

## GATHERING

## PRELUDE

## TEMPLE TALK

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be...all of creation. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin...Faithful God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we**

**are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We turn from your loving embrace and go our own ways. We pass judgment on one another before examining ourselves. We place our own needs before those of our neighbors. We keep your gift of salvation to ourselves. Make us humble, cast away our transgressions, and turn us again to life in you through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God hears the cries...to do God's work in the world. **Amen.**

## REMEMBERENCE OF ALL SAINTS

Let us remember all the saints before God..O Holy Trinity. **Amen**

Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, **and you will find rest for your souls.**

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. **And you will find rest for your souls.**

## OPENING HYMN

Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all around seems bleak: on God's good promise they rely, so while they live and when they die how forcefully they speak—the strong, who once were weak!

Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, beyond mere mortal sight: who seek the city God has planned, the true, eternal promised land, and steer on toward that light, a beacon ever bright.

November 1, 2020

All Saints Sunday



*Give Thanks for Saints (ELW 428)*

Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a sparkling precious stone: they show by what they say and do an inward beauty, warm and true, for God's concerns they own— God's love through them is known.

Give thanks for saints of ages past and saints alive today: though often by this world despised, their hearts by God are richly prized. Give thanks that we may say we share their pilgrim way.

## **GREETING**

Beloved of God, called to be... peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

## **KYRIE**

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace  
throughout the world, for the unity of all,  
let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For your people here who have come to  
give you praise, for the strength to live  
your word, let us pray to the Lord. Lord,  
have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have  
mercy. Help, save, and defend us, O God.  
Amen.

## **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.**

**FIRST READING:** Revelation 7:9-17

**CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM:** The Heavens Proclaim, Marcello, arr. Hopson

The heavens proclaim the Lord of life; the heights show forth God's majesty.  
Each day awakes to the rising sun; each night unfolds from night to night.  
No word is heard, yet their voices ring through all the earth.  
From morning dawn to setting sun, praise God, Creator, Mighty One.  
God made the earth and heav'n above and rules o'er all in might and love.  
The heights show forth God's glory forevermore.

**SECOND READING:** 1 John 3:1-3

*Children and their grown ups may follow Rosalie for Four-Square Family Faith Formation*

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:1-12

## **SERMON**

## REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

### *Saints of the Bible*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful... let us give thanks to the Lord. **Alleluia.**

### **HYMN**

*For All the Saints, v 1 & 2 (ELW 422)*

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world con-  
fessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and  
their might; thou, Lord, their captain in  
the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness  
drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### *Saints of the Church*

For public servants...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who work...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church....let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For renewers of the church...let us give thanks to the Lord. **Alleluia.**

### **HYMN**

*For All the Saints, v 3 & 5 (ELW 422)*

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet  
all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

### *Saints of This Community*

For this assembly...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who teach...let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time...to Christ our Lord. **To you, O Lord.**

### **HYMN**

*For All the Saints, v 6 & 7 (ELW 422)*

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 far-  
thest coast, through gates of pearl streams  
in the countless host, singing to Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **PEACE**

*remaining in place, turn and offer a word or bow of peace to your neighbor*

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

...Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your heart. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION // LORD'S PRAYER // COMMUNION

## BLESSING

### SENDING HYMN

Shall we gather at the river, where bright  
angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide  
forever flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, the  
beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with  
the saints at the river that flows by the  
throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its  
silver spray, we will walk and worship ever,  
all the happy golden day. Refrain

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

### *Shall We Gather at the River* (ELW 423)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry  
burden down; grace our spirits will deliver,  
and provide a robe and crown. Refrain

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon  
our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy  
hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.  
Refrain

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