



All Saints Sunday

November 5, 8:45 & 11:15 AM

Saint Luke Lutheran Church and School

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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—Reformation Bells

Canon

Johann Pachelbel (1653-1706)

WELCOME

DIALOG FOR ALL SAINTS

Praise the Lord, all you saints!

Praise him all you heavenly hosts!

Let us praise the name of the Lord:

For his name only is exalted!

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!

GATHERING HYMN • ELW 422

For All the Saints



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.
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
 distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are
 servants cometh rest; . . . sweet is the calm of paradise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 strong.
 blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897
 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.

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.

Please be seated.

WORD

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

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.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

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

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The holy gospel according to Saint Matthew, the 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.

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN OF THE DAY

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God



1 I sing a song of the saints of God,
2 They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and
his love made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the world is bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And
Je - sus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And
joy - ous saints who love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was slain
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the green: they were all of them saints of
by a fierce wild - beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just



God - and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

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

Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each portion of the prayers:

God of all saints.

Hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please be seated.

MEAL

OFFERING

We invite you to give your offering online at saintlukegive.us

You may also mail your checks to:

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9100 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

MUSIC DURING THE OFFERING—Reformation Bells

Prayer

Arnold B. Sherman

Please stand as you are able.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

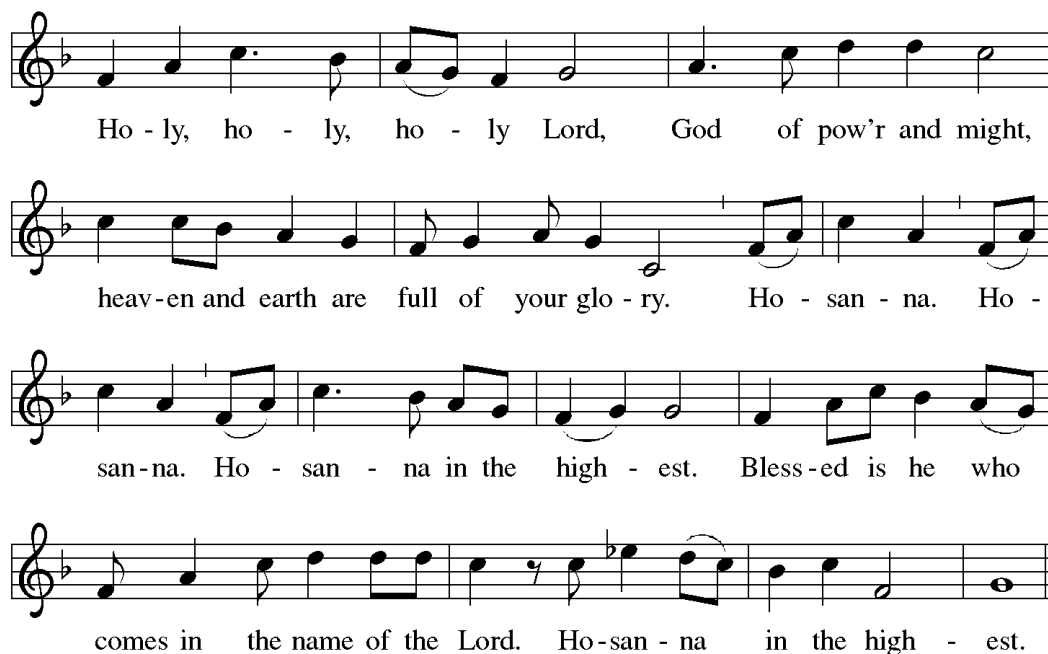
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.', 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.', 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
 san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

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.

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 nosotros 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**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before us.
Let us gather here with all the saints.
Thanks be to God.

Please be seated.

TOLLING OF THE ROLL

Jeanne (“Jackie”) Holl
Eleanore Lundeberg
Pastor Dean Anderson
Pastor Ivar Holmquist
Martha Barth

Darrell Neily
John (“Jack”) Niermann
Phyllis Rueschlein
All who have died due to warring nations

COMMUNION + LIGHTING OF REMEMBRANCE CANDLES

All are invited to the Lord’s table, a table of grace and mercy. There are two stations at the foot of the chancel steps. Please stretch out your hand, palm up, to receive the host, the body of Christ. (Gluten-free wafers are available; please ask your server) Then receive in the individual cup the blood of Christ. You may deposit your cup in the basket near the side wall. Those who wish to receive a blessing instead of the Lord’s supper are also encouraged to come forward. Those who wish to receive the sacrament in the pew please inform an usher. All are welcome to the Lord’s table.

