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November 1, 2026 ☩ All Saints Sunday

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
(The prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for worship.)

Welcome
Welcome to Zion Lutheran Church in Albion! We offer a warm welcome to all who are worshipping in person or by way of Facebook Live. We hope that you encounter a word of God's grace and love in this worship service.

Holy Communion will be celebrated today. At the table of our Lord Jesus Christ, God nourishes faith, forgives sin, and calls us to be witnesses to the Gospel. All who are baptized and believe in the real presence of Christ are welcome to share in the Lord's meal. Holy Communion will be distributed in person or by pre-packaged elements. If you are uncomfortable coming forward, please pick up the communion elements as you enter worship. We will partake of the sacrament as directed by the pastor within the worship service. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with an usher. Gluten Free wafers are available on request.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

If we claim to have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Today we view our daily living in the light of God's eternal pomises.
(Let us take a moment of silence for reflection and confession.)

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We have sought our own definition of the good life
and lamented every setback.
Our minds are set on earthly things.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.
Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God has given his Son to die for us,
and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins.
He has blessed us with eternal life and calls us saints.
His sure promises enable us to rejoice no matter what the circumstances.
As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ,
and by his authority, I therefore declare to you
the entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

BEATITUDES

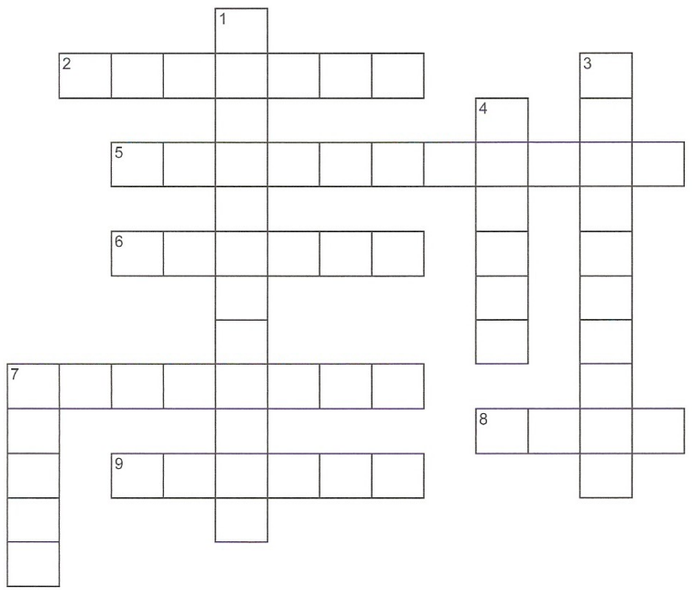
Fill in the blanks below
to complete the crossword.
Answers are based on
Matthew 5:1-13,
New Int'l Version.

ACROSS

2. _____ and be glad for your reward is great in heaven.
5. Blessed are the _____ for they will see God.
6. Blessed are those who ____ after righteousness.
7. Blessed are the _____ for they will receive mercy.
8. Blessed are the _____ for they will inherit the earth.
9. Blessed are those who _____ for they will be filled.

