



Matthew 5:1-12

All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

11:00 AM

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All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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by proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through
worship, witness, education, service and fellowship.*

On the center aisle of each pew is a folder known as the Friendship Register. Please sign the register and check if you are communing today. Be sure to review the sheet to identify visitors. Please hand the completed pages from the register to an usher during the singing of the Hymn of the Day.

HOLY COMMUNION

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) Setting Four

✠ GATHERING ✠

ACCLAMATION

Timothy Olsen

Alleluia. They are before the throne of God,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. *Alleluia.*
(*Revelation 7:15*)

OPENING VOLUNTARY Solemn Melody

Sir Henry Walford Davies
arr. Roy Perry

We stand.

RINGING OF THE BELL

The assembly turns to face the cross as it enters the sanctuary, following the cross as we have followed Jesus into this holy place and time of corporate worship.

GATHERING HYMN 418 Rejoice in God's Saints

LAUDATE DOMINUM

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.

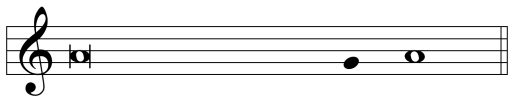
We sit.

WELCOME

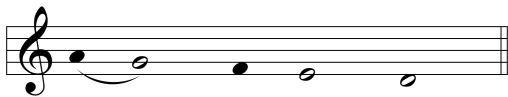
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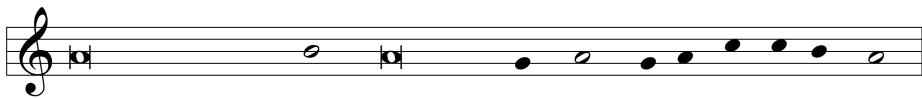
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



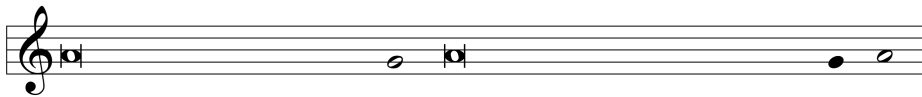
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



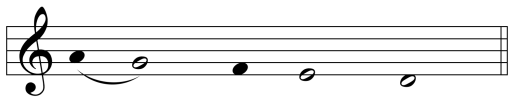
Lord, have mer - cy.



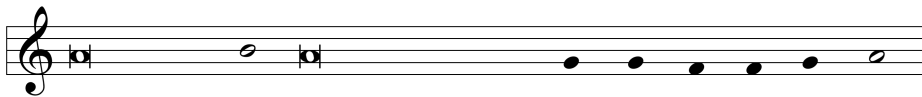
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



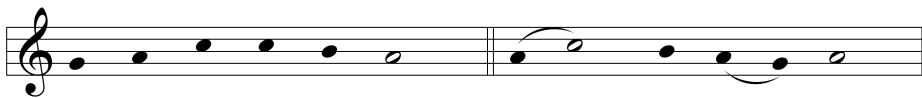
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



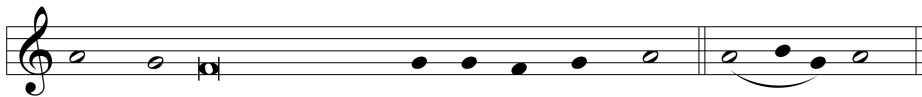
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and



strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo-ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing and hon-or and glo-ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for-ev-er. A-men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be-



gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

After the prayer the assembly responds: **Amen.**

We sit.

✠ WORD ✠

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

After 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And 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, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I 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. For 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for 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. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

Setting by Timothy Olsen

Refrain (Sung once by the choir, repeated by the assembly)



Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack noth-ing.

(verses sung by the Assembly)



¹I will bless the LORD¹ at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.

²I will glory¹ in the LORD;
let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice. **R**

³Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the LORD;
let us exalt God's¹ name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who¹ answered me
and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant,
and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and¹ the LORD heard me
and saved me from¹ all my troubles. **R**

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who¹ fear the LORD
and de-¹livers them.

⁸Taste and see that the¹ LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD,
for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing¹ that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life¹ of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will¹ not be punished. **R**

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

See 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. Beloved, 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* **Thanks be to God.**

We stand.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

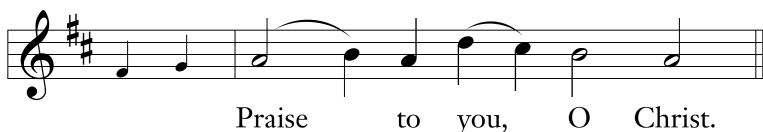
GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Matthew.



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: “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 receive 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 for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice 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.



We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

Rev. Paul A. Wollner

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 422 For All the Saints (*Stanzas 1-3*)

SINE NOMINE

We sit.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: We give you thanks for your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place. As we remember by name those of our community who have died since last All Saints Day strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life.