When giving the bread and cup, the communion ministers say:

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

The communicant may say:

Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.



1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
 we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
 grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
 soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry

Please stand as you are able.

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!



Death and sor-row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for-mer days be-long.



All a-round the clouds are break-ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;



in God's like-ness we a - wak-en, know-ing ev - er - last - ing peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.

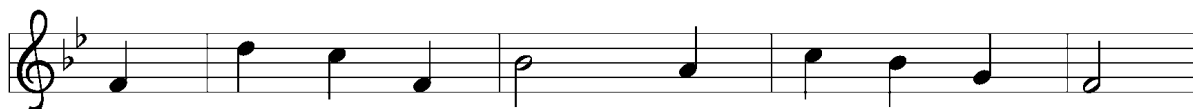
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
 2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
 3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
 4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
 some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
 who bear some-one's cross, or shoul - der their own:
 A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
 some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
 they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
 In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
 our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
 what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
 their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903–2000

Music: LAUDATE DOMINUM, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace.
 Blessed be the saints.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Placare Christe Servulis
(O Christ, Thy guilty people spare)

Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)

WORSHIP LEADERS

PRESIDING MINISTERS

The Rev. Connie A. Miller, *Senior Pastor*

The Rev. Gary Nuss, *Support Pastor*

The Rev. Richard Zawistoski, *Confirmation Pastor*

ASSISTING MINISTER

Deacon Kyle Warfield, *Director of Discipleship and Senior High Ministries*

READERS

8:45 Sarah Hanson

11:15 Jordan Gerth

MUSICIANS

Dr. Alain Truche, *Director of Music and Organist*

Reformation Bells—Eddie Venit, *Director*



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This week at Saint Luke Lutheran Church

SUNDAY, Nov. 5—All Saints' Sunday

8:45 AM **Worship**
 10:00 AM First Communion Workshop
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
 10:00 AM Adult Beginning Handbells Mtg.
 11:15 AM Worship
 12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
5:00 PM Choral Evensong for the Feast of All Saints
 6:00 PM Reception

MONDAY, November 6

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 4:00 PM After School Art Program - Langley Park
 6:00 PM Yoga
 7:00 PM ESL Class

TUESDAY, November 7

8:00 AM CDS Classes
 1:30 PM Program Staff Meeting
 4:30 PM Piano Lessons
 7:00 PM Reformation Bells
 7:00 PM Girl Scouts
 7:00 PM ESL Class

WEDNESDAY, November 8

7:00 AM Faith Connections (Zoom)
 8:00 AM CDS Classes
 10:00 AM Women in Community
 10:00 AM CDS Chapel
 3:00 PM En Camino: Children's Tutor Program

5:30 PM Choristers RSCM program
 7:00 PM ESL Class
 7:30 PM AA
 7:30 PM Schola Cantorum Rehearsal

THURSDAY, November 9

6:30 AM Parking Lot Ministry - Langley Park
 8:00 AM CDS Classes
 2:45 PM Caring Project: Children's Tutor Program
 7:30 PM Centering Prayer (Zoom)

FRIDAY, November 10

Veterans Day Observed—Church Office Closed

SATURDAY, November 11

8:00 AM Food Distribution: Langley Park
 8:30 AM Men's Group
 9:30 AM AA
 11:00 AM Al-Anon

SUNDAY, Nov. 12—24th Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 AM **Worship**
 10:00 AM Prayer Partner Brunch
 10:00 AM Affirmation of Baptism Class
 10:00 AM Sunday School
 10:00 AM SLSHY
 10:00 AM Up For Discussion (Hybrid)
11:15 AM Worship
 12:30 PM Genesis Bells Rehearsal
 5:00 PM San Lucas Misa Español
 6:00 PM Reception

NB: Worship Services are in person and livestreamed

Upcoming Commemorations

John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Heyer was the first missionary sent out by American Lutherans. After teaching at Gettysburg College and Seminary he was assigned to the Andhra region of India. A worker among the Tamil people on the southeast coast of India, Ziegenbalg was opposed both by local Hindus and by Danish authorities who favored a different missionary style. He was known for caring about the welfare of the whole person. Nommensen was born in northern Germany and was sent to Sumatra as a Lutheran missionary. Working among the Batak people, he translated the scriptures into their language, and honored their native culture.

