November 3, 2024 All Saints Sunday



CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins. Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, our refuge, our delight, our beginning and our end. **Amen.**

Let us come in truth before the one who loves us and has freed us from our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power.

We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free.

Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus.

Amen.

These words are trustworthy and true: Christ bore our sins once, for all, on the cross, swallowing up death forever. For his sake, you are + forgiven and God remembers your sin no more. Let your heart be glad again, and rejoice in your salvation.

Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN - SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER (WOV690)

Shall We Gather at the River



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.**



Now the Feast and Celebration



PRAYER OF THE DAY

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 WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,

for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: 24 (Read responsively by whole verse)

¹The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

² For the Lord has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord, and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.

⁵They shall receive blessing from the Lord and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ Who is this King of glory?

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ Who is this King of glory?

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Revelation 21:1-6a

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ^{6a} Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Halle, Hallelujah



The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 11:32-44

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN BEFORE THE SERMON - FOR ALL THE SAINTS V1-4 (LBW 174)



SERMON - REVEREND RICK NEU

HYMN OF THE DAY- FOR ALL THE SAINTS V5-8 (LBW 174) (SEE PREVIOUS PAGE)

APOSTLE'S CREED

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 power of 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 intercede before the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the sake of the Church, the world, and one another. A brief silence

Thank you, dear Lord, for those forgiven sinners we call saints. Thank you for giving us a glimpse of your glory shining through their words and deeds. Thank you that, in Jesus, you have wiped away all their tears and taken away all their shame. Thank you for promising this to us, too. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Save and defend your Church, purchased with the blood of Christ. Give it righteous pastors and bishops. Defend it when it is attacked. Purify and heal it when it sins. Make it perfect in love and good works. Keep it steadfast in the faith once delivered to the saints, so that one holy Church may bear witness to you, the creator and redeemer of all. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give your persecuted Church the blessings promised by Jesus. Let it rejoice in being united to his Passion. Give it the peace that passes human understanding. Grant repentance and faith to all who hate the name of Jesus. Give them grace to bind up the wounds they have inflicted upon the Body of Christ. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Draw to yourself the hearts of this congregation's members. Guide our minds; fill our imaginations; control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of your people. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Set before us the example of your saints, great and small. Inspire us by their faith, generosity, and compassion. Strengthen us to endure, as they did, hardship and persecution for the sake of proclaiming Christ crucified to an unbelieving world. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We commend all nations into your merciful care. Let everyone live in peace and be guided by your providence. Give those in authority the wisdom to know your will and the strength to do it. Grant to them – and to all of us! – a double portion of your Spirit, so that justice, mercy, righteousness, and peace may prevail. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We ask your special blessing as many of us approach a national election. Give us wisdom, discernment, and the grace to put your will for our country above personal or partisan interests. Grant us a peaceful and uncontested outcome and transfer of power. Bless us with your healing and holy Spirit. Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort with the grace of your Holy Spirit all who are in sorrow or need, sickness or adversity, especially those we name either silently or aloud... Give wholeness and hope to all who cry out to you for help. Have mercy on the dying, and comfort the grieving. And to all, grant a measure of your love, shielding them with your tender care. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for all of our blessed dead who rest now in your care. Raise them to the life promised to all whom you have redeemed by the Cross and Resurrection of your Son. Grant that we, who walk as yet by faith and not by sight, may by your Holy Spirit continue our course on earth with steadfast hope, constant love, and unquenchable joy. Gather us, with all of your people, at that eternal high feast that celebrates your victory over sin and death, won for us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For Jesus' sake, dear Father, graciously hear and generously answer our fervent petitions, to your glory and for the benefit off for whom we pray. **Amen**.

CELEBRATING THE EUCHARIST

PEACE

The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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(If you choose to exchange the peace, please use hand sanitizer before you start and again when finished.)

OFFERING & OFFERTORY – AS THE GRAINS OF WHEAT (WOV 705)

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill



As the Grains of Wheat

gath-ered in to one to be come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.





OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

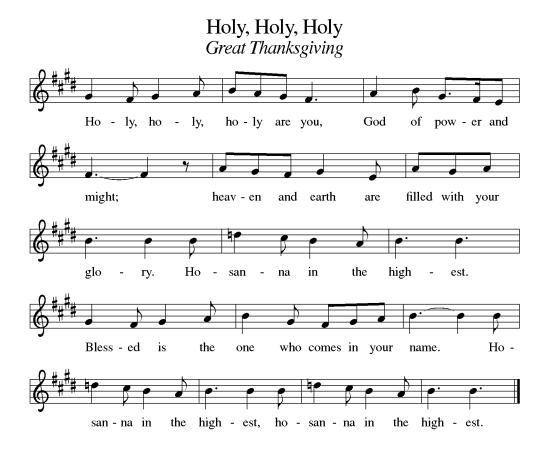
P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your Saints you have given us a glorious pledge of hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS (ELW 191A)



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE: AUTUMN

Holy God,

our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,

you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life,

and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent your Son to eat with sinners

and to become food for the world.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his life given for us

and his rising from the grave,

we await his coming again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal:

strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want,

and by this bread and cup make of us the body of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

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.

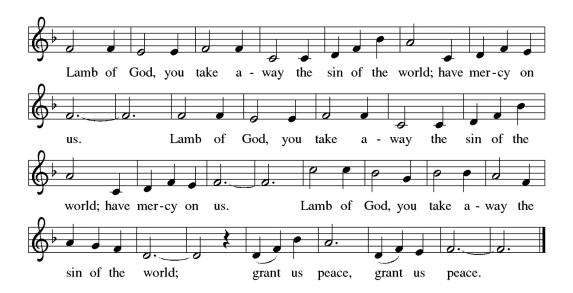
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

FRACTION LAMB OF GOD (ELW 195):

Lamb of God



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

COMMUNION

The Body of Christ given for you. The Blood of Christ shed for you. (Please use hand sanitizer before coming to the Altar. Both intinction and common cup are available.)

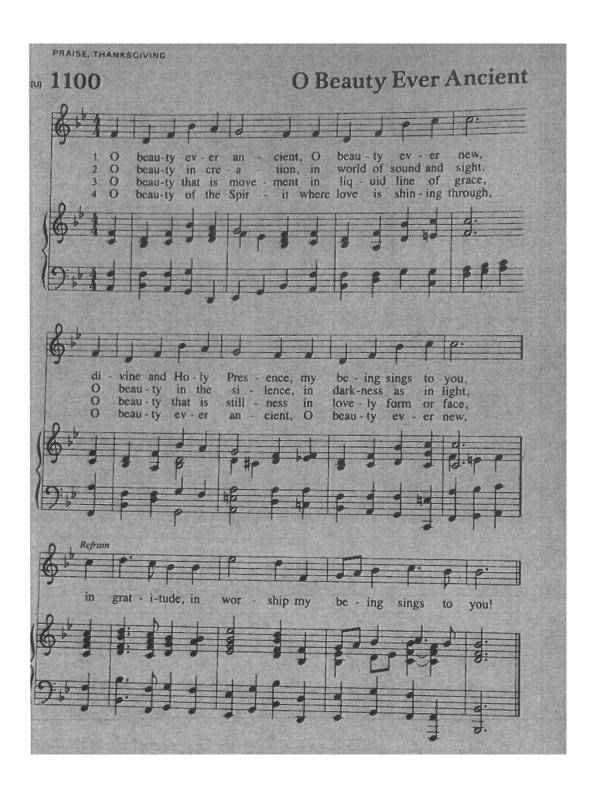


TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. Amen

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE (ELW 208)

Praise to You, O God of Mercy



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God,

you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son.

Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN - O GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST (LBW 320)



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away; we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home!

BLESSING

The Ancient One, enthroned, the Crucified One, now risen, the Indwelling One, poured out, ♣ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DISMISSAL

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