expect it, even when we are not ready, God comes to us, calling us to trust, calling us to follow. So come, let us confess the ways we have strayed from God and one another…

Prayer of Confession **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

God of endless capacity,
you will be who you will be.
We confess that
we like you to be who we want you to be.
We want you to match our passion,
our simplicity, or our rigidity.
Yet you continually expand our experience of you.
You define the limits of faithful zeal.

Forgive us for making you in our image,
for narrowing your freedom,
and making assumptions about those
who know a different side of you.

Remind us once again
that you are not only beyond our comprehension
but beyond our control.
We ask in your most holy name.
Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness **Sherry Hatter-Miller**

Lost, we find our way, as we seek God.
Overwhelmed by loneliness or too much zeal,
we are heard when we cry out.

We are no different from all we call saints,
for they found life in the mercy and grace of our God.
We rejoice in the life we receive again and again.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Musical Response "La Fille Aux Cheveux Lin" CLAUDE DEBUSSY

Prayer of Illumination **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19: 1-18 **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

19Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. **2**Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." **3**Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

4But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." **5**Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." **6**He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and lay down again. **7**The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." **8**He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. **9**At that place he came to a cave and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" **10**He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." **11**God said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by."

Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; **12**and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

13When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" **14**He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

15Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. **16**Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. **17**Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. **18**Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Sermon **Recalibrated Betwixt Fire and Sheer Silence** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

***Hymn No. 533** "In the Singing" BREAD OF PEACE

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving Remembering All Saints **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

The God of all people be with you in these moments.
May God be with you as well.
May we unite our hearts in glorifying our God.
Our souls and voices come together in glad songs of joy.

God of every time and place,
you create us in your image and hold us in your care.
You appear to each person as we need to know you,
balancing our narrow understanding with your fullness.

We give you thanks for your faithful people
who have taught us your grace —
for those whose zeal inspires us,
and for those whose quiet strength shines through,
and for those who have worked faithfully
day in and day out behind the scenes.

We are grateful for those among your creation
who have made sure all are fed,
and those who have encouraged us to rest,
and those who have supported our journey
even when we weren't sure where we were going.

So we now speak their names with joy and gratitude,
recognizing their labor, resources, and love
to building this place and this community:

After each chime, let us say together:

Their presence remains, ingrained in this house of prayer,
and we are grateful.

Rich Bash
Marian Bender
Barbara Boyes
David Broehl
Dorothy Brown
Wayne Davidhizar
Dale Gerber
Bill Iams
Stephen Leslie
Eileen McFadden
Ryan Miller
Dale Miller
Al Mowrer
Carolyn Ringsmith Otterness
Marcie Rehard
Walter Harold Schmidt
Doug Snyder
Jim Snyder
Rev. John Stull
Jack Vimmerstedt
James E. Walter
Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel

We remember too those who had their labor and resources forcefully taken,
who did not have the ability to choose how to spend their time or give their love.

Their presence remains, ingrained in the fabric of our lives and culture and buildings,
and we are mindful of their legacy.

I now invite you to speak aloud the names of loved ones whom we have not mentioned,
those whose memory still guides you and forms you.

Their presence remains, ingrained in this house of prayer,
and we are grateful.

Here at this Table, on this day of remembrance,
we discover how much love you, O God, have for us
as we gather around the feast
where those who have gone before us have been fed.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
of the bread and the cup,
and all those here who yearn for your presence.
We eat this bread, hoping to taste God's gentleness,
and go into the world to care for those
whose hunger for justice seems to go unfilled for far too long.
As we share the cup of grace, may we see God's hope,
and be present to those
whose thirst for deeper connections is not quenched.

As we glimpse the great cloud of witnesses this day,
we pray too for a sure sense of your companionship on this way,
that we may be found faithful to the last,
whatever you ask of us.
We ask through the power of your Spirit and in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who taught us to pray, saying:

Our God in heaven, holy is your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on earth as is 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 power and the glory are yours.
Now and forever. Amen.

***Closing Hymn No. 326** "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

***Benediction** **Rev. Dr. Enikő Ferenczy**

Postlude "Fanfare and Recessional on **Sine Nomine**" DOUGLAS WAGNER

The service continues with refreshments and fellowship.

To assure the safety of all, currently we are not passing the offering plates. They are in the back of the sanctuary. We invite you to place your gifts there. Thank you for your generosity.

