

# All Saints Sunday

## INTRODUCTION

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.

# GATHERING

(\*Indicates to please rise as you are able in body, mind, or in spirit.)

## GATHERING MUSIC

*I See the Lord*

*I see the Lord seated on the throne exalted,  
and the train of His robe fills the temple with glory;  
And the whole earth is filled, and the whole earth is filled,  
and the whole earth is filled with his glory. (Repeat)*

*Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.  
Holy, holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord of lords.*

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## GATHERING PRAYER

### WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Isaiah 25 & Psalm 24)

The earth and all that is in it belongs to the Holy One.

**Look, here is our God, for whom we have waited.**

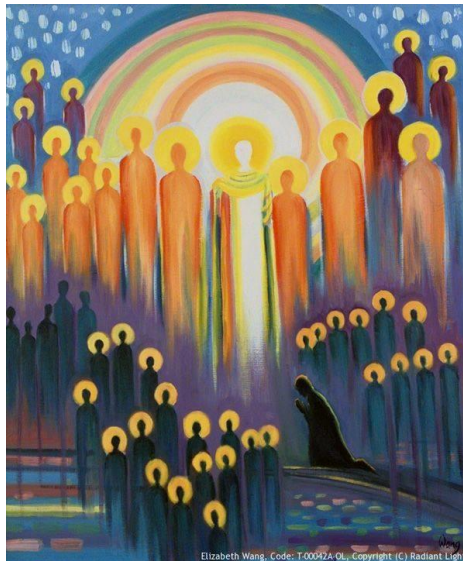
This is the Holy One, for whom we have waited.

**Let us be glad and rejoice in our salvation.**

Who shall ascend the hill of the Holy One?

And who shall stand in this holy place?

**We come, seeking the face of God.**



1 Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing;  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 With all the an - gel choirs, with all the saints on earth  
 4 Still lift your stan - dard high, still march in firm ar - ray,

your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rap - ture, no - blest mirth.  
 as pil - grims through the dark - ness wend till dawns the gol - den day.

*Refrain*

Re - joice! Re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!

Re - joice! Re - joice!

5 At last the march shall end;  
 the wearied ones shall rest;  
 the pilgrims find their home at last,  
 Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*

6 Praise God who reigns on high,  
 the Lord whom we adore:  
 the Father, Son, and Spirit blest,  
 one God forevermore. *Refrain*

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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.**

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# WORD

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## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST 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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>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;  
<sup>4</sup>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.”

<sup>5</sup>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.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

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

#### \*GOSPEL READING

*John 11:32-44*

*The Holy Gospel according to John. Glory to You, O Lord.*

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.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>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.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>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.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>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.”

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

## SERMON

*George Donovan*

*“Unbinding Abundance: You Are Not Alone”*

## \*HYMN OF THE DAY

## *I Need You to Survive*

I need you; you need me. We're all a part of God's body.  
Stand with me; agree with me. We're all a part of God's body.  
It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied. You are important to me. I need you to survive.  
You are important to me. I need you to survive. *(Repeat)*

I pray for you; you pray for me. I love you. I need you to survive.  
I won't harm you with words from my mouth. I love you. I need you to survive. *(Repeat)*  
It is His will that ev'ry need be supplied. You are important to me. I need you to survive.

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## \*OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

**We are not alone,  
...we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:  
...who has created and is creating,  
...has come in Jesus,  
...the Word made flesh,  
...to reconcile and make new,  
...who works in us and others  
...by the Spirit.**

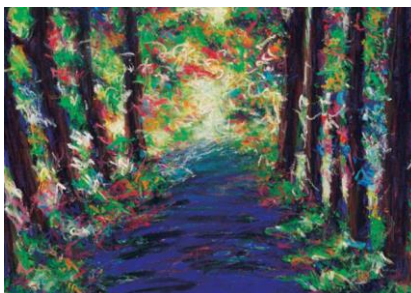
**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church:  
...to celebrate God's presence,  
...to live with respect in Creation,  
...to love and serve others,  
...to seek justice and resist evil,  
...to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,  
...our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,  
...God is with us.**

**We are not alone.  
...Thanks be to God.**

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## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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. We lift to you now the names of those on our prayer list (*Names are Read Aloud*) and we also lift to you those who are on our hearts, either silently or aloud now. (*Pause*) Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

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. **Your mercy is great.**

God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **Amen.**

## SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

## ALL SAINTS TRIBUTE & MUSIC FOR REFLECTION

*"Heaven's Choir"*

*Music & Lyrics by Pepper Choplin  
Offered by the Bethel Worship Choir*

## HOLY COMMUNION

### \*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also 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.**

### \*JESUS' WORDS ABOUT COMMUNION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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

## SENDING

### \*BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**  
God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

### \*SENDING SONG

*Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the  
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they  
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
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### \*DISMISSAL

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

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