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Do to others

as you would
have them
do to you.

LUKE 6:31, NRSV

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FOR ALL THE SAINTS

We joyfully welcome all who have gathered here this day to celebrate God in our lives. This morning we lift-up the vision of God's Kingdom – both here on earth and the one promised to come. We remember those who have been part of the fellowship of believers on earth and now make up the heavenly host.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Hymns are from the Green Hymnal.

(Stand as you are able)*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

✠ GATHERING ✠

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the People of God

*CONFESSION

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song!

Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.

If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;

And from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt.

Give to everyone who begs from you;

And if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song. We worship you, O God, with words of praise and adoration spoken and sung in the name of Jesus who brought your love song to us in person.

In harmony with you, he puts new words in our mouths, new intentions in our hearts, and new blessings in our lives.

May our lives so resonate with these gifts of grace that we sing your love song anew in ways which glorify you and bring blessings to others.

We praise you for all those who have lived and who do live saintly lives.

Lives testifying to hearts in tune with the sacrificial love of Jesus Christ.

Lives open to the transforming power of your Spirit.

We praise and adore you O God for their faithful witness and pray that our lives may reflect such faithfulness as we worship and glorify you in prayer and praise, with music and melody, with hearts and voices and lives totally in tune with yours.

This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen

Jesus, lover and friend, you showed us holiness in action through the way you lived your life. You gave away your power in the service of others and turned our understanding of blessedness on its head.

We confess the difficulties we have in living as you lived and loving as you loved

We confess how easy it is to concentrate on our own pleasures - taking note of the plight of many in the world only as the news momentarily grabs our attention.

Forgive us for being so consumed by our own agendas that our concern for the needs of others shrinks all too rapidly. We confess our failure to act when we see around us weakness, pain, suffering and powerlessness.

A time of silent confession

We confess our reluctance to love our enemies and to do good to those who dislike or even hate us.

Forgive us when we become conformed to the world's standards rather than those of Christ.

Stir up your Spirit in us, Lord, that we may experience the happiness and blessing of being your disciples in more than name only. Strengthen us to be people who sing and live your song of love; who willingly serve our neighbors - even those we don't especially like; who seek justice and mercy for all and who truly repent of what is past and look with anticipation for what is yet to come.

This we pray in your name and for your sake. Amen

***EXPERIENCING GOD'S GRACE – THE GOOD NEWS**

“In Christ... when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, you also were marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people. Hear again the word of truth: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

***OPENING SONG**

“For All the Saints”

vss. 1-4 # 174

*For all the saints who from their labors rest,
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design.*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

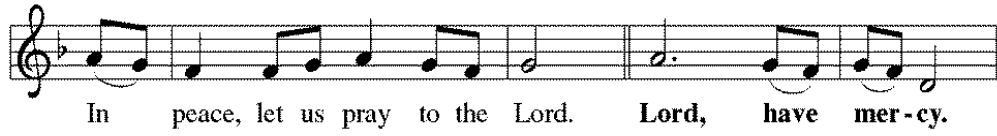
***APOSTOLIC GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

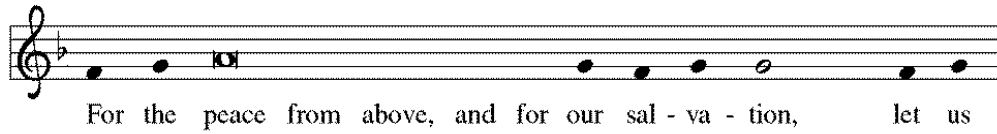
And also with you.

***SHARING THE PEACE**

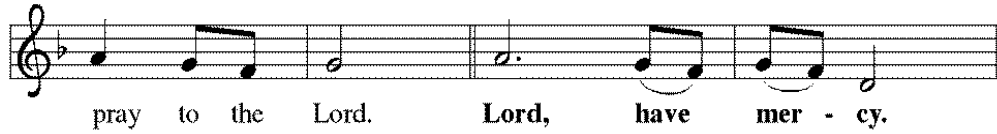
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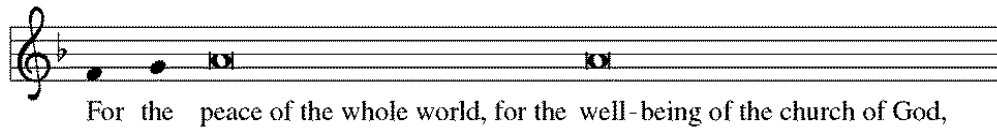
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.



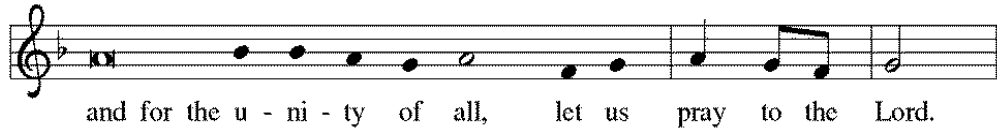
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



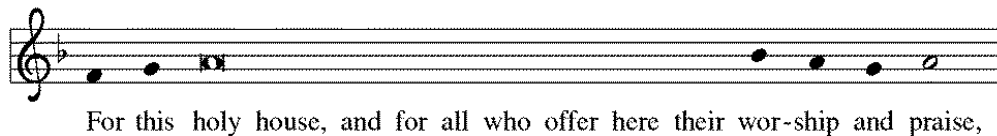
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



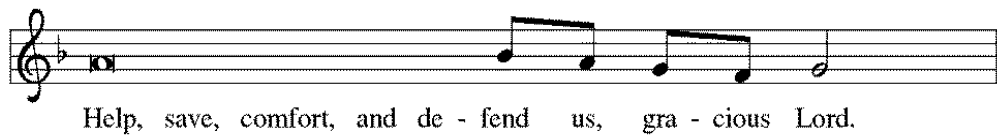
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.




