



# All Saints Day

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## Introduction

*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.*

## Welcome to Worship

### Confession and Forgiveness

[Please stand in body or spirit.](#)

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

**All Amen.**

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

[Silence is kept for reflection](#)

Holy One,

**we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**All** We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community.  
Open our hearts to your coming,  
open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,  
open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

**P** Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.  
Through ✝ Jesus you are forgiven,  
by Jesus you are welcome,  
in Jesus you are called to rejoice!  
Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

**All** Amen.

## Opening Song

### Blest are They

- 1 Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
- 2 Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.  
Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill. *Refrain*

#### *Refrain*

Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you.  
Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

- 3 Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.  
Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.
- 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.  
Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs. *Refrain*
- 5 Blest are you who suffer hate, all because of me.  
Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see. *Refrain*

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## The Greeting

P The Lord be with you!

All And also with you!

## Prayer of the Day

P Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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.

## In Remembrance of the saints from this congregation

P On this All Saints Day we remember those from this congregation who have entered the church triumphant this past year...

*Jerry Larsen*  
JERRY LARSEN

*Dorris Colton*  
DORRIS COLTON

*Shirley June Pitcher*  
SHIRLEY JUNE PITCHER

*Mildred Elva Tolle*  
MILDRED ELVA TOLLE

*Donald Linke*  
DONALD LINKE

*Barbara Edsinger Brenton*  
BARBARA EDSINGER BRENTON

P In this new and different time of distancing, I encourage you to light a candle at home in remembrance of those dear to your hearts who have passed.

*P* Let us pray,  
Eternal God, your love is stronger than death,  
and your passion more fierce than the grave.

**All We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn  
into your eternal embrace,  
Keep us in joyful communion with them  
until we join the saints of every people and nation  
gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

### A Reading from Revelation, the 7th chapter

*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.*

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might

be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

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

<sup>17</sup>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.”

*Revelation 7:9-17*

*L* The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

### A Reading from 1 John, the 3rd chapter

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

*1 John 3:1-3*

*L* The word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God!**

### Gospel Reading

*P* The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.*

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

*Matthew 5:1-12*

*P* The Gospel of our Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

**Pr. Gordon Young**

**The Nicene Creed**

*P* Let us join together with the saints across the ages confessing our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed.

**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,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
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,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who 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.**

*\*Or, "who proceeds from the Father." The phrase "and the Son" is a later addition to the creed.*

## Prayers of Intercession

*L* Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

*(each prayer petition ends with)*

*L:* Hear us, O God.     *All:* **Your mercy is great.**

Or

*L:* Lord, in your mercy,     *All:* **hear our prayer.**

## The Great Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

*P* The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

*P* Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

*P* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*P* 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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**All Amen! Come Lord Jesus!**

## The Lord's Prayer

*P* Gathered together in this new dawn, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us.

***All*** 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.

## The Invitation and The Meal

*P* There is a place for you at the banquet.  
Come and feast at Jesus' table.

## Sharing the Meal

## Post Communion Blessing and Prayer

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

***All*** Amen

*P* Let us pray,  
Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.

***All*** Amen.

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## Benediction

*P* May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.

*All* Amen.

## Sending Song

### Shall We Gather at the River

1 Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

#### *Refrain*

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

2 On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,  
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. *Refrain*

3 Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;  
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. *Refrain*

4 Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. *Refrain*

## Dismissal

*P* Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.  
Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

*Romans 12:12-13*

Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**



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Readings for next Sunday,  
November 8<sup>th</sup>

**First Reading:** Amos 5:18-24

**Psalm:** Psalm 70

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

**Gospel:** Matthew 25:1-13

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