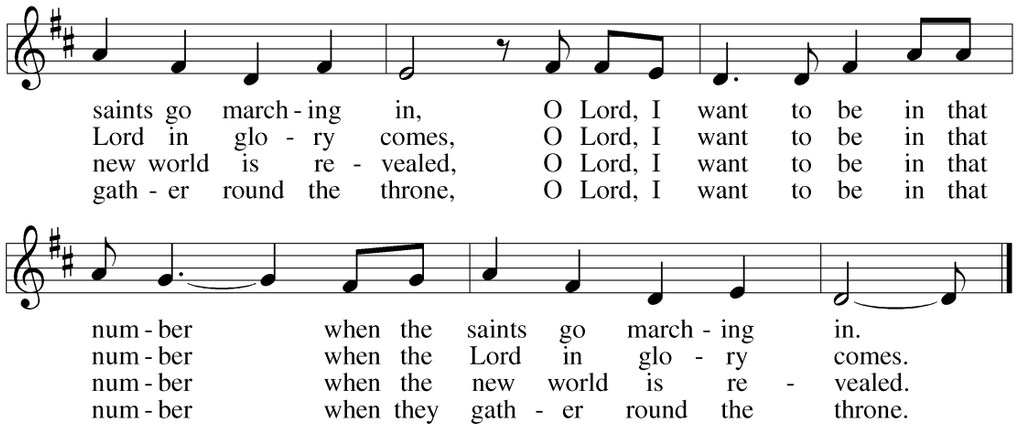
DOWN

1. Blessed are the _____ for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
3. Blessed are those who are _____ for righteousness' sake.
4. Great is your _____ in heaven.
7. Blessed are those who _____ for they will be comforted.



All Saints

All Souls



5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,
oh, when they crown him King of kings,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.

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Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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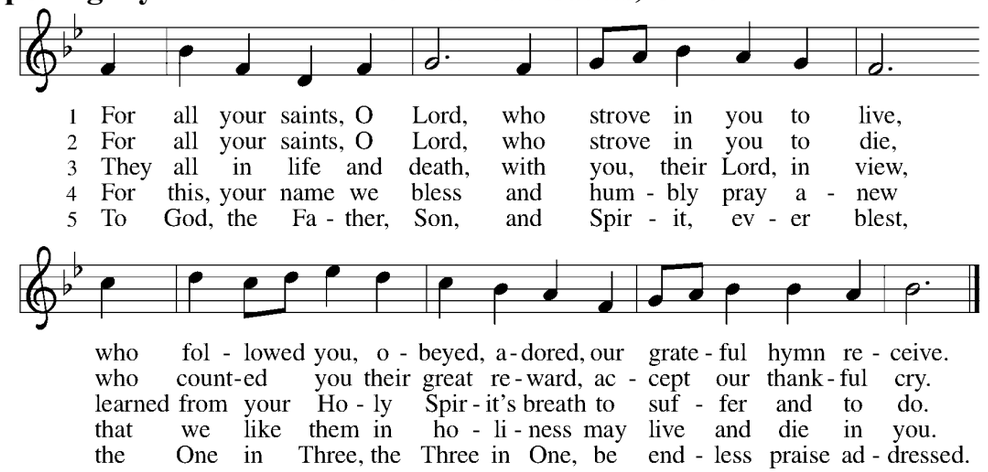
Opening Hymn *For All Your Saints, O Lord* #427



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Opening Litany

Your saints, O Lord, brightened our lives here on earth
with their acts of kindness, their sharing of the Gospel,
and their friendship and love.
We rejoice, O Lord,
in the joy your saints brought to us while on earth
and in the joy they are experiencing now.

Your saints, O Lord,
were a source of comfort to us when we were in need.
And their words and actions carried us through tough times.
We rejoice, O Lord,
in the peace your saints brought to us while on earth
and the peace they are experiencing now.

Your saints, O Lord, were faithful unto death,
and by their example they helped us to grow in our faith.
We rejoice, O Lord,
in the crown of life you have given to your saints.

Your saints, O Lord, now await the reunion of all God's people.
We rejoice, O Lord,
that one day we will join all your saints in the kingdom of light.

Apostolic 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.

Hymn of Praise ***Blessed Assurance*** *Bell Choir*

Prayer of the Day
Let us pray… *(A brief silence is kept.)*
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.

✢ 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.

A reading from Revelation.
9 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. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne,
and to the Lamb!"

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*

Table Blessing
May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and preserve you unto eternal life. **Amen.**

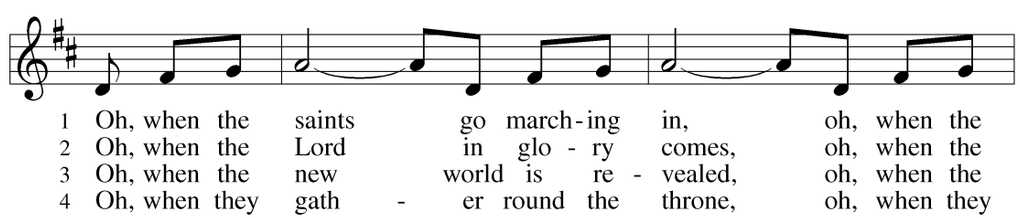
Post-Communion Prayer
Let us pray… *(A brief silence is kept.)*
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.
Amen.

