

All Saints' Sunday

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . *“For All the Saints”* vs. 1,7

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

INVOCATION

P: In all our weakness and strength,

All: strong in faith and eager with questions,

P: singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

All: filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations,

P: made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours,

All: and we come to be your people, O God.

P: May we truly become your people today.

All: Amen.



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We remember, O God...

All: The countless saints of history who have blazed a trail of courage through time,

L: We remember, O God...

All: the healing words of comforters, the remarkable acts of fearless ones.

L: We remember, O God...

All: The supreme love of Jesus, the blessing of his Spirit,

L: the reminder of his words, the sharing of his suffering,

All: the glory of his resurrection.

L: We remember in every time and place the saints who have shown us God.

All: Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses... let us worship God with joy!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: In the name of the Creator, and of the Redeemer, and of the Sanctifier.

All: Amen.

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

Time of silence for reflection

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

All: 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.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

LITANY

L: Holy Being, who called us all into life, holy is your name in all the earth.

All: We thank you this day for all who have shown us your way.

L: Abraham and Sarah heard your call and ventured new places, even when they were old.

All: We listen for your call today.

L: Miriam and Moses danced and led your people from suffering toward a new promise.

All: We await a vision of your burning fire today.

L: Deborah fought, Samuel prayed and they led in different ways.

All: We are preparing to lead this day.

L: David and Bathsheba sinned and were forgiven.

All: We confess our sin and long for your grace today.

L: Amos spoke and Esther stood tall for the sake of justice.

All: We open ourselves to your strength today.

L: Mary and Joseph accepted your call.

All: We attend to your word this day.

L: Peter and Paul, Magdalene and Lydia, and saints through the ages picked up their cross.

All: We pray that we might faithfully follow today.

L: Holy Being, who called us to into life through the saints in our lives, be born anew to us,

All: that we might serve all your saints;

L: the hungry and thirsty, the sick and imprisoned,

All: the naked and forgotten; to honor your holy name in all the earth. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: Listen to the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

All: We rejoice in the words of our salvation.

READING . . . *Revelation 21:1-6a*

I 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And 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;

he 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.”

And 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.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Alpha and Omega, the beginning and ending of all creation,

All: in your word we are unbound from death, and brought out into eternal life in you. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

P: The holy gospel according to John, chapter eleven, beginning with the thirty-second verse.

All: 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.” When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus 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.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. I 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.” When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The 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.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*

HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

SINGING BOWL

A BLESSING OF THE SAINTS

P: For those whom we remember best as our teachers and role models, for giving us values and goals,

All: We give thanks, O Creator.

P: For those who have lived with us, loved us, shared our trials and still allowed us to become who we are,

All: We give thanks, O Savior.

P: For those who visit the lonely and clothe the naked and feed the hungry, not because it is an injunction from above, but because it is a joyous thing to do,

All: We give thanks, O Comforter.

P: For those who taught us to love mostly by loving us, expecting nothing in return,

All: We give thanks, O Almighty.

P: For all those who actually forgive and forget.

All: We give thanks, O Redeemer.

P: For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change the world with them,

All: We give thanks, O Sanctifier.

P: For those who are genuinely funny and give cheer to life and good humor to day-by-day perceptions,

All: We give thanks, O Maker.

P: For those who unselfishly share all their blessings and not only their leftovers,

All: We give thanks, O Shepherd.

P: For those who now surround us and share our secrets, for those who wish to know us better, for those who by being part of our community of saints give us courage and hope to live,

All: We give thanks, O Sustainer.

P: God of the new Creation, we remember the saints who are in the church triumphant,

All: You are the hope of all creation, merciful God, and we lift our prayers to you, trusting in the name that is above every name, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

SPECIAL MUSIC . . . “Vocalise” – Sergei Rachmaninoff
performed by Leilani Camara and Dean Sieglaff

P: For all the saints we give you thanks, O God.

All: Amen.

SINGING BOWL

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice.

All: When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God’s overflowing grace.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God of justice and love, transform these offerings, that they may be gifts of justice and love for a world in need of hope and help.

All: Let love flow through these offerings, that they may become gifts of love for the world. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need. God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless chefs, bakers, servers, dishwashers, communion assistants, and meal ministry coordinators. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Hear us, O God.

All: Your mercy is great.

L: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us, using the language or translation we choose:

All: 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.

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: Go on your way rejoicing; surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses, take courage as you face each new challenge, and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall. In whatever good you choose to do, precede it with hope, accompany it with prayer, and follow it with thanksgiving.

All: The blessing of God Most Wonderful, whom the saints have trusted, are with us now and forever. Amen.

DISMISSAL

L: Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve God.

All: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE . . . “Give Thanks for Saints” vs. 1,2

SINGING BOWL

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