

ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 7, 2021 | All Saints' Sunday | 8:30 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / **C = Congregation**)

(blue and green are hymnal colors)



PRELUDE Diane Dangerfield

WELCOMING WORD *Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,

C: the world and those who dwell therein.

L: Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,

C: that the King of glory may come in.

+**HYMN #174 (Green)** *"For All the Saints" (vs. 1,2,6,8)*

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: God, our comforter

C: Have mercy on us, O God. We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that

which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

L: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

GREETING

L: 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.**

+ KYRIE pg. 57 (Green)

+ HYMN OF PRAISE pg. 60 (Green) *"This is the feast..."*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God,

C: **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: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

¹I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a}Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

ACCLAMATION (pg. 62)

(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.

L: The Gospel according to John, Chapter 11

C: Glory to you, O Lord

GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?" ³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord
+C: Praise to you, O Christ

Choir Anthem - "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

MESSAGE Pastor John Twiton

+HYMN #176 (Green) "For All Your Saints, O Lord"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

+ NICENE CREED pg. 64 (Green)



THANKSGIVING FOR SAINTS WHO DIED IN THE PAST YEAR

Wayne Huseth	Beverly Luhman	LuAnn (Huseth) Call
Helen Martinson	Beulah Uren	Elva Jeanne Hannah
Eugene Hefty	Lori Wardell	Shirley Martinson
Rubelle Zwald	Bernadine Johnson	David Chellevoid
Rev. Bill Redman	Peter Toniazzo	Curtis Gullick

THANKSGIVING FOR SAINTS BAPTIZED IN THE PAST YEAR

Jack Brager	Emmelyn Skibba	Hannah Bickford
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+ THE PRAYERS pg. 65 (Green)

(As the pastor concludes each petition with the words: "Lord in your mercy..." The people respond: **Hear our prayer.**)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let the vineyards be fruitful* pg. 63 (Green)

MEAL

+Offering Prayer pg. 67 (Green)

+The Great Thanksgiving pg. 68 (Green)

+Words of Institution. Pg. 69 (Green)

+ THE LORD'S PRAYER pg. 71 (Green) (right hand column)

+Communion

SENDING

COMMUNITY WORD

+BLESSING

L: May the blessing of God our creator, the love of Jesus Christ our redeemer, and the presence of the Holy Spirit the comforter, surround you and sustain you until we gather again.

C: Amen.

+HYMN (on screen) "O Day Full of Grace"

+DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 7, 2021

SHARE: What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

READ: Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding

Monday, Psalm 94, God avenges the righteous

Tuesday, 1 Timothy 5:9-16, Duties towards the believers

Wednesday, Luke 4:16-30, Jesus rejected at Nazareth

Thursday, Psalm 16, Song of Trust

Friday, Daniel 4:19-27, Daniel interprets a dream

Saturday, Mark 12:1-12, The wicked tenants

TALK: Consider some of these ideas:” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” – John 11:43 *Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more*

- How important is the power of resurrection in your daily walk of faith?
- What does it mean to you that Jesus weeps at Lazarus’ tomb?
- How can we speak a word of resurrection hope today?

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.

BLESS: People of God, you are Christ’s body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, one God, bless you now and forever. Amen