✢ SENDING ✢

Announcements

Benediction
God all mighty, God most merciful,
bless us, keep us, and grant us peace.
In the name of the Father, ✢ Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn ***Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*** *TFF #180*



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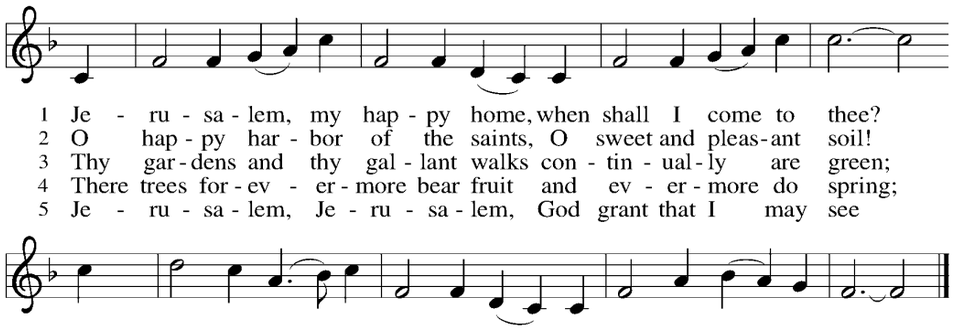
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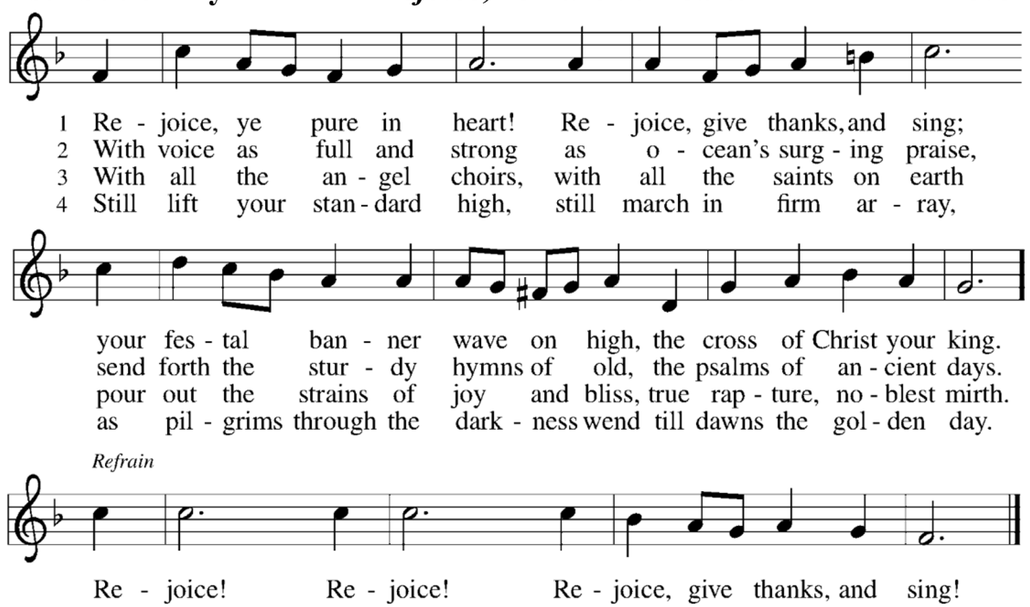
Distribution Hymn ***Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*** #873



[11]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, [12]singing,

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

[13]Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" [14]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.

[15]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.
[16]They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;
[17]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

Let us read Psalm 34 responsively.

