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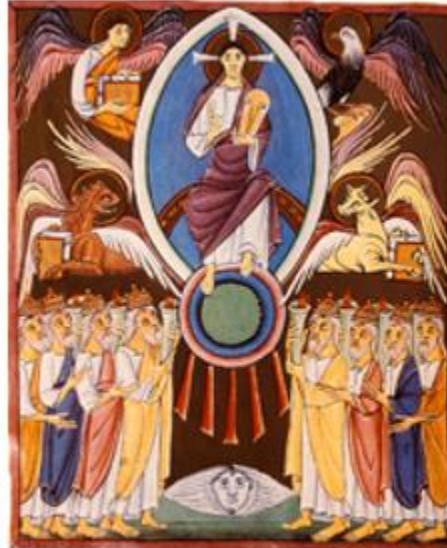
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November 6, 2022 – 11:00 am

All Saints and Souls



"Throne of God with Elders and the Four Evangelists," from the
"Bamberg Apocalypse," c. 1000 CE

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a new song; sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!
Psalm 149:1 (CEB)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess, *Winter* (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2016) and Teresa Stricklen, "Service for the Lord's Day: All Saints Sunday," Office of Theology and Worship PC(USA), 2010.*

PRELUDE: *Come, Come Ye Saints*

WILLIAM CLAYTON/TUNE: ALL IS WELL

("Come, come, ye Saints, no toil or labor fear, but with joy wend your way!")

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #732 (GLORY TO GOD): *Rejoice in God's Saints*

FRED PRATT GREEN

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish; their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

*OPENING SENTENCES

REV. 21:6

Then the Lord said: It is finished!
Jesus is the Alpha and the Omega.

Let us worship our God.

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS'

"A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS'," SIMON TAYLOR

As we remember loved ones who have died, be near to us, ever-loving God, and bring us to your comfort.
You know our grief and understand all we feel.
Walk with us as we learn to love with loss; help us to comfort and support one another.
May your compassion surround us, may your strength sustain us,
that in the days to come we may see not only our sorrow but the dawning of hope
in the Christ who died yet lives again. *Amen.*

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Faithful God, how blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.
Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you in the company of the faithful;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

JOB 19:23-27A

PEW BIBLE, PAGE 642-643

PSALM 149

PEW BIBLE, PAGES 780-781

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR RESOURCES

***DOXOLOGY #593:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

THOMAS KEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***BLESSING OUR GIFTS**

***HYMN OF THE DAY:** *For All the Saints*

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

CHOIR ONLY

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

Jesus said in the Gospel of Matthew: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. Trusting in God's grace, let us tell the truth about ourselves.

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

A MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Jesus said, again in Matthew: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the spirit of the Lord;
there are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

Sweet holy spirit, sweet heavenly dove,
stay right here with us, fill us with your love;
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise
without a doubt we know that we'll have been revived,
when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive,
'till you know him in his fullness and believe;
you're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." (Refrain)

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Inside Your Kingdom*

TIMOTHY G. BUSHONG

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Homily: *"Celebrate with Glory"*

REV. PHILLIPS

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS IN SACRAMENT AND LIGHT

We will remember those who have gone on before us on this commemoration of All Saints and Souls. After the reading and naming of those in our congregation we have lost this year, we will begin our Communion liturgy. You will be invited forward to take Communion, and once you have, you may light a candle in memory of someone you have lost who you would like to remember.

A READING

ADAPTED FROM JOHN DONNE'S MEDITATION XVIII IN DEVOTIONS UPON EMERGENT OCCASIONS.

The church is catholic, universal, so are all her actions; all that she does belongs to all. When she baptizes a child, that action concerns me; for that child is thereby connected to that body which is my head too and ingrafted into that body whereof I am a member. And when [the church] buries a person, that action concerns me. All [of humanity] is of one author, and is one volume; when one [person] dies, one chapter is not torn out of the book, but translated into a better language; and every chapter must be so translated. God employs several translators; some pieces are translated by age, some by sickness, some by war, some by justice; but [the Lord's] hand is in every translation, and [God's] hand shall bind up all our scattered leaves again for that library where every book shall lie open to one another. As therefore the bell that rings to a sermon calls not upon the preacher only but upon the congregation to come, so this bell calls us all...

No [one] is an island entire of itself; every[one] is a piece of the continent, a part of the main. If a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less, as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friend's or of thine own were. Any[one's] death diminishes me, because I am involved in [hu]mankind, and therefore never send to know from whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee.

The church bell tolls.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

We are invited to join all of the saints who have gone on before us in death throughout time and place to this welcome table. The promise of the Revelation of John is that one day, God will dwell with us in the renewed earth. When this happens, God will wipe away every tear, there will no longer be mourning, crying, or pain, and death will be no more. Friends, this table is the table where we proclaim that hoped for reality: look! God is making all things new.

