

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION



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+ *Congregation Please Stand*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE - For All the Saints

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+ **THANKGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ **GATHERING HYMN - "For All the Saints"**

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- 1 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!
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

+ **GREETING**

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

+ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

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.**

FIRST READING - Revelation 7:9-17

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

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

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

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that 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.

¹⁵For 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.

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

¹⁷for 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.”

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

SOLO - “Da Gospel Train”

Pastor Brian

arr. Burliegh

This song focuses on the invitation for all to get on the train to heaven.



SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO - "Prayer"

Pastor Brian

Lauridsen

This song contains words of prayer to God from a mother has written when their baby child dies unexpectedly..

+ GOSPEL - Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

The gospel of the Lord.

SOLO - "The Yearning"

Pastor Brian

Courtney

This song is a biblical and historical account of God's people in their grief and God through Christ, our Emmanuel fulfills that yearning.

PRAYER

Almighty God, source of all mercy and giver of comfort, graciously tend to those who mourn that casting all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love through your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord.

+ ***HYMN OF THE DAY – “Behold the Host Arrayed in White”***

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- 1 Behold the host arrayed in white
like thousand snow-clad mountains
bright,
that stands with palms and sings its
psalms
before the throne of light!
These are the saints who kept God's
word;
they are the honored of the Lord.
He is their prince who drowned their
sins,
so they were cleansed, restored.
They now serve God both day and
night;
they sing their songs in endless light.
Their anthems ring when they all
sing
with angels shining bright.
- 2 On earth their work was not thought
wise,
but see them now in heaven's eyes;
before God's throne of precious stone
they shout their vict'ry cries.
- On earth they wept through bitter
years;
now God has wiped away their tears,
transformed their strife to heav'nly
life,
and freed them from their fears.
For now they have the best at last;
they keep their sweet eternal feast.
At God's right hand our Lord
commands;
he is both host and guest.
- 3 O blessed saints, now take your rest;
a thousand times shall you be blest
for keeping faith firm unto death
and scorning worldly trust.
For now you live at home with God
and harvest seeds once cast abroad
in tears and sighs. See with new eyes
the pattern in the seed.
The myriad angels raise their song.
O saints, sing with that happy
throng;
lift up one voice; let heav'n rejoice
in our redeemer's song!

+APOSTLES CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Thanks be to God.

Response: God of mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, those who die in the Lord still live with you in joy and blessedness. We give you heartfelt thanks for the grace you have bestowed upon your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. Eternal God, the Alpha and Omega, we rejoice in the lives of those you have gathered into your holy city this past year:

Robert L Stouffer, Jr.
Sonja Perry
Joe Colley, Jr
Durbin College
Minerva Trimmer
Tom Prather
Judy Miner
Ronnie Heiston, Jr
Virginia Altman

Constance Yonker
Bruce Shank
Bradley Smith
Virginia Altman
Donald Twigg
Judy Foster
Patrick Myers
Fannie Glover
Thelma Miller

Charlene Reed
Patricia Ann Pile
Shirley Barr
Alden Austin Craddock
Mary Shoop
Dee Richards
Rhoda Slady
Larry Mungin
William Bietz

Grant us the faith to see in death the gate to eternal life that we may continue our course on earth in confidence until you call us home, and we are reunited with those who have gone before us. May we, with all who have died in the true faith, have perfect fulfillment and joy in your eternal and everlasting glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

+ *SHARING OF THE PEACE*

OFFERING

MUSIC OFFERING - Adagio

Mozart

+ *OFFERTORY - "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"*

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that
were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and the dreams of all;

unite them with the prayers we offer
now.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to
come.


+ *THE GREAT THANKSGIVING*



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

+ *PREFACE*

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... name and join their unending hymn:

+ *SANCTUS*



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

+ *EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER*

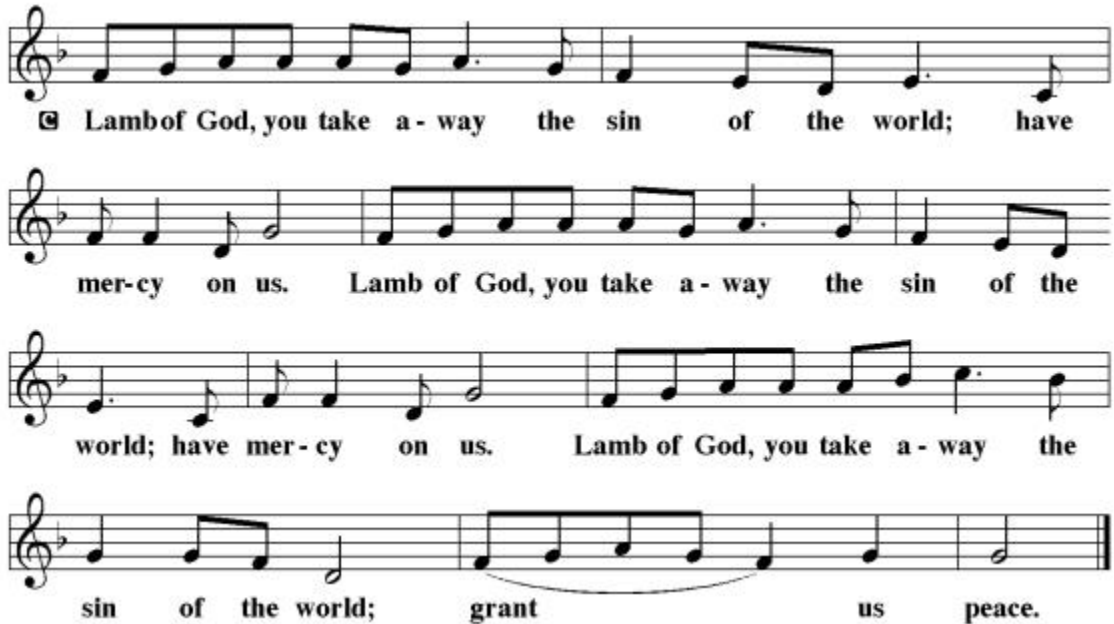
+ *THE LORD'S PRAYER*

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*

All people are called to Christ's table. Come, eat what is good.
Thanks be to God.

+ **LAMB OF GOD**



☐ 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.

COMMUNION

“As the Grains of Wheat”

ELW 465

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

ELW 628

+ **TABLE BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

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

Amen

+ **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray. O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+ **BLESSING**

Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

+ CLOSING HYMN – “Rejoice in God's Saints”

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 3 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!
- 4 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.

+ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

You may be seated during the postlude.

POSTLUDE - Festive Postlude

R. Williamson



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