[1]I will bless the LORD at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.
[2]**I will glory in the LORD; let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

[3]Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD;
let us exalt God's name together.
[4]**I sought the LORD, who answered me**
and delivered me from all my terrors.

[5]Look upon the LORD and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.
[6]**I called in my affliction, and the LORD heard me**
and saved me from all my troubles.

[7]The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear the LORD
and delivers them.
[8]**Taste and see that the LORD is good;**
happy are they who take refuge in God!

[9]Fear the LORD, you saints of the LORD,
for those who fear the LORD lack nothing.
[10]**The lions are in want and suffer hunger,**
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is good.

[22]O LORD, you redeem the life of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

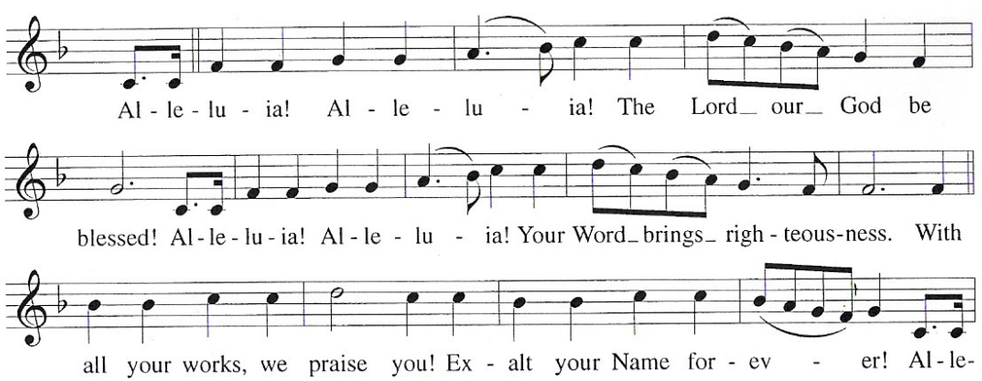
Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

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.

A reading from First John.

[1]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. [2]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. [3]And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.
The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

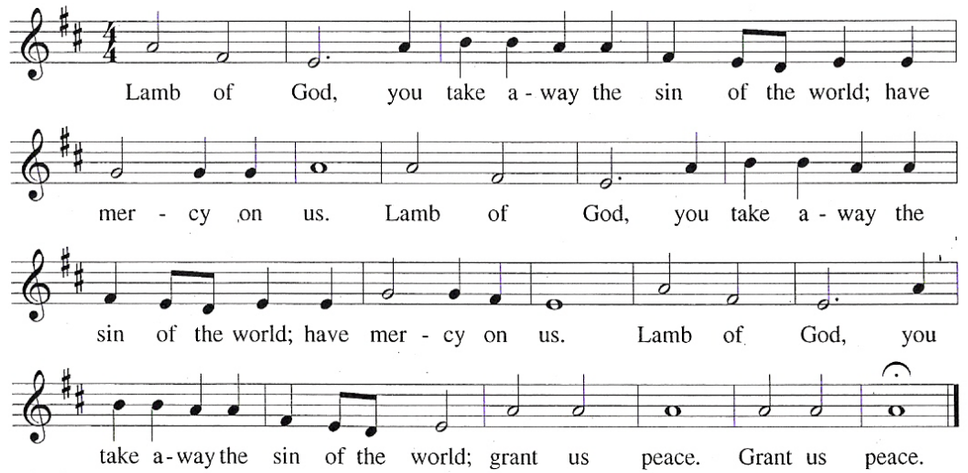
Alleluia Verse *Family of God*



Lord's Prayer

Let us pray together 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.

