

**November 1, 2020  
All Saints Sunday**



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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**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**GATHERING HYMN**

**Blessing, Honor, and Glory  
ELW 433**

**Blessing honour glory to the Lamb  
Holy righteous worthy is the Lamb  
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**Death could not hold Him down  
For He is risen  
Seated upon the throne  
He is the Lamb of God**

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**GREETING**

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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us 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.**

## **FIRST READING: REVELATION 7:9-17**

<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.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM 34:1-10, 22**

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;  
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>I will glory in the LORD;  
let the lowly hear and rejoice.

<sup>3</sup>Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;  
let us exalt God's name together.

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, who answered me  
and delivered me from all my terrors.

<sup>5</sup>Look upon the LORD and be radiant,  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me  
and saved me from all my troubles.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD  
and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>Taste and see that the LORD is good;  
happy are they who take refuge in God!

<sup>9</sup>Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,  
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.

<sup>10</sup>The lions are in want and suffer hunger,  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

<sup>22</sup>O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,  
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

## **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

<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.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

The holy gospel according Matthew. **Glory to You, O Lord!**

<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."

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **HOMILY**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY**

### **No Longer Slaves**

**You unravel me with a melody,  
You surround me with a song  
Of deliverance from my enemies  
'Til all my fears are gone**

**I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God  
I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God**

**From my mother's womb,  
You have chosen me  
Your Love has called my name  
I've been born again into your family  
Your blood flows through my veins**

**I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God  
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**I'm no longer a slave to fear, I am a child of God  
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**You split the sea so I could walk right through it  
My fears were drowned in perfect love  
You rescued me and I will stand and sing  
I am a child of God.**

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**I am a child of God I am a child of  
God I am a child of God**

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### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

*Each prayer petition ends*

Hear our prayer, O God,  
**save us from all our troubles.**

### **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

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

## **OFFERING**

*The gifts we use and share matter! Thank you for sharing your gifts for the sake of the world. Use the green Give button on our church's website to support our mission of nurturing lives for following Christ.*

## **THANKSGIVING FOR THE SAINTS**

We remember the following saints and members of Good Shepherd who have died in this past year:

- Barbara Latham
- Betty Thompson
- John Forss
- Ellen Anundson
- Marge Tilka
- Louise Beckman
- Peg Boman
- Rosemary Moats

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BLESSING**

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. **Amen.**

## **SENDING HYMN      Lion and the Lamb**

**He's coming on the clouds  
Kings and kingdoms will bow down  
And every chain will break  
As broken hearts declare His praise  
Who can stop the Lord Almighty?**

**Our God is the lion, the Lion of Judah  
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles  
And every knee will bow before Him  
Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain  
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains  
And every knee will bow before the lion and the Lamb  
Every knee will bow before Him**

**So open up the gates  
Make way before the King of kings  
Our God who comes to save  
Is here to set the captives free  
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## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, nurturing lives for following Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

### **SAINTS REMEMBERED**

Frank Nagatani

Mary Kreuger

Carole Jean Leis Troup

Dianne Glymph

Sylvia Shaver Hardaway

Carol Fisher

Ruth Bader Ginsberg

John Prine

Kelly Flanagan

Rev. Stan & Florence Knudsen

Rev. Stephen & Estelle Knudsen

Dale Foltz

Ninfa Bailey

Heinz Sternberg

Larry Severance

Earl Beller

David Eason

Lois Harrison

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