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# ✠ ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ✠

ORDER OF WORSHIP • NOVEMBER 3, 2024 • 9:00 AM

✠ *Indicates the congregation should stand as able.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS & WELCOME

### ✠ GATHERING HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS  
LBW #174

### ✠ INVOCATION

WL: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

### ✠ CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

WL: Let us come in truth before the one who loves us.

*a time of silence for reflection*

WL: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy,

All: **we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We have sinned your children and against you. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.**

WL: Beloved in Christ, these words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are ✠ forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad and rejoice in your salvation.

All: **Amen!**

### ✠ PRAYER OF THE DAY

WL: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

WL: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the 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.

All: **Amen.**

## FIRST LESSON

## REVELATION 7:9-17

R: Our first lesson on this All Saints Sunday is from the seventh chapter of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying:

“Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!”

Then one of the elders asked me, “These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?”

I answered, “Sir, you know.”

And he said, “These are they who have come 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.  
‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.  
For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd;  
‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’  
‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## SECOND LESSON

1 JOHN 3:1-3

R: The second lesson is from the third chapter of First John.

See what great love the Father has lavished on 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. Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

✠ VERSE

CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER  
LBW #474, STANZA 4

**Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
His the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.**

✠ HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 5:1-12

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord!**

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them. He said:

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

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

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

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ!**

# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## TODAY'S MESSAGE

### ✝ MESSAGE HYMN

### ALL ARE WELCOME

*The melody and lyrics are printed on a handout.*

*The first stanza will be sung by the cantor alone:*

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:*

*All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.*

**Let us build a house where prophets speak, and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where love is found in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground where peace and justice meet.  
Here the love of God, through Jesus, is revealed in time and space;  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where hands will reach beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

**Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

**All are welcome, all are welcome, all are welcome in this place.**

## ✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH

*Nicene Creed*

WL: Together we confess our faith using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

WL: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

WL: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. With them we remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; unite us in love. Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

WL: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

WL: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

WL: Holy healer, inspire and empower us to work as peacemakers and healers throughout your world – in Israel and Palestine, Ukraine and Russia, and our own community. Bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you (*especially those we name before you now . . .*). Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

WL: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be experienced and shared. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

WL: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, those known and loved by us, and those known and loved only by you, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Today we remember especially:

*A bell tolls after the name of each saint*

Dorothy Carolyn Kline Reynolds

Hashim Yehia

Minnie Hutchison

Robert Hahn

Kent Jespersen

Marleen Schmidt

Lois Ann Stanhope

Roy Anne Martin

Craig Koenig

Jeff Robertson

Duane Bruce Munson

Berta Elisa Rincon

Christopher Hutchison

James Lord

Keep us in loving communion with them until we are gathered together with them into the company of all the saints around your throne. Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

WL: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## GATHERING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

# SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

## ✠ PREFACE

WL: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WL: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

WL: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## ✠ THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

### ✠ THE LORD'S PRAYER

WL: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

All: **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.**

### ✠ PAX DOMINI

WL: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

All: **Amen.**

✠ AGNUS DEI *Repeat each short phrase the cantor sings*

## DISTRIBUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### COMMUNION HYMN

BLEST ARE THEY

### PARISH CHOIR AND CONGREGATION

*The choir sings the verses.*

*All join in singing the refrain:*

**Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!**

**Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God.**

### ✠ THE DISMISSAL

WL: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.

All: **Amen.**

## ✝ CLOSING PRAYER

WL: Let us pray. We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

## ✝ BLESSING

WL: 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.

All: Amen.

## ✝ SENDING HYMN                      WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN

Oh, when the saints go marching in, when the saints go marching in.  
Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when they gather round thy throne, oh, when they gather round thy throne.  
Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round thy throne.

And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day,  
Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

## ✝ SENDING

WL: Go in peace! Serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

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