Agnus Dei ***Lamb of God*** *Family of God*



Distribution

If you are joining us from home or are taking communion from your seat:
The body of Christ, given for you. ***Amen.***
The blood of Christ, shed for you. ***Amen.***

As our earthly bodies decay and die,
and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross,
send your Spirit and remake us
in the image of your Son's resurrected body,
that our scars may become signs of you glory
and our hearts may be one with yours.
Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,

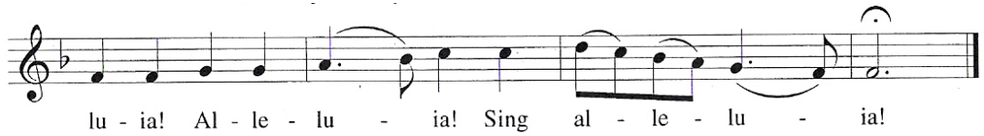
Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

After supper, Jesus took the cup.
Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted.
Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven.
Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you.
Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence,
that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom.
Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation,
that they may enter the joy of their reward.
Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear,
touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy,
so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth,
they may discover you as an infinite circle
whose center is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere,
and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you,
one God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

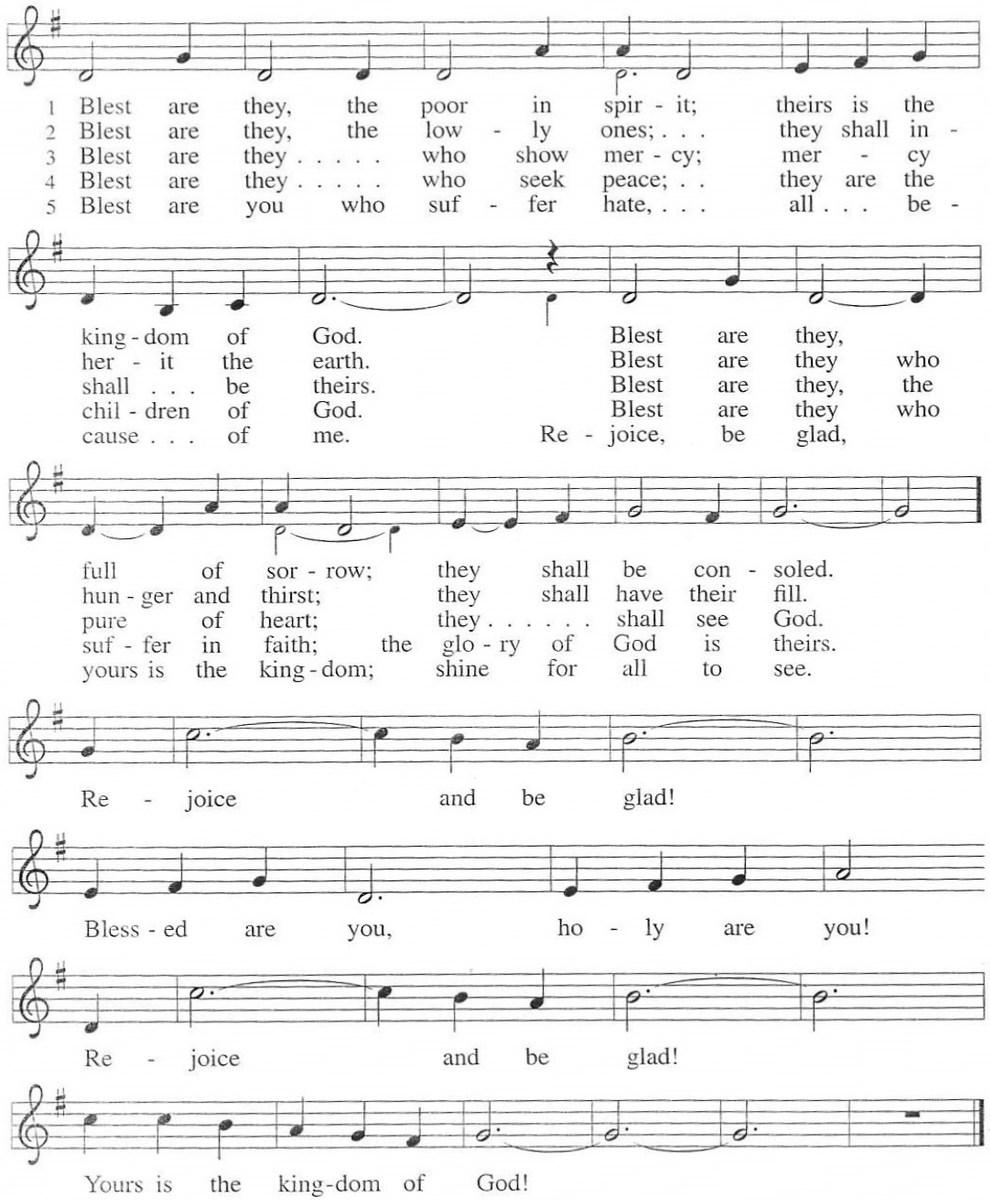
ALL SAINTS DAY

Holy Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

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.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

1When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain;
and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
3"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9"Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
10"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and
utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
12Rejoice 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.**

Children's Time
Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***Blest Are They*** #728

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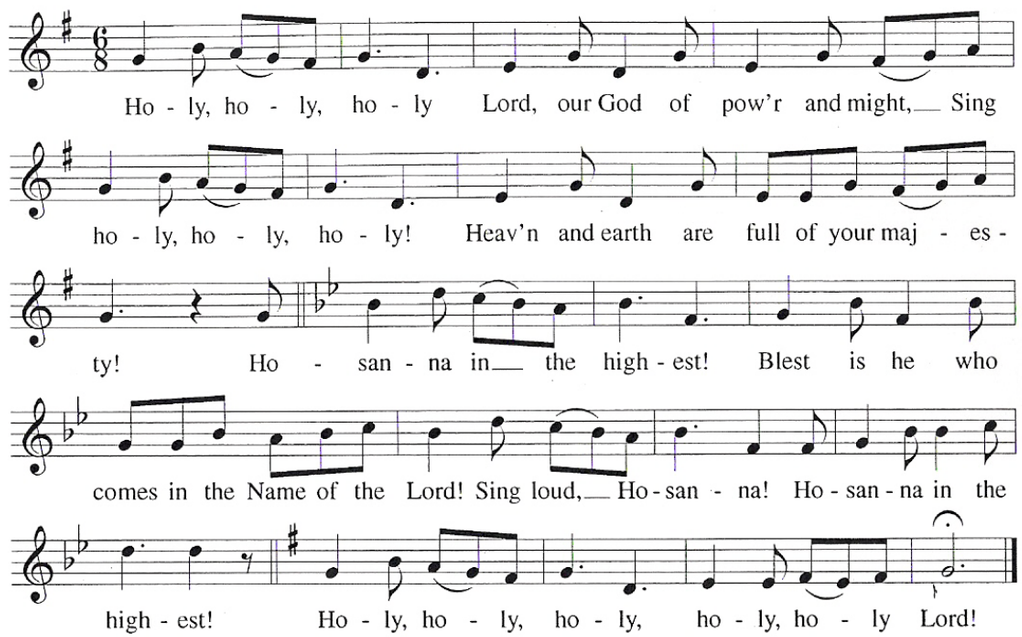
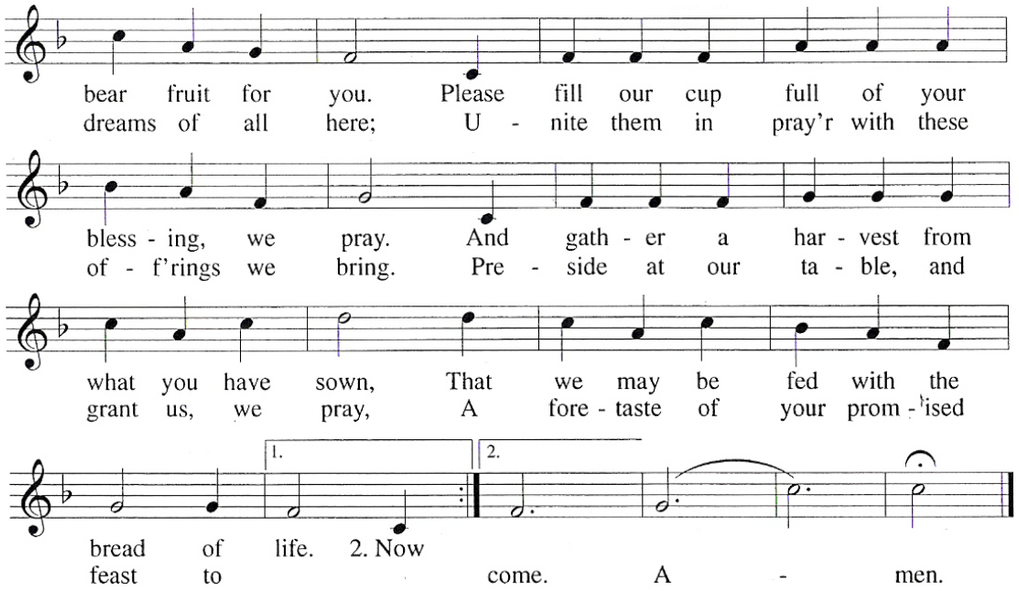
In the dying and rising Christ
you give us not just a savior but an example,
and in every generation
you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death
and so witness to your glory.
You call us to be not heroes who go it alone
but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you.
We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven,
with whom we join in singing the unending hymn
of your joy and praise.