The Gathering Words were adapted from Rev. Teri Peterson

Music:	Piano	Mary-Marie Deauclaire
	Organ, Drum	Divine Gbagbo
	Piano	Bob Iams
	Organ	Ken Shafer
Tech. Assistant/Event Steward		Tony Mendiola
Refreshments		Dorothy Iams
Flowers		Sherry Hatter-Miller
Sunday Assistant		Sherry Hatter-Miller

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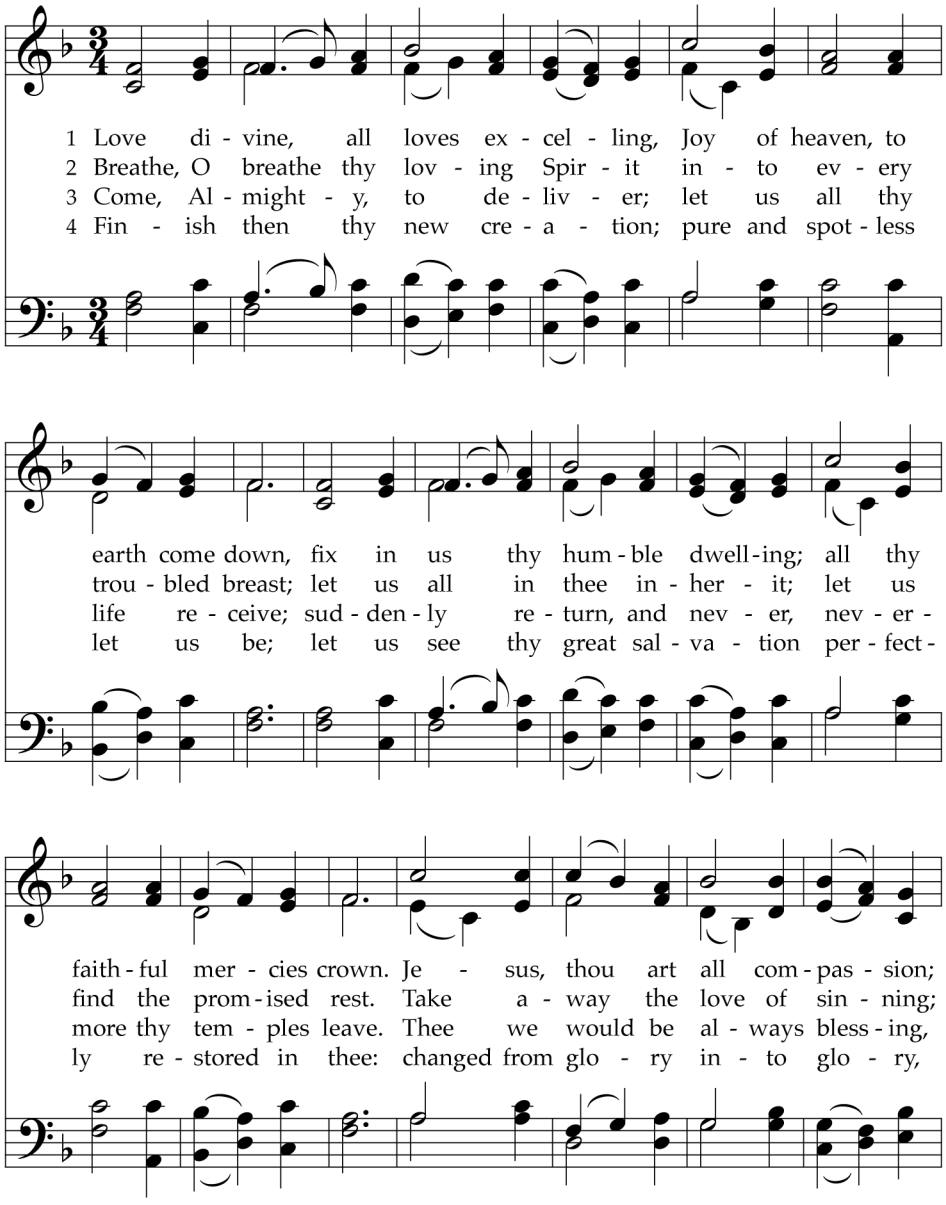
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CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT
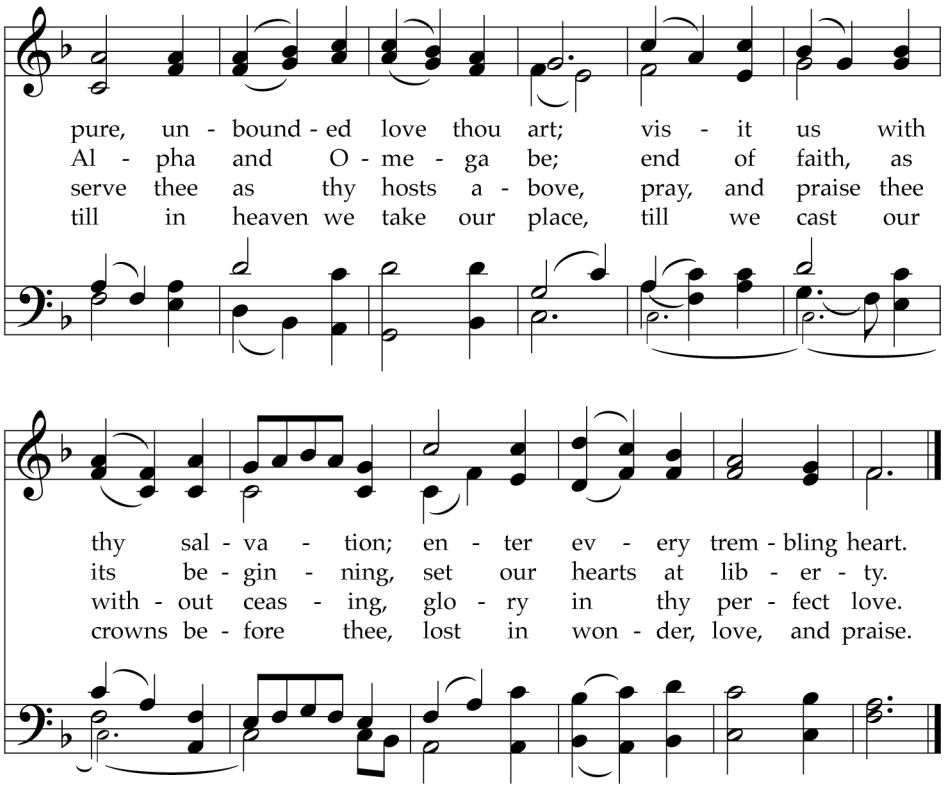
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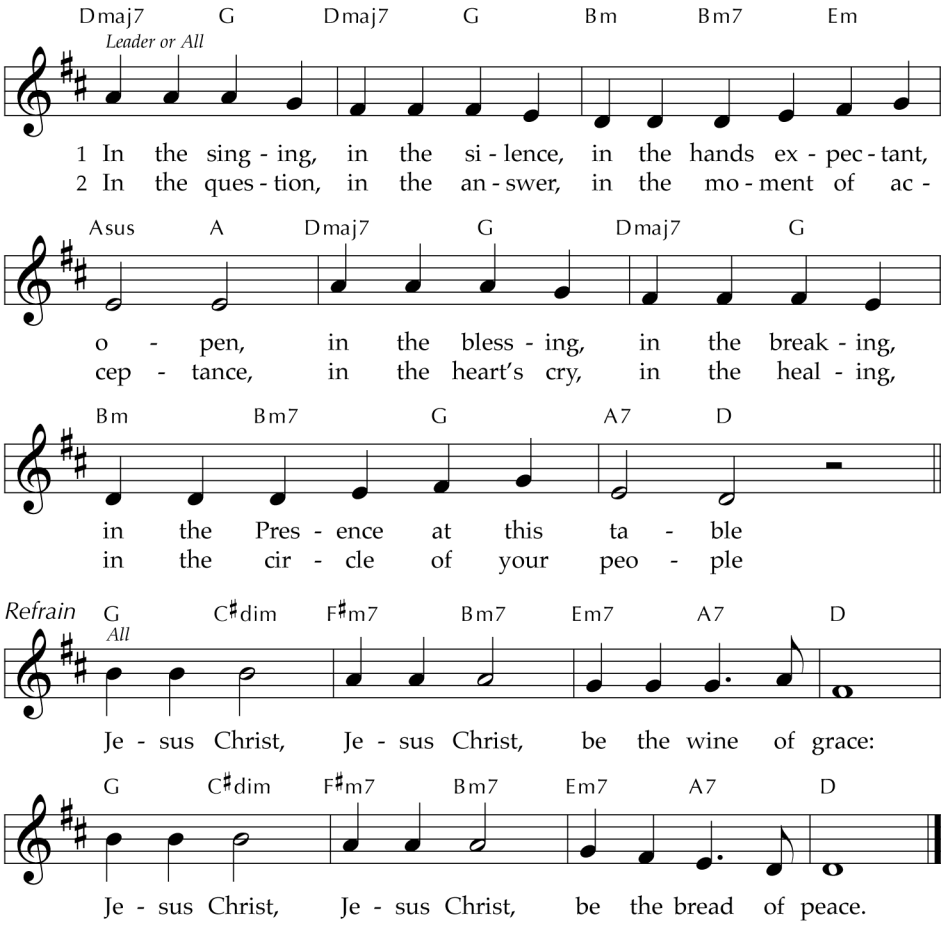