GREAT PRAYER OF 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 truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

***Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord... Accept this living sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

For great is the mystery of faith:
***Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.***

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine... As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Number us among your saints, O God, and join us with the faithful of every age, that strengthened by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and we may with them receive the unfading crown of glory when we stand before your throne of grace. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when with the redeemed of all the ages we will feast with you at your table of glory.

The names of each of the Saints from our congregation we've lost in the last year will be read. After each name is read, the church bell will toll.

We now remember those we have lost:

Eleanor Thompson Barbara Cousins Sue Kimrey Pat Kennedy Lou Crutchfield

And everyone whose memory we hold in our hearts today

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION BY THE PEOPLE

You are invited to come forward to receive Communion. After you partake, you are invited to light a candle in the memory of those in your life you have lost at any time who you would like to remember today.

COMMEMORATING IN SILENCE

After all have taken Communion and had an opportunity to light a candle, we will hold a time of silence remembering the over six and a half million people worldwide who have lost their lives to COVID-19.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

"PRAYERS FOR AN ALL SAINTS' COMMUNION," ELIZABETH BAXTER

Lover, beholder of my being; Lover, reaching out to me; Lover, beckoning me to love; ***You feed me.***
Jesus, calmer of the distressed; Jesus, lifter of those who fall; Jesus, carrier of the weak; ***You feed me.***
Spirit, quencher of my thirst; Spirit, companion in my loneliness; Spirit, guardian of my soul; ***You feed me.***

In solidarity with the saints ***we have shared this meal.***

In confidence with the faithful ***we have gathered our prayers.***

In faithfulness with those you love ***you have made your presence known and we have been fed. Amen.***

*CLOSING HYMN #364: *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

LESBIA SCOTT

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true,
Who toiled and fought and lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
And one was a shepherdess on the green:
They were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
And God's love made them strong;
And they followed the right, for Jesus' sake,
The whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
And there's not any reason, no, not the least
Why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past,
There are hundreds of thousands still;
The world is bright with the joyous saints
Who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea,
In church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea;
For the saints of God are just folk like me,
And I mean to be one too.

*SPOKEN CHARGE

Friends, go now in peace to love and serve God and neighbor.

***CHORAL BLESSING:** *3-Fold Amen*

Amen. Amen. Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Go Out With Praise*

DAVID PAXTON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

November is Helping Hand Fund month. Throughout the month we will be collecting all loose offering for the Helping Hand Fund.

November 6th – All Saints and Souls

This year we will hold our remembrance during Communion. The names of the members we have lost in the past year will be read as part of the liturgy, followed by the tolling of the church bell. During the sacrament you are invited to light a candle in memory of those you wish to remember on this day.

November 13th – Brass Sunday / Stewardship Sunday

We're getting the (brass) band back together! This will be a celebratory service that will also include the blessing of our pledges.

November 20th – Reign of Christ

Hanging of the greens will immediately follow the service, and all will be invited to stay and participate.

November 27th – December 18th Advent Book Study

Join us for our 2022 Advent Study with *Holy Disruption: Discovering Advent in the Gospel of Mark* by Tracy S. Daub. We will meet every Sunday in Advent during the Sunday School hour beginning on November 27th (Advent 1). Books will be available from the office for \$11. Please register online (<https://www.bethanypreschurch.org/advent-devotional-2022.html>) or through the office by the Monday, November 7th to ensure we have a book for you.

Please come prepared to discuss the first chapter on November 27th. They are pretty short and our discussions will be based on the reading. We will meet at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall.

November 27th – December 18th Advent

Let Joy or me know if you're interested in being a candle lighter or reader in the Advent season

Scouts Looking for Storage Space

Pack and Troop 9 Scouts are looking for a Donor to provide a 1,000 Sq foot storage type building, or warehouse, to store the following Scout Equipment:

2 camping trailers , 1 sailboat (Sailing Merit Badge), 1 demo car (Automotive Merit Badge).

Space needed for security and protection from the weather.

Feel free to contact:

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Scouts Annual Popcorn Sale – is still going on through the middle of November. The order form is in the Welcome Center. Please make checks payable to Troop 9.

This Week's Calendar:

Today:

Sunday, November 6th – Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost – All Saints Sunday
Communion Sunday & Pennies for Hunger
Daylight Saving Time Changes today (Fall back one hour)
11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

Wednesday, November 9th
6:30 – Hand Bell & Choir Practice

Sunday, November 13th – Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost – Brass Sunday &
Stewardship Sunday
11:00 – Worship (In-Person inside & Live Stream)

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