Sanctus ***Holy, Holy, Holy*** *Family of God*



Eucharistic Prayer & Words of Institution

Transforming God, in this gathering
you take the fruit of the vine and human hands
and make them a blessing for your people now and forever.



☩ MEAL ☩

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.

Proper Preface

Creating and redeeming God,
in Adam, Abraham, and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary,
you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events
but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children
with the embodiment and exercise of your will.

Apostles' Creed

Living together in trust and hope, 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 into hell.
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 the People

P United with the great cloud of witnesses,
we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.
A brief silence.

A Fill your church with mercy and humility
as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world.
Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation.
Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward
innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace.
Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities,
and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Bring comfort and care to all who are in need,
especially all who mourn this day.
Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness,
or struggling with chronic illness, especially…
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A Nurture programs and communities
that support elders and those who are homebound.
Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff.
Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Here other intercessions may be offered either aloud or in silence.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

A With grateful hearts we remember all who have died
and now rest from their labors.
Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side.
God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

P Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray,
in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

All Saints Remembrance

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation,
who comforts us in all our sorrows
so that we can comfort others in their sorrows
with the consolation we ourselves have received from God.

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus,
we were baptized into his death.
We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,
so that as Christ was raised from the dead
by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his,
we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

Let us pray. *(A brief silence is kept.)*
O God of grace and glory,
we remember before you today our brothers and sisters
who have finished their course in faith
and now rest from their labors with you.
We thank you for giving them to us to know and to love
as companions in our pilgrimage on earth.
In your boundless compassion, console us who mourn.
Give us faith to see that death has been swallowed up
in the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ,
so that we may live in confidence and hope until, by your call,
we are gathered to our heavenly home in the company of all your saints;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

We remember this day those whom the Lord has called home
during the past year. We are grateful for the memory of them,
and we look forward to a blessed reunion in heaven.
Thank you, God, for the blessed saints on earth and above.

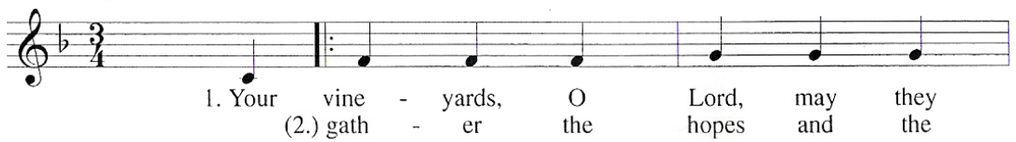
Names of the saints are read

(As the names are read, a bell is tolled and a candle is lit.)

Into your hands we commend all these saints, O merciful Savior,
sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord,
and let light perpetual shine upon them. Amen.

Peace

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

✢ OFFERING ✢

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