A - men.

***CANTICLE OF PRAISE** “This is the feast...”

Refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us




free to be peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and




strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.


Refrain



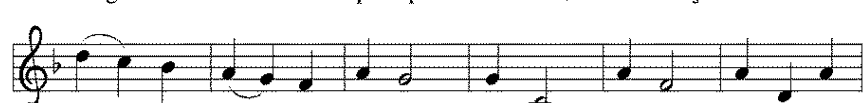
This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le -




lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and join in the




hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and




might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

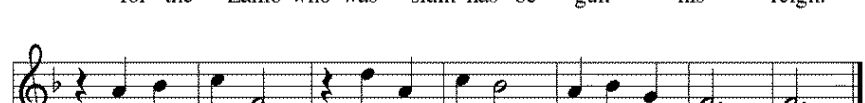
Final refrain



This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God,



for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***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.

✠ WORD ✠

God speaks to us in scripture, reading, preaching, and song

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In worship today we give thanks for all the saints “who from their labors rest.” In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of Jesus in today’s gospel. Sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior’s body and blood, we live with joy as God gives us breath, to the praise of God’s glory.

SCRIPTURE READING

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century BCE, when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel’s vision of the four beasts proclaims that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God’s people.

¹In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:11-23

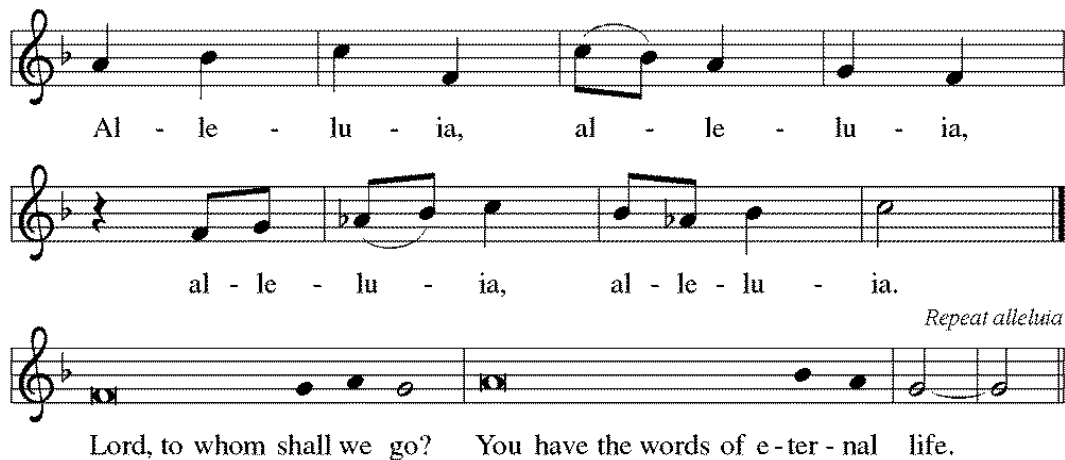
After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the writer of this letter prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

*GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:20-31

In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust even on enemies and outsiders.

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁰Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.

³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Bill Peters

SONG OF THE DAY

“Blessed Assurance”

Blue # 95

*Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior, all the day long:
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain*

*Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain*

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

***NICENE CREED**

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

***PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY**

United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

...Lord, in your mercy, receive our prayer.

✧ **MEAL** ✧

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

OFFERING

***OFFERTORY SONG**

“Let the Vineyards”

ELW # 184

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence,
and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

***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.

***PREFACE**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

***WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

***LORD'S PRAYER**

DISTRIBUTION

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

✠ SENDING ✠

God blesses us and sends us in mission in the world

***BLESSING**

***THREE-FOLD AMEN**

***RINGING OF THE BELL**

***SENDING SONG**

"For All the Saints"

vss. 5-8 # 174

*And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's furthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



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Saints Named and Unnamed

On All Saints Day, many congregations read aloud the names of loved ones who have died in the last year. We don't call them saints because they were perfect but because they were loved by us and by God. We acknowledge that all people, being simultaneously sinners and saints, lead complex lives full of both bad and good. We rest in the sure promise that at the end of their lives, God has welcomed our loved ones to their eternal home.

In this passage from Luke, Jesus' words remind us that there are more saints than we could ever list in our litanies. There are many saints whose names we do not even know. Those whom God calls "blessed" are often marginalized and forgotten: the hungry, poor, suffering, and rejected. Yet, these unlikely saints are the ones Jesus calls us to emulate. We are to live with our hearts fixed not on the rewards of the world, but on the treasures found in God's unending presence.

So today, as we honor the saints we knew personally by speaking their names, we can also honor the saints we have never known, those who have been forgotten by humans but remain favored by God. We might imagine adding their names to our never-ending litany, an ongoing celebration of all the faithful who have gone before us.

We might even imagine our own names being added to that list. After all, we too are made saints, not by our own merit but by God's gracious transformation that begins at our baptism. When we reach the end of our own complex lives, we will join the lineage of saints, both named and unnamed, who have gone before us. Until then, we can still live into our sainthood, just as Jesus recommends, by living each day with radical generosity and love.