Martin, Bishop of Tours, died 397

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Martin's pagan father enlisted him in the Roman army. Approached by a beggar, Martin cut his cloak in half and gave part to the man, whom he later understood as representing Christ. He asked to leave the army, but was jailed instead. After his release, he became a preacher, and later a bishop.

Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, teacher, died 1855

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Kierkegaard was a Danish theologian whose writings also gave rise to the modern philosophy of existentialism. He frequently attacked the complacency of the state church of his day, as well as its desire to be accepted by polite society rather than be a stumbling block.

Today's Music

Organ Music

Today's postlude is a toccata on the Gregorian chant *Placare Christe Servulis*. It is the last piece in the collection *Le Tombeau de Titelouze* (Titelouze's tomb). In his preface to *Le Tombeau* **Marcel Dupré (1886-1971)** pays tribute to the 'rich and closely argued polyphony, the noble and pure style' of his music. 'Destined for those who are beginning the study of the organ,' he explains, 'the present collection comprises 16 chorales based on liturgical hymns, eight of which were treated by Titelouze.' The chorales are all fingered and pedaled to assist the student, and are graded in order of difficulty, gradually adding the pedals, then a fourth and then a fifth voice, ending in a grand five-part fugue and a toccata that would surely defeat most beginners. This toccata is particularly appropriate for All Saints. *Placare Christe Servulis* ('To Thy poor servants reconciled, show mercy, Christ.') is found in the Roman Breviary as a hymn for Matins and Vespers on the Feast of All Saints.

Hymns

Based on the picture of a "cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1), *For All the Saints* by **Martin How (1823-1897)** gives thanks for the saints of old, makes a prayer that we may be found faithful, and acknowledges the unity of the whole Church in heaven and on earth in the mystical body of Christ, a picture of the church in holy warfare, and a vision of the victorious Church. Vaughan Williams' magnificent marching tune makes this a contemporary version of "When the saints go marching in." - Hymn Notes for Church Bulletins

Lesbia Lesley Scott (1898-1986) wrote pedagogical and inspirational hymns for her three children during the 1920s. Many were written in response to the children's suggestions: "Mum, make a hymn for a picnic," or "Mum, make a hymn for a foggy day." Though these domestic expressions of family faith were never intended for publication, at least one of them appears to have had a life all its own.

I sing a song of the saints of God was composed for All Saints' Day. It stresses that saints not only lived in the distant past but also may live and work today as they carry out the everyday activities of their lives. Scott's hymns were first published in England in *Everyday Hymns for Little Children* (1929) and in the United States in the *Episcopal Hymnal* 1940. Given the song's humble and domestic origins, the author was "a little disconcerted by its popularity," since this was neither her favorite hymn nor the favorite of her children. Evidently this was a concern held more broadly, according to British hymnologist Richard Watson, since the seemingly irreverent hymn "has disconcerted others too." - umcdischipleship.org

Robert Lowry (1826-1899) wrote *Shall We Gather at the River* in the summer of 1864. He describes the circumstances, "hymn writers had said so much about the 'river of death' and so little about eh 'pure water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.'" As I mused," said Lowry, "the words began to construct themselves" with the question in the stanzas and the answer in the chorus. "The music came with the hymn." - *ELW Hymnal Companion*

Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000) was commissioned by the Dean of Norwich Cathedral to write two processional hymns for the six-hundredth anniversary of Revelations of Divine Love by Julian Norwich. Julian lived in an anchoritic way outside the walls of the cathedral, so Green wrote two hymns related to the monastic life. He then fashioned those two into a single hymn based on them, still monastic in nature. After being suggested to widen the scope of the hymn. *Rejoice in God's Saints*, which highlights all kinds of saints in their prayer, praise, and daily living, was the result.. - *ELW Hymnal Companion*