



All Saints' Sunday

November 3, 2024

9:00am

Holy Communion

They are before the throne of God

PRAYER CARD

If you have a Prayer Request, use the **YELLOW** card that is available in the narthex, from an usher, or in the pew racks. Ushers will collect the cards before the Sermon so that prayers can be offered during the Intercessions.

If you are visiting with us, please use the Information Update on the reverse side of the card. Include your name and address and other important information. If our congregation can assist you in any way, please put that information on the card or speak to the Pastor.

ASSISTANCE

The ushers can supply parents of small children with soft toys, books, and a weekly children's worship bulletin. The parlor (the room behind the sanctuary) has a loud speaker and window so that, if necessary, parents can use it as a cry room and still see and hear the service. Large-print editions of our worship service are also available from the ushers.

HOLY COMMUNION

Based on the teachings of Scripture and in response to the Lord's admonition that, "A man ought to examine himself before he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup (1 Cor. 11:28)," we ask that those who attend the Lord's Supper ask of themselves the following questions:

1. Do you believe that you are a sinner in need of God's grace? (1 John 1:8-9)
2. Are you truly sorry for your sins? (1 Cor. 11:26-29)
3. Do you believe in Jesus as your Savior? (Romans 5:6)
4. Do you intend with the aid of the Holy Spirit to amend your sinful life? (2 Cor. 5:15)
5. Do you believe you receive Christ's true body and blood in the Lord's Supper?
(Mark 14:22-24)
6. Do you trust God and His promises and accept as true all He teaches in Holy Scriptures? (John 8:31-32)
7. Have you been baptized in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
(Matthew 28:19-20)

If your answer to these questions is yes, then we welcome you to the Lord's Supper. If you have any questions, burdens, or doubts concerning the sacrament, please speak with the Pastor before communing. Adults and children not receiving the Body and Blood of Christ may instead come forward to receive a blessing. Please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest. Gluten free rice wafers are available. Please indicate this by clearly raising your index finger. Please inform an usher if you are unable to come to the altar; the elements will be brought to you.

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(**P:** pastor **A:** assistant; **C:** congregation)

All who are able, stand

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection and self-examination

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

The minister addresses the congregation.

P: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

HYMN: “Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand” LBW 351

(Green book)

**Oh, happy day when we shall stand In heaven with the saved;
All peoples at the Lord’s right hand Shall find their names engraved,
Shall find their names engraved.**

**Oh, blessed day when Christ shall come And show himself as Lord,
And thousands meet in their new home Which Jesus has prepared,
Which Jesus has prepared.**

**Oh, what a mighty rushing flood Of joy and love and peace
Will roll down over us with good And blessedness and grace,
And blessedness and grace.**

**O Lord, your grace is ev’rything; Your love has made us free
To stand among the saints and sing The glory that we see,
The glory that we see.**

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

HYMN OF PRAISE



A Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his peo-ple on earth.



C Lord God, heav-en-ly king, al-might-y God and Fa - ther



We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa-ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God: You take a-way the sin of the world;



have mer-cy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer. For you a -



lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

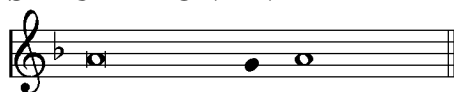


you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spir - it,



In the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A - men

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen

All sit

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17, A multitude gathered at the throne of the Lamb

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵”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.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

PSALM 149

The psalm is read by the pastor and congregation together.

Praise the LORD!

**Sing to the LORD a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the godly!**

**Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!**

**Let them praise his name with dancing,
making melody to him with tambourine and lyre!**

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;
he adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,

to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,

to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all his godly ones.

Praise the LORD!

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 3:1-3, We are called children of God

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is.

³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

All who are able, stand

VERSE



C Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12, The Beatitudes

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord!

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

²And he opened his mouth 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 shall be comforted.

⁵”Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶”Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷”Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸”Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹”Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰”Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹”Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ!

All sit

After the Children’s Message, PRAYER CARDS can be handed towards the center aisle and given to an usher.

SERMON

All who are able, stand

HYMN: “Rejoice in God’s Saints” WOV 689

(Blue book)

See the blue hymnal

NICENE CREED

P: We confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

C: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit

he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen

All sit

REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P: And I heard a voice from heaven saying, “Write this: Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “ they will rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them.” (Rev. 14:13, NRSV)

Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer him praise and thanksgiving forever, and he gave them new life through his Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of his people at his holy table, and in his mercy has summoned them to his nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of him forever.

Now are read the names of those who received the ministry of Faith Memorial during their last days and received a Christian burial.

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of your promises.

Now are read those names submitted by members of the congregation. The reading of the names is concluded with these words:

...and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

P: Let us pray. Lord, remember your church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our sisters and brothers who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen

All who are able, stand

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

P: Gathered with the saints by the river of life and surrounded by the great cloud of their witness, let us pray for the well-being of the church of God, the peace of the whole world, and the welfare of all people.

After each portion of the prayers:

A: We pray in hope,

C: make all things new.

The prayers conclude:

P: All blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be yours, O God, through Christ the crucified and risen one.

C: Amen

GREETING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**

All sit

THE EUCHARIST

The OFFERING is brought forward as the Lord's table is prepared.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Blessed are you,

C: O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

All who are able, stand

GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you.



C And al - so with you.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



C It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



C 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

P: Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer,
in the harmonious world of your creation
the plants and animals, the seas and stars
were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world,
you sent your Son to heal our ills
and to form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper,
he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing
his body given up, and his victory over death,
we await that day when all the people of the earth
will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:
as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread,
so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth,
that all may be fed with the Bread of life, your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as 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**

All sit

AGNUS DEI

C 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.

THE DISTRIBUTION

After all have returned to their places, the minister continues.

All who are able, stand

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

C: Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



C Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev-'ry-one what he has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re-joice and proud-ly bear his name.



He re-calls his prom-is - es and leads his peo-ple forth in joy with



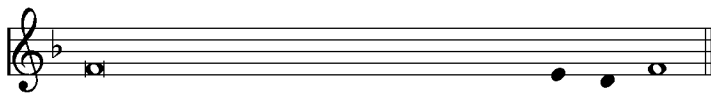
shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le-lu - ia.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Let us pray. Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

BLESSING



P: 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.



C: A - men

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "For All Your Saints" LBW 174

(Green book)

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

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
You, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may your 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 within your great design. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**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!**

**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!**

We strive to use our gifts and the best resources available to support people in their faith. To inquire about our sermons and/or the resources used to produce them please contact us through our church office. To God be the glory!

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