All Saints Day

November 1, 2020, 9:00 am

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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.

Gathering

Prelude
In Paradisum

Welcome

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

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. 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.

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. Amen.
# Opening Hymn

*Please sing verses 1 through 5.*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
   Stanzas 3–5 below.
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
   
3. Oh, blest communion, fellow-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
   
4. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
   
5. The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful
   
   gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, . . .

   name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.

   thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.

   sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:

   Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

   they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are

dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are

ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dis-e the

thine, Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!

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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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.

Dialog for All Saints

Praise the Lord, all you saints!
Praise the Lord, all you heavenly hosts!

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:
Isaiah, Jeremiah, and all you Patriarchs and Prophets!

Miriam, Ruth, and Naomi:
Elizabeth, Mary, and all you Holy Women!

Matthew, Mark, and Luke:
James and John and all you Evangelists and Apostles!

Stephen, Thomas, Peter, and Paul:
Philip, Bartholomew, and all you Holy Martyrs!

Praise the Lord!
O praise the name of the Lord!

These are the saints whose robes are washed white in the blood of the Lamb.
Praise the Lord!

We are the saints who are the living body of Christ, the Church.
Praise the Lord! O praise the name of the Lord!

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.
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.

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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

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, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” 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. 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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; 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.
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.

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. 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. 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 Acclamation**

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  
Cantor They are before the | throne of God,* and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them (Rev. 7:15)  
All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.  

**Gospel**  
Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, fifth chapter.  
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.

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

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 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.
Hymn of the Day

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Leader or All

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
3. Blest are they . . . who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
4. Blest are they . . . who seek peace; peace they are the children of God.
5. Blest are you who suffer hate; all . . . be cause . . . of me. Rejoice, be glad,

full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.
suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.

Refrain

All

Rejoice and be glad!

Blessed are you, holy are you!

Rejoice and be glad!

Yours is the kingdom of God!

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Music: BLEST ARE THEY, David Haas
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Apostles’ Creed

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

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.

After each portion of the prayers:
God of all saints,
hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:
Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.
Amen

Peace

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

Offering

We invite you to give your offering online at saintluke.us then click Giving or on the Give Plus app. You may also mail your checks to:

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Music at the offertory

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

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry (1826-1899), arr. Alain Truche (b. 1979)
Text: Robert Lowry

The Lord’s Prayer

Please pray in your own preferred language.
Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

Padre Nuestro Que estas en los cielos
Santificado sea tu Nombre
Venga a nosostros tu Reino
Hagase tu voluntad asi en la tierra como en el cielo
Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada dia
Perdona nuestras ofensas
Como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden
Y no nos dejes caer en la tentacion mas libranos del mal
Porque tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
Por los siglos de los siglos. Amen
Ringing of the Roll

Juanita Chamberlain      James Shaffer
Philip Province          Anita Ward
Martha Gill              Cecil O’Neal
Arthur Moorman           Rose Allison
Anita Manning            Oliver (Bill) Morgan
Nora Berard              Dana Osterndorf
Marilyn Bresnahan        June Egan
Paul Karpiscak           Lottie Gulbranson Hader
Marjorie Schick

Remembering those in the world who have died from Covid-19

Every beat of the drum represents 100,000 deaths.

Sending

Blessing

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

*Please sing verses 6 and 7.*

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,

*Stanzas 3–5 below.*

6. But then there breaks a yet more glorious day; the
7. From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s farthest coast, through

thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;

saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host;

name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

King of glory passes on his way.

sing ing to Fa ther, Son, and Ho ly Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

3. Oh, blest communion, fellow-ship divine, we fee- bly strug-gle,
4. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
5. The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful

they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
distant triumphant song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
servants com-eth rest; ... sweet is the calm of parad ise the

thine, Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

Postlude
For All the Saints


WORSHIP LEADERS
PRESIDING MINISTER
The Rev. Connie A. Miller, Senior Pastor

ASSISTING MINISTERS
The Rev. Franklin Morales, Associate Pastor
Deacon Kyle Warfield, Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries

MUSICIANS
Dr. Alain Truche, Director of Music and Organist
Deacon Kyle Warfield, Cantor
Navek Leonard, Alto Saxophone

The flowers about the Saint Luke altar today are given by Tom and Carol Darnell in remembrance and thanksgiving for their parents, Carl and Olive Stewart, Magdalen and Percy Darnell, and all who now rest in eternal peace with God; and by Ruth Moorman in remembrance and thanksgiving for her dear husband, Art.

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