

# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY HOLY COMMUNION

1 November 2020

## GATHERING

### OPENING HYMN

### “For All the Saints”

1. For all the saints  
    who from their labors rest,  
    who thee by faith  
    before the world confessed,  
    your 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!

## THE APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

People: **And also with you.**

## \* HYMN OF PRAISE

### “Now the Feast”

#### Refrain:

**Now the feast and celebration,  
all of creation sings for joy  
to the God of life  
and love and freedom;  
praise and glory forevermore!**

1. Now is the feast  
of the Lamb once slain,  
whose blood has freed and united us  
to be one great people of God.

#### Refrain

2. Power and riches, wisdom and might,  
all honor and glory to Christ forever.

#### Refrain

3. For God has come to dwell with us,  
to make us people of God;  
to make all things new.

#### Refrain

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## SALUTATION & PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Eternal God, neither death nor life can separate us from your love. Grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven rejoice with all your saints who ceaselessly proclaim your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen**

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**WORD**

ANTHEM

“Deep River”

traditional spiritual

## THE FIRST LESSON

**Revelation 7:9-17**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

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## \* ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia!

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## THE GOSPEL

**Matthew 5:1-12**

*In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.*

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## CHILDREN'S TIME

### THE SERMON

**Pastor Joan Beck**

### HYMN OF THE DAY

**"Sing with All the Saints in Glory"**

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1. Sing with all the saints in glory,  
sing the resurrection song!  
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,  
to the former days belong.  
All around the clouds are breaking,  
soon the storms of time shall cease;  
in God's likeness we awaken,  
knowing everlasting peace.
2. Oh, what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts for ages pleading  
never that full joy conceived.
3. Life eternal! heav'n rejoices:  
Jesus lives who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!  
Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! Oh, what wonders  
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amid earth's closing thunders,  
saints shall stand before the throne!

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Assistant: Gathered together as God's people in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

*A brief silence...*

Assistant: We give thanks, loving God, for all your saints. We thank you for the witness they give to your goodness and grace. Especially we give you thanks for those who have been saints for us. As their love has been a sign of your love, their steadfastness a sign of your steadfastness, we give you praise, Lord God. Hold us all in your strong love, until the day when we will all be reunited in you. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

Assistant: I invite you at this time to light a candle in your home in remembrance of one or more of the "saints" in your life, those who have led the way in the Christian faith for you in some significant way. During this time, Ralph Nelson and the choir will share a recording of his anthem, "Do Not Stand at My Grave and Weep."

*After the anthem, the prayers continue...*

Assistant: We pray for this community of faith. We give thanks for the saints who have been part of this congregation's life for the past 141 years, and we remember those members and friends whose earthly lives have ended, who have left this life and are now with you, including Kevin Larkin. We also give thanks for those who were baptized in the congregation in the past year: Ralph Thomas and Nolan Dietz. We pray that your Spirit will continue to raise up faithful people to give praise and honor to your name. Help us share your good news with joy. Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*After each following petition...*

Assistant: Lord, in your mercy,

**People: hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude...*

Pastor: All this we ask, gracious God, together with all that is known to you alone, in the name of your risen Son, through the power of your Spirit.

**People: Amen**

# HOLY COMMUNION

## SHARING THE PEACE

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

People: **And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY REFLECTION

### SETTING THE TABLE

#### Refrain:

**As the grains of wheat  
once scattered on the hill  
As the grains of wheat once  
scattered on the hill  
were gathered into one  
to become our bread;  
so may all your people  
from all the ends of earth  
be gathered into one in you.**

1. As this cup of blessing  
is shared within our midst,  
may we share the presence of your love.

#### Refrain

2. Let this be a foretaste  
of all that is to come  
when all creation shares  
this feast with you.

#### Refrain

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## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Pastor: Holy God, our hope and our salvation...

...All honor and glory is yours, O God, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

## 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

Pastor: We are all God's beloved children, and the risen Christ welcomes us to this holy meal.

The body of Christ is given for us. The blood of Christ is shed for us.

*A brief time of quiet reflection...*

## BLESSING

Pastor: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of Christ's body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

People: **Amen**

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## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Assistant: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God,

People: **that at your table you satisfy our deepest hunger and thirst. By your gifts of Word, bread and wine, strengthen us to take up the cross as we go about our callings in this world, following after Jesus Christ, our servant Lord. Amen**

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**SENDING**

## BENEDICTION

Pastor: The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, ✠ guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

People: **Amen**

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**CLOSING HYMN**

**“For All Your Saints, O Lord”**

**ELW 427** (*red book*)

1. For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to live,  
who followed you, obeyed, adored,  
our grateful hymn receive.
2. For all your saints, O Lord,  
who strove in you to die,  
who counted you their great reward,  
accept our thankful cry.
3. They all in life and death,  
with you, their Lord, in view,  
learned from your Holy Spirit’s breath  
to suffer and to do.
4. For this, your name we bless  
and humbly pray anew  
that we like them in holiness  
may live and die in you.

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**SENDING**

Assistant: Go in peace. Christ is with you.

**People: Thanks be to God!**