



All Saints Sunday

November 5, 2023

* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "We Bow Down"

Joel Raney

Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: May the Holy Spirit unite us in worship, point us toward Jesus Christ, and inspire us to love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with God. Come, let us worship God.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.

Liturgist: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.
Psalm 34:1-3

* **All Singing: 540 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"**

* GOD'S GREETING

* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

* **All Singing: 559 "Ten Thousand Reasons"**

Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for "God Loves Me" and "Children in Worship."

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reconciliation

Liturgist: I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant; so your faces shall never be ashamed.

All: This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord, and was saved from every trouble.

Liturgist: O taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones, for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

All: The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.
Psalm 34:4-10, 22

Silent Confession and Reflection

Liturgist: 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.

All: 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.
1 John 3:1-2

* **All Singing: 264 "Lift High the Cross"**
Singing verses 1, 3, 5, and 7

Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: Lord God, let the words of your servant's mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and Redeemer. Through Christ. Amen.
Psalm 19:14 adapted

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-3

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: A Thin Veil

LITANY OF THE SAINTS

Minister: 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,

All: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!

Minister: 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,

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

Minister: 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.”
Revelation 7:9-17

* **All Singing:** **254 “For All the Saints”**
Singing verses 1, 2, 3, and 5

Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING November: Stewardship Month – General Fund

OFFERTORY “Alleluia, Sing to Jesus” William Dix / Urban Doxology

Alleluia, sing to Jesus. His the scepter, His the throne
Alleluia, His the triumph, His the victory alone
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood
Jesus out of every nation has redeemed us by His blood

Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Alleluia, sing to Jesus
Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Alleluia, Bread of Angels, here on earth our food, our stay
Alleluia, here the sinful flee to You from day to day
Intercessor, Friend of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea
Where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea

Communion

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* **All Singing:** **“We Will Feast in the House of Zion”** McCracken

We will feast in the house of Zion, we will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up *Refrain*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long
Oh God of Jacob, be my strength *Refrain*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed; You are the faithful One
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom *Refrain*

608 “Salvation Belongs to Our God”

Sending

* BENEDICTION

Postlude: “When the Saints Go Marching In”

Worship Leaders

Organist / Pianist:	Dora Diephouse	Acolyte:	Cooper Westerveld
Pianist / Vocalist:	Erin Pacheco	Liturgist:	Randy Van Kuiken
Guitarist / Vocalist:	Moises Pacheco	Prayer:	Dan Quist
Vocalist:	Sarah Rinkenberger		
Percussion:	Clay Carlson		
Minister:	Roger Nelson		

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