This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

HYFRYDOL
8.7.8.7.D


pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our
thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

In the Singing 533
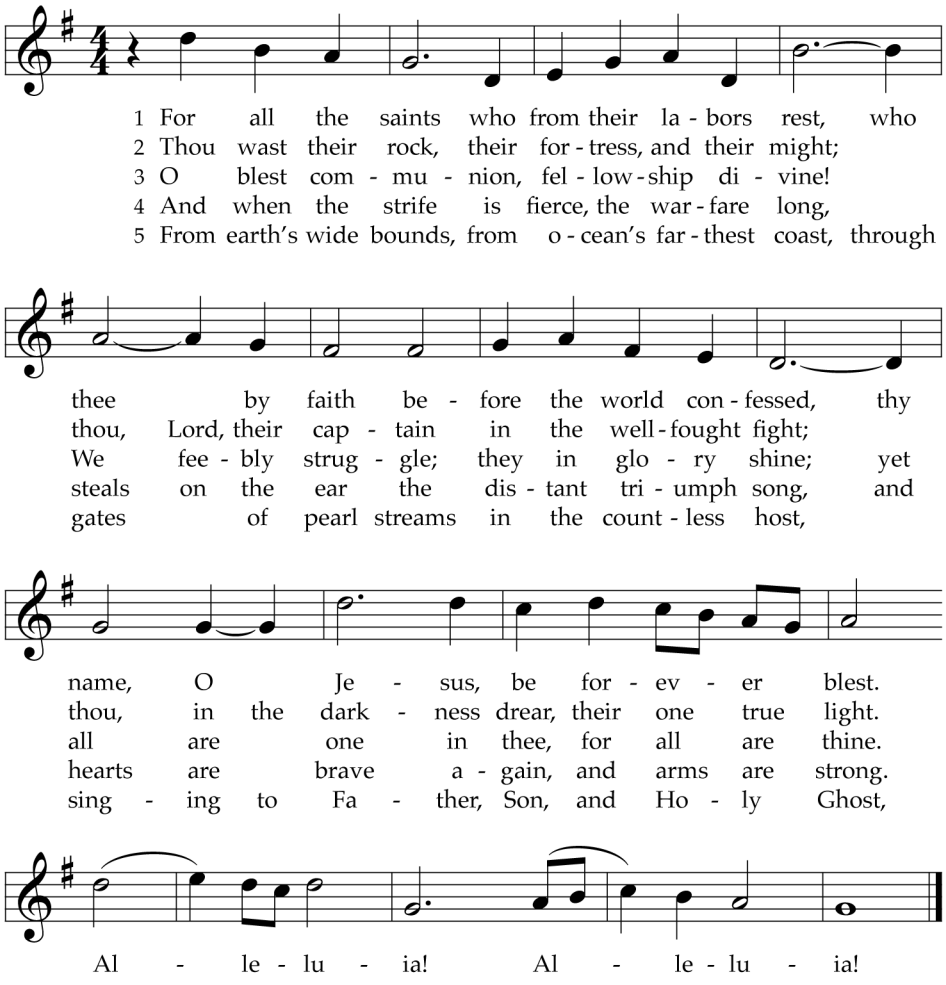


In its vivid and carefully observed details this profoundly simple text evokes the interplay of present awareness and timeless meaning that accompanies the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Its unifying tone of solemn joy is aptly conveyed by the chantlike musical setting.

TEXT: Shirley Erena Murray, 1994
MUSIC: Carlton R. Young, 1996
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BREAD OF PEACE
LM with refrain

326 For All the Saints



The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
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