Elaine Lyster

Danny Comer

Helen Matthews

Kerns Freeze

Reg Kabill

Marion Morgan

Chris Almerini

Nancy Julian

Clark Comer

Gracious God,

**Support us all the day long of this troubled life,
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes
and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.**

**Then in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last. Amen.**

CANDLE LIGHTING

We will now move into a time of candle lighting as we remember all our loved ones who are now saints gathered around the throne of God.

In a few moments we will move into a time of meditation while music is being played. During this time, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of your dearly departed loved ones. There are two stations; each will have a candle already lit. Please come forward either individually or with family and friends to either of the stations. Light your own candle from the already lit candle. There will also be cards where you can write the name of your loved one(s) and leave it at the station. Come forward whenever you are ready and take as long as you need in prayer and remembrance. Music will be played underneath the reading of names.

Come; worship, remember and pray.

We stand.

HYMN OF THE DAY 422 For All the Saints (*Stanzas 4-7*)

SINE NOMINE

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to share a sign of God's peace with one another. Please honor those who prefer not to physically share the peace.

We sit.

✠ MEAL ✠

OFFERING

We pass the offering plates in recognition that we are all invited to participate in sharing the gifts of abundance with what God has first given us. We recognize that many share their financial gifts online or at different frequencies; passing the plates connects us in our giving, no matter how we share. Please pass the plate down the pew and then onto the next row.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Greater Love Hath No Man text: Song of Solomon; St. John
music: John Ireland

Many waters cannot quench Love, neither can the floods drown it.
Love is strong as death.

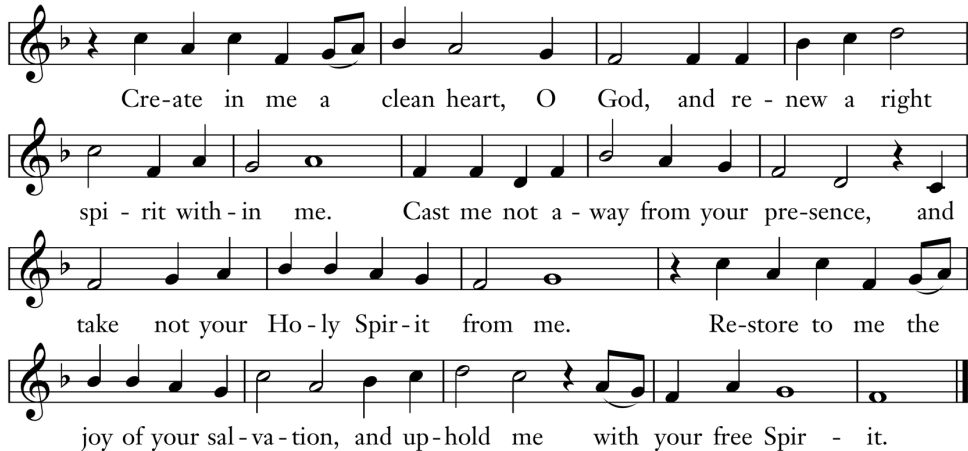
Greater Love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who His own Self bare our sins in His own Body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.

Ye are wash'd, ye are sanctified, ye are justified, in the Name of the Lord Jesus;
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
That ye should show forth the praises of Him
who hath call'd you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

I beseech you, brethren, by the mercies of God,
that ye present your bodies, a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God,
which is your reasonable service.

We stand.

OFFERTORY HYMN



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spi - rit with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pre - sence, and
take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the
joy of your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.

Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts:

our selves, our time, and our possessions.

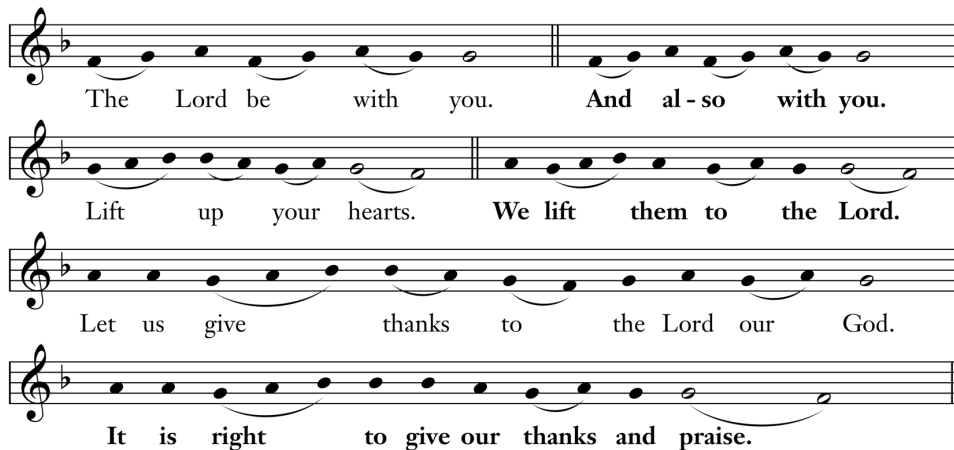
Use us, and what we have gathered,

in feeding the world with your love,

through the one who gave himself for us,

Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

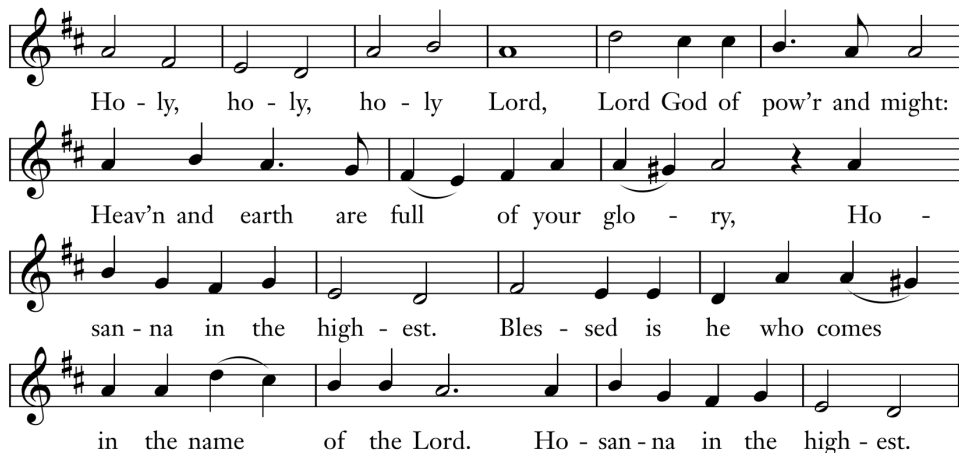
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

SANCTUS



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

Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes

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

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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 death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

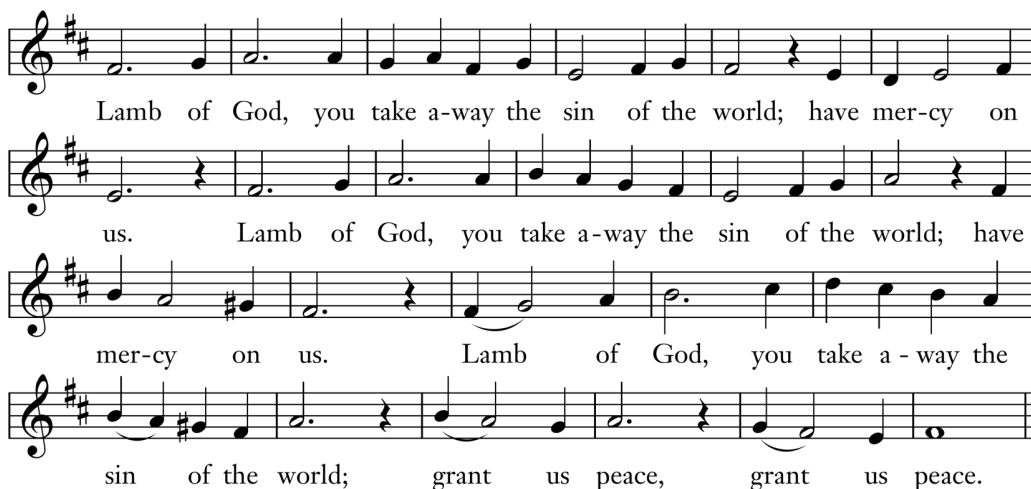
Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name,
 thy kingdom come,
 thy will be done,
 on earth as it is in heaven.

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

AGNUS DEI



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, grant us peace.

We sit.

COMMUNION

Holy Communion is available to all who believe, through two options. Those who are able are invited forward to receive the bread and wine through the method of intinction. Please let an usher know if you need a gluten-free wafer or grape juice option. You may also choose to receive an individual pre-sealed communion kit from an usher that you are welcome to bring forward for the Eucharistic Proclamation. The pastors will come to the pews of those unable to come forward. Those who would like to receive a blessing instead of communion are asked to cross their hands when they come forward.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say

The body of Christ, given for you.

The blood of Christ, shed for you.

and each person may respond Amen.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

***HYMN 447 O Blessed Spring**

BERGLUND

We stand.

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE O Lord, We Praise You

GOTT SEI GELOBET UND GEBENEDEIET

Oh Lord, we praise you, bless you, and a - dore you, in thanks -
giv - ing bow be - fore you. Here with your
bod - y and your blood you nour - ish our weak souls that
they may flour - ish. O Lord, have mer - cy!
May your bod - y, Lord, born of Mar - y, that our
sins and sor - rows did car - ry, and your blood for us plead
in all tri - al, fear, and need: O Lord, have mer - cy.

Let us pray.

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

BLESSING

The Lord bless you...and ✠ give you peace.



The assembly faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

SENDING HYMN 427 For All Your Saints, O Lord

FESTAL SONG

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY For All the Saints

Arthur Hutchings

Soli Deo Gloria

*Susan Cherwien's hymn "O Blessed Spring" was inspired by a sculpture based on the scripture "I am the vine, you are the branches." Her hymn reminds us that we are embraced into Christ the Vine through Word and Water in the spring of our journey of life. We travel through the summer and winter of our lives and Christ is with us through whatever we encounter. We then return to dust and, in the promise of the spring, our souls take flight and are revived and joined to Christ's